

**MINUTES**  
**JOINT LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST**  
**BARRINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND BARRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, March 30, 2016**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM**

The Barrington School Committee and Barrington Town Council held a Joint Legislative Breakfast with Barrington legislative delegation members Representative Joy Hearn (D-66), Representative Jan Malik (D-67) and Senator Cynthia Armour Coyne (D-32) on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the School Committee Meeting Room. Lieutenant Governor Daniel McKee, in his role as municipal liaison, was an invited guest; he was accompanied by Chief of Staff Anthony Silva and Director of Policy Andrew Alsopp.

Barrington Town Council President Dr. June Sager Speakman called the Town Council meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Barrington School Committee Chair Kate D. Brody called the School Committee meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. Present were Town Council Vice President Ms. Kate Weymouth and members Mr. Michael Carroll, Mr. Steven Primiano and Ms. Ann Strong, School Committee Vice Chair Dr. Robert Shea and members Mr. John Alessandro, Ms. Anna Clancy and Mr. Patrick Guida, Town Manager Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr., Town of Barrington Finance Director Ms. Kathy Raposa, Superintendent of Schools Michael B. Messore, III and Barrington Public Schools Director of Administration and Finance Mr. Ronald D. Tarro.

Dr. Speakman and Ms. Brody offered an overview of the meeting as a collaborative municipal and schools effort to provide an opportunity for a joint conversation with Barrington's legislative delegation, and the Lieutenant Governor, to discuss advocacy priorities for the General Assembly in the 2016 legislative session.

The Town Council introduced the following topics as issues of concern for the Town of Barrington:  
Ms. Kate Weymouth: the need for a redundant source of water for the Town of Barrington and other East Bay communities,

Dr. Speakman: the need for consistent, clear communication relative to information about issues of concern to the Town of Barrington,

Mr. Steven Primiano: concern relative to House Bill 87833 pertaining to unified development review and the risk of municipal Planning Boards making decisions that usurp the decisions of local municipal Town Councils,

Ms. Ann Strong: concern relative to House Bill 7985 pertaining to low and moderate income housing,

Mr. Michael Carroll: concern relative to the true intent of unfunded mandates as opportunities to subsidize for profit developers,

Town Manager Mr. Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr.: concerns relative to the following issues: impact of the \$500 vehicle tax status exemption after past practice of \$6000 vehicle tax status exemption and continued strong support for local governance as opposed to state intervention with mandated legislation.

Representative Joy Hearn and Representative Malik responded to the identified concerns with feedback relative to the support of the East Bay communities of Barrington, Bristol and Warren for a redundant water source and the opposition of the municipality of East Providence to a redundant water source.

Dr. Speakman stated that she would provide minutes of the Tri Council (Barrington, Bristol and Warren) meetings and community meetings to the legislative delegation for its reference. Representative Hearn

noted that House Bill 7237 was sponsored by Representative Kenneth Marshall, D-68, to address infrastructure.

Ms. Brody provided a synopsis of the School Committee advocacy issues for 2016 including continued support for full funding of the School Funding Formula as enacted in 2010 and, more recently, potential consideration of a statewide study relative to a change in school start times that would support alignment across districts. Ms. Brody provided an update relative to the Status of the Barrington Middle School Building (BMS) project and the March, 2016 submission of the Stage II application to the School Building Authority of the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) for new construction. The School Committee anticipates its receipt of a recommendation from the BMS Building Committee for approval of a contract for Owner's Project Management Services to assist the BMS Building Committee and the School Committee in the evaluation of the Kaestle Boos Associates (KBA) conceptual plan and cost estimates, including identification of potential cost efficiencies related to building design, construction, life cycle materials and square footage, among other areas. Mr. Guida, Co Chair of the Building Committee, noted his concern relative to the pent up demand, post expiration of the state mandated building moratorium, for individual projects statewide; all projects will require approval by the School Building Authority and subsequent General Assembly approval for bond referendums in respective communities. Dr. Shea stated his support for the leadership position of the Barrington Public Schools in moving forward with a change in school start times, despite the potential of being out of step with other cities and towns in Rhode Island, as the evidence is overwhelming in support of benefits to students.

Mr. Tarro expressed concern relative to the status of pension reform and stated that pension rates are decreasing yet unfunded liabilities remain, including \$33m for the Barrington Public Schools. Mr. Tarro recommended the consideration of stable pension funding requirements, with a restriction on decreasing pension rates until the plan has been adequately funded.

The legislative delegation members shared their individual perspectives and collective feedback pertaining to advocacy issues as identified by the Town Council and the School Committee. Lieutenant Governor McKee provided an overview of the regionalization and consolidation efforts with municipalities, including enabling legislation for public safety dispatch and noted his support for property tax relief. Representative Hearn noted that she is sponsoring a bill, currently scheduled for hearing by the House Health, Education and Welfare Committee, to mandate student online personal information privacy. Representative Malik reaffirmed his support for bringing more funding back to communities, citing the problem in the State with high property taxes. Members of the legislative delegation requested that the Town Council and the School Committee feel free to continue to reach out to them relative to emerging and ongoing advocacy issues that are important for Barrington.

Dr. Speakman and Ms. Brody shared their thanks on behalf of the community for the dedication of the legislative delegation and expressed appreciation to all participants for their role in this collaborative initiative.

Mr. Guida moved and Dr. Shea seconded the motion to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Ms. Clancy, Mr. Guida and Dr. Shea voted in the affirmative for the motion.