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A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 in the Administration Building. School Committee Chair Kate Brody called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mrs. Brody, Dr. Shea, Mr. Alessandro, Mrs. Clancy, Ms. Odjakjian, Mr. Messore, Mrs. Dillon, and Mr. Tarro. Absent was Mr. Guida.

Mrs. Brody introduced School Committee members present at the meeting: Dr. Robert Shea, Mrs. Anna Clancy, and Mr. John Alessandro, and Student Representative Katharine Odjakjian. Mr. Patrick Guida was absent. Mrs. Brody also introduced the Administration and Central Office Staff present: Superintendent Michael Messore, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Paula Dillon, Director of Administration and Finance Ronald Tarro, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Elizabeth Levesque, and Computer/Network Technician Michael Fallgren.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Alison Robey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Achievement Recognition

Mr. Messore announced the following achievements across the District:

Eight Barrington Middle School Grade 7 students have been selected as state-level semi-finalists for the Letters about Literature contest: Leila Beers, Zoey Despines, Noelle Faiza, Jasmine Freij, Kirsten Jones, Alison Kostas, Alexandra Maddock-Mark, and Yukiko Yamamoto.

Barrington High School Concert Choir and Choral Ensemble received ‘Superior’ ratings at the Rhode Island American Choral Director’s Association Choral Festival. Mr. Messore congratulated the students and Mrs. Celeste Labonte, Choral Director.

Barrington High School Sophomore, Jessica Zeltzer, won Best International Romance Music Video in the Texas Ultimate Shorts Film Festival for her original song “Come Back”. Her music video has also been nominated for the Southeast New England Film Music Arts Festival.

Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

Mr. Messore introduced Primrose Hill School Preschool Teacher, Mrs. Alison Robey, who presented an overview of the integrated preschool program curricula and program initiatives. The presentation included information on the Eureka pilot program, Rhode Island early learning and development standards, the classroom data wall, and use of consensograms and technology.

Information and Proposals

Mrs. Dillon presented the 2015-2016 District Report. The report features a comprehensive look at District data and achievements including a school and community profile, strategic plan, updates to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment, District financial message, New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science data, an Organisation for Economic Co-operation

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and Development (OECD) report, SAT and ACT data, student activities and athletics, and Advanced Placement (AP) information. The report will be made available for access on the District website, and features accessibility for access on any device through a mobile app. Questions from the Committee included use of NECAP Science data, AP course student participation data, a survey for Barrington High School alumni, and requests to disaggregate the AP course student participation data for discussion at a future date, and to add additional information and links to the strategic plan page and the student activities and athletics page.

General Public Discussion and Information

Mrs. Sarah O'Brien, of 88 Boyce Avenue, parent, asked for additional information on the number of students taking Advanced Placement courses and examinations, as well as additional information on student bus transportation.

Dr. Scott Douglas, of 25 Rumstick Road, parent, encouraged that once formed, that the School Start Times Ad Hoc Advisory Committee paint a good picture of what the 8:30 a.m. school start time at Barrington High School will look like, including athletics.

Old Business from Superintendent and Staff

Mr. Tarro provided an update on the work of the Barrington Middle School Building Committee including status of the Stage II Application as submitted on March 14, 2016 to the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), the ongoing evaluation of the project scope and feasibility as determined by the RIDE School Building Authority, and anticipated timeline for the approval process. Mr. Tarro noted that additional enrollment scenarios have been requested from McKibben Demographic Research and the New England School Development Council (NESDEC). There will be critical upcoming dates to present updates to the Town Council and General Assembly. Questions and discussion by the Committee included possible impact to class size or clusters, concern with the estimated total cost, reimbursement rate, enrollment, communication with the community, and the upcoming critical meeting dates. Mr. Tarro added that the District is also working on previously identified immediate health and safety needs to address over the summer, including accessibility issues in the nurses' areas in the K-3 schools.

