

**BARRINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND 02806**

MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE – August 29, 2019

School Committee Chair Dr. Douglas called the session to order at 7:01 pm. Present were Dr. Megan Douglas, Erika Sevetson, Anna Clancy, Gina Bae, student representative Kelly Kaon; Mr. Messore and Mr. Fiore. Patrick McCrann joined us at 7:03.

Dr. Douglas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No public comment.

Superintendent Report:

1. Mr. Fiore provided an update of the Barrington Middle School project, including the recent successful open houses and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. There are currently daily meetings with the OPM, with continued work on the electrical contract and the planned completed demolition of the old building within the next 1-2 weeks. The school is ready for the first day of school on 9/3/2019.
2. Mr. Messore provided an update of his Transportation and Scheduling Task Forces. The transportation plan is in place for the start of school, with multiple supports and monitors stationed through town, especially around the new middle school. The principals of plans and schedules in place at all of the schools. Both Task Forces will be meeting after the start of school to review data and make adjustments as needed.
3. Mr. Messore and Mr. Fiore presented the enrollment update, with special note to the increased enrollment of 44 students in the last 2 weeks, with 19 additional 4th graders this summer. They are also monitoring the increased number of students in the ELL program. We may need additional staff or reallocation of staff for 4/5th grade and ELL. They will continue to monitor.
4. Mr. Fiore presented the July 2019 expenditures of \$1,218,146.54. He also announced that the final numbers for FY19 are complete for the auditors who will be here in a few weeks.

Erika Sevetson moved and Anna Clancy seconded approval of July 2019 expenditures of \$1,218,146.54. The motion passed 5-0, with all members voting in affirmative.

5. After a brief update regarding change in RI law regarding School Committee oversight over hiring but the SC and Administration's preference to still recognize new members of the staff, Mr. Messore welcomed Eric Altieri, BMS Mass Media; Mary Ellen Tillotson, BMS Psychologist; Erin Kulis, Elementary Art; Allison Correira, BMS Science; Vanessa Wood, BHS School Counselor; Lianna Hart, BMS World Language (Spanish); Maureen Kelsey, BMS

Reading Specialist. He also notified us of the resignations of Stephanie Mezzanotte, BHS School Counselor and Nancy Urbonas, BMS World Language.

School Committee Business

1. Mr. Fiore presented information regarding the purchase and installation of the kitchen exhaust hood in support of the Life Classes at BHS.

Erika Sevetson moved and Anna Clancy seconded approval of the lowest-qualified evaluated bidder, Allstate Restaurant Equipment, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$10,600.00 plus permit fees. The motion passed 5-0, with all members voting in the affirmative.

2. Mr. Fiore asked us to defer the approval of the bid for the Fiber Connection between BHS-BMS.

Erika Sevetson moved and Anna Clancy seconded approval of the deferment of approval of the Fiber Connection between BHS-BMS. The motion passed 5-0, with all members voting in the affirmative.

3. Erika Sevetson and Patrick McCrann read the amended Field Trip Policy for the first time. Discussion and clarifying questions ensued. Mr. Messore will now bring the policy to the PTO presidents and the building principals for feedback. Dr. Douglas announced that we would also be accepting feedback from the community by email.

4. School Committee members provided suggestions and guidance to Gina Bae and Anna Clancy, Policy Advisory Committee members, for the development of a School Committee Communication policy. The purpose of the policy is primarily to provide guidance to current and future School Committee members regarding communication with multiple stakeholders, as well as to be a reference to explain the various limitations to the same stakeholders. The policy committee will now develop a draft policy and bring it back to the School Committee for more feedback.

5. Through consensus, the school committee agreed to ask Mr. Messore to move forward with formalization of an agreement with Mr. Jim Marini as consultant for development of Superintendent and School Committee goal setting and evaluation. He will bring that information to the next meeting on September 10, 2019.

6. Brief discussion of a single revision to the BPS School Committee Meeting Calendar for 2019-2020, moving a meeting from 4/9/2020 to 4/2/2020.

Erika Sevetson moved and Anna Clancy seconded approval of the revised BPS School Committee Meeting Calendar for 2019-2020. The motion passed 5-0, with all members voting in the affirmative.

7. Brief discussion of the revised Studer Education Contract for survey support. Mr. Messoro will clarify additional components, and bring the information back to the next meeting on September 10, 2019.

8. Reviewed the district scorecard document created from data from the 8/1/2019 workshop. Some discussion ensued. Ms. Clancy requested a chance to review the document over the next few days. Dr. Dillon will also be needed to add some additional numbers. Once complete, the document will be shared with the public and posted to the website.

9. Brief discussion with consensus to schedule a Structural Bias Training for School Committee members sometime this fall.

There was no public comment.

Erika Sevetson moved and Anna Clancy seconded approval of the consent agenda, with one revision to the executive session minutes from 8/14/2019. The motion passed 5-0, with all members voting in the affirmative.

Discussion items:

Future discussion items will include an introduction to the SRO, updates of topics above including the Goal Setting/Evaluation consultant, Studer Contract, and Scorecard; second reading of the Field Trip Policy; Library presentation; development of a Student Advisory Committee at BHS with our Student Representative to the School Committee; survey work with the task force to look at multiple factors related to the schedule changes; and plans to attend the upcoming Open Houses.

There were no announcements.

At 8:45 pm, Erika Sevetson moved and Anna Clancy seconded approval of the adjournment to executive session in accordance with RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (2) to conduct a work session on collective bargaining with National Education Association Barrington (NEAB). The motion passed 5-0, with all members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Messoro and Kelly Kaon excused themselves from the executive session.

At — pm, Erika Sevetson moved and Anna Clancy seconded approval of adjournment of the executive session. The motion passed 5-0, with all members voting in the affirmative.

Dr. Douglas announced that the minutes were sealed and no votes were taken in executive session.

At — pm, Erika Sevetson moved and Anna Clancy seconded adjournment of the business meeting. The motion passed 5-0, with all members voting in the affirmative.