

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

Minutes of Community Forum and Listening Session 1.31.2019

A Community Forum was held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the Barrington High School library. School Committee Chair Dr. Douglas called the forum to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Dr. Douglas, Ms. Sevetson, Ms. Clancy, Mr. McCrann, Ms. Bae, Ms. Kuo, Mr. Messoro, Dr. Dillon and Mr. Fiore.

Dr. Douglas led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Fiore introduced the format for tonight's community forum. There will be small discussion groups to discuss the budget initiatives and the budget forecasting for the 2019-2020 school year. There will be five target budget areas that will be shared this evening which will be presented by the administrators at each of the five tables. The tables will have one topic to be presented in 3 - 4 minutes followed by an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. The groups will rotate throughout all the tables.

Before breaking out into the groups, Dr. Douglas gave a brief introduction to the community forum model and concept. This is an opportunity to explain and have a two way dialogue with the community. This is also a good forum for the School Committee to listen. The groups will come together at the end to review what was discussed.

The groups broke up into five sections, and the participants rotated through the tables.

In the whole group discussion after the break out groups, the feedback regarding the small group discussion included that there be more time allotted for discussion, the consideration that all the topics be discussed as a large group and then break out into small group for questions, and that there be more communication prior to the community forum so that people have more of an understanding about what will be discussed.

Dr. Douglas and Mr. Messoro thanked everyone for attending.

Ms. Sevetson moved Ms. Clancy seconded adjournment to Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws: Section 42-46-5 (a) (1) for Superintendent Evaluation. The motion passed 5-9 with Dr. Douglas, Ms. Sevetson, Ms. Clancy, Mr. McCrann and Ms. Bae voting in the affirmative.

The executive session was adjourned at 9:45 pm and the minutes were sealed.

Dr. Douglas announced no votes were taken.

Ms. Sevetson moved and Ms. Clancy seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:46 pm. The motion passed 5-0 with Dr. Douglas, Ms. Sevetson, Ms. Bae, Ms. Clancy, and Mr. McCrann voting in the affirmative.