

# School Committee Briefs

## At the January 21 School Committee meeting...

- Learned that the Barrington High School Robotics Teams qualified for the State Championship and that Team Robo Eagles won the Inspire Award and Team UpperCut Bots won the Connect Award; also learned that the Arts Alive! Nayatt School performance of The Jungle Book Kids was held on January 15-16. To view the Achievement Recognition presentation, click [here](#).
- Learned about the 2016-2017 budget input from the principals and Administration with a focus on building a K-12 system of supports to improve student achievement, including identification of the need for a social worker (elementary PreK -5,) intervention specialists (elementary PreK -3,) and an instructional coach (Hampden Meadows School) with ongoing evaluation of the capacity of existing resources to improve outcomes. To view the Principals' Presentation for the proposed FY 2016-2017 budget, click [here](#).
- Received an update relative to the Barrington Middle School Building Committee including an announcement of the recent update and revisions to the link on the district website, a report on the Joint Meeting of the School Committee and Building Committee on Monday, January 20, and plans for the next joint meeting on Monday, January 25 to learn about the update and cost estimates on options for a new building and major renovations with addition and to consider the recommendation of the Building Committee relative to approval of a bid for Owners Project Management Services. To view the Barrington Middle School Building Committee link on the district website, click [here](#).
- Received an update relative to the Strategic Communication Plan including the recent updates from the Superintendent and learned of plans for an upcoming district Suicide Prevention Forum with a multidisciplinary team of experts on February 3, 2016; the Administration will share communication about the forum with the community.
- Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Mr. Justin Burde, Primrose Hill School, Music.
- Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Ms. Jean Rattle, Barrington High School, Science.
- Received an announcement from the Superintendent relative to the Leave of Absence for Ms. Kelly Anne Ruda, Teacher Assistant, Sowams School.
- Received an announcement from the Superintendent relative to the resignations of Mr. Jay Schryver, Barrington High School, Sailing Club Advisor, Mrs. Linda Vollaro, Accounts Payable and Mr. Matthew Vonderheide, Barrington High School, Business.
- Approved the monthly expenditures for December, 2015 in the amount of \$5,477,182.43.
- Learned about the proposed agenda for the Partnership for Assessment of the Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Workshop that will be held on January 27, 2016.
- Learned about the framework for the School Start Time Implementation Plan.
- Approved Field Trip opportunities for Barrington High School and Barrington Middle School students to attend the National Science Olympiad competition.

- Received a report from the Superintendent relative to the Health and Wellness Committee and discussed the potential expansion of committee membership pending discussion by the Health and Wellness Committee.
- Received a report relative to the Rhode Island Association of School Committees (RIASC) Chairs meeting that was held with Dr. Ken Wagner, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education and Mr. John Simmons, Executive Director, Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council.
- Approved the Consent Agenda.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.
- To view the meeting video, click [here](#).

## **Upcoming Meetings**

### **Monday, January 25, 2016**

#### **Joint Meeting with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee**

Approval of Bid for Owner Project Management Services per the Building Committee Recommendation

Approval of Building Committee Recommendation for RIDE Stage II Application to include Two Building Options – New and Renovation with Addition

### **Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College & Careers (PARCC) Workshop

### **Thursday, February 4, 2016**

Budget Workshop