

School Committee Briefs

At the October 15 School Committee meeting...

- Celebrated the announcement that Nayatt School was named a 2015 Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education, is one of three schools in Rhode Island to receive the prestigious award this year and was recognized as an Exemplary High Performing School based on its overall excellence. To view the Achievement Recognition presentation, click [here](#).
- Received an update on the current district enrollment and learned of the Administration's collaborative work relative to data compilation as the Administration awaits the November, 2015 release of the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) annual enrollment projections.
- Received a report on the 2014-2015 district Science NECAP scores and learned about the district's ongoing K-12 work with the Next Generation Science Standards. To view the Science NECAP scores and Next Generation Science Standards presentation, click [here](#).
- Received a report on the 1:1 Technology Initiative and learned about the district's initial collaborative professional development work with deeper learning and personalized learning. To view the 1:1 Technology Initiative presentation, click [here](#).
- Learned about the Barrington High School Technology Integration Fellowship from Barrington High School Mathematics faculty member, Fuse RI Fellow and Technology Integration Fellow Mr. Jason Appel.
- Received an update on the current work of the Barrington Middle School Building Committee and a report on the recently completed Visioning Process; the district website will continue to provide a link to updates from the Barrington Middle School Building Committee. To view the Barrington Middle School Building Committee update, click [here](#).
- Received an update from the School Start Times workshop that was held on October 1; the Administration will explore logistics with the transportation consultant relative to a preferred start time of 9:05am for Barrington High School, 9:11am for Barrington Middle School, 8:20am for Hampden Meadows School and 7:50am for Nayatt School, Primrose Hill School and Sowams School; the School Committee will receive the data and report at its November 5 meeting.
- Received an update relative to the Strategic Communication Plan including the Administration's plan to issue a Request for Proposals for design and development services for the district website.
- Approved the revised contract with Direct Energy for Natural Gas that will result in an annual cost savings of approximately \$33,000 for the district and commended Director of Administration and Finance Mr. Ronald D. Tarro for his constant efforts to capture and realize opportunities for efficient districtwide financial management.
- Conducted a second reading, with subsequent approval, of the revised Barrington Health and Wellness Policy. To view the revised Barrington Health and Wellness Policy, click [here](#).
- Conducted a second reading, with subsequent approval, of the revised Food Allergies Policy. To view the revised Food Allergies Policy, click [here](#).

- Conducted a second reading, with subsequent approval, of the Tutoring for Pay policy. To view the Tutoring for Pay policy, click [here](#).
- Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Dawn August, Reading Specialist, Barrington Middle School.
- Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Rebecca Ferry, Science Olympiad Advisor, Barrington Middle School.
- Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Lee Jensen, Guidance Clerk, Barrington Middle School.
- Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Mr. Jaime Medeiros, Custodian.
- Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Samani Villella, Library Assistant, Barrington Middle School.
- Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Kimberly Wind, Guidance Clerk, Barrington High School.
- Received an announcement from the Superintendent relative to a Leave of Absence.
- Received an announcement from the Superintendent relative to the resignation of Mr. David Lauria, Primrose Hill School, Music Department.
- Received an announcement from the Superintendent relative to the February, 2016 retirement of Mrs. Mary Ann Stiling, Barrington High School, Science Department.
- Approved the monthly expenditures for August, 2015 in the amount of \$2,154,932.72.
- Approved the bid for a Laser Engraver and Laser Fume Extraction System.
- Approved engagement of the services of Benjamin M. Scungio, Esq. as legal counsel for contract negotiations with National Education Association Barrington (NEAB).
- Approved the following change in the school calendar to accommodate the December 15, 2015 Special Election: Tuesday, November 10 will be a regular school day for all district students, faculty and staff, and Tuesday, December 15 will be a Parent Conference/Professional Development day.
- Discussed the request, received by hard copy letter on September 16, 2015, from Representative Justin Price, D-39, Exeter, Hopkinton and Richmond and Representative Robert A. Nardolillo, III D-28, Coventry, relative to consideration of passage of a resolution to reverse the mandatory HPV vaccine for seventh grade students; the School Committee opted not to pursue passage of the proposed resolution.
- Accepted with sincere gratitude a donation of \$15,000 from the family of the late Zachary Stiness, Barrington High School Class of 2007; the Stiness family has requested that the donation be earmarked for the Athletic Department at Barrington High School in memory of Zachary Stiness.
- Approved the Consent Agenda.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.
- To view the meeting video, click [here](#).