

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

Minutes of School Committee Meeting 4.08.2019

A meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held Monday, April 8, 2019 in the School Committee room. School Committee Chair Dr. Megan Douglas called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Present were Dr. Douglas, Ms. Sevetson, Ms. Clancy, Ms. Bae, Mr. McCrann, Ms. Kuo, Mr. Messore, Dr. Dillon and Mr. Fiore.

Dr. Douglas introduced the discussion on the FY20 Budget in response to last week's Committee on Appropriations (COA) request to find additional ways to decrease the district's operating budget.

Mr. Fiore provided an update of last week's COA meeting and a suggestion that the School Department reduce their operating budget by \$100,000 relative to two items; \$50,000 for capital facilities study and \$50,000 for wireless access point replacement. He reported that the Administration, after reviewing the operating budget, cannot identify any additional expense reductions that will not put additional stress on the FY21 budget. The Administration then reviewed capital expenses and identified technology expense items that could be reduced or deferred to the following year. Mr. Fiore provided an outline of the identified areas.

The School Committee and Administration discussed a number of items relative to the suggestion by COA to reduce the School Department operating budget, including Apple devices, ELA curriculum materials, ROI on initiatives, two-tier transportation system, enrollment, deferred expenses, per pupil cost, state aid funding, grant funding, teacher contract negotiations, budget process, and COA presentation.

Ms. Sevetson moved and Ms. Clancy seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:38 pm. The motion passed 5-0 with Dr. Douglas, Ms. Sevetson, Ms. Bae, Ms. Clancy and Mr. McCrann voting in the affirmative.