Mr. Tarro provided a budget update and reported that the next Committee on Appropriations meeting to discuss the proposed 2016-2017 school operating budget will be held on April 12, 2016. Questions from the Committee on the budget included the possible impact of new enrollment on current and projected class size and resources at Nayatt, Primrose Hill and Sowams Schools. Mr. Tarro asked the Committee for direction on the funds currently allocated in the proposed budget for bus transportation. The Committee discussed in length the \$419,000 line item for bus transportation in the proposed budget, the cost and possibly outsourcing of bus monitors, bus efficiencies, and the preliminary transportation survey results. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to reduce the \$419,000 line item in proposed 2016-2017 school operating budget to \$265,000, a reduction of \$154,000, and directed Mr. Tarro to forward that information to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Messoro provided an update relative to the District Strategic Communication Plan, including the upcoming bid for consultant services for a communications/media specialist, initial communication strategies on the Barrington Middle School building project with the architect Kaestle Boos Associates, a press release

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to include the District Report, and the April 28, 2016 parent night at Barrington High School on the Advanced Coursework Network and Internship Program.

Mr. Messore presented the Committee with two draft documents for consideration for the School Start Times Implementation Plan, an outline of the charge and scope of the School Start Times (SST) Ad Hoc Advisory Committee and an interest form for membership recruitment. Discussion by the Committee included the SST Ad Hoc Advisory Committee's timeline and November 1 deadline, membership, and whether members could fulfill multiple roles. The Committee provided feedback to Mr. Messore for additional changes to the documents to clarify the purpose and scope of the SST Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to approve, with revisions, the recommendation of the Superintendent for the School Start Times Ad Hoc Advisory Committee model and Interest Form. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Shea, Mr. Alessandro, and Mrs. Clancy voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Old Business from School Committee

No old business from the School Committee was presented at this time.

New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Mr. Messore announced the resignation of Mrs. Nathalie Froncillo, Nayatt School Grade 1 Teacher, effective May 5, 2016.

Mr. Tarro provided the Committee with a memo and bid tabulation sheet prior to the meeting for the water main installation at Primrose Hill School. It is the recommendation of the Administration to award the bid to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Beausoleil Bros. Inc., of Cranston, Rhode Island for an amount not to exceed \$20,200. Mr. Tarro noted that the project is eligible for the 35% reimbursement rate from the Rhode Island Department of Education School Building Authority, with work estimated to be completed by June 30, 2016.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to award the bid for water main installation at Primrose Hill School to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Beausoleil Bros. Inc., of Cranston, Rhode Island for an amount not to exceed \$20,200. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Shea, Mr. Alessandro, and Mrs. Clancy voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mr. Tarro provided the Committee with a bid tabulation sheet prior to the meeting for Owner's Project Management services. It is the recommendation of the Barrington Middle School Building Committee to award the bid to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Peregrine Group LLC, of Rumford, Rhode Island for an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to award the bid for Owner's Project Management services to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Peregrine Group LLC, of Rumford, Rhode Island for an amount not to exceed \$110,000. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Shea, Mr. Alessandro, and Mrs. Clancy voting in the affirmative for the motion.

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Mr. Tarro provided the Committee with a bid tabulation sheet prior to the meeting for Commissioning Agent services. It is the recommendation of the Barrington Middle School Building Committee to award the bid to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder with the most comprehensive scope of work, Horizon Engineering Associates LLP, of Canton, Massachusetts for an amount not to exceed \$103,655.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to award the bid for Commissioning Agent services to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Horizon Engineering Associates LLP, of Canton, Massachusetts for an amount not to exceed \$103,655.

Mr. Alessandro asked for clarification of the roles of the Commissioning Agent and Owner's Project Management.

The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Shea, Mr. Alessandro, and Mrs. Clancy voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mr. Tarro noted that both the services for Owner's Project Management and Commissioning Agent will be funded through the capital reserve school construction account and will continue to be monitored.

New Business from School Committee

Mrs. Brody reported that the School Committee and Town Council held a joint legislative breakfast on March 30, 2016 with Representative Joy Hearn, District 66, Representative Jan Malik, District 67, Senator Cynthia Armour Coyne, District 32, along with Mr. Messore, Mr. Tarro, Town Manager Peter DeAngelis, and Town Finance Director Kathy Raposa. Also invited and in attendance for this breakfast was Lieutenant Governor Daniel McKee and his municipal liaison for communities. Discussion included the redundant water source, low and moderate housing, vehicle tax exemptions, support for the school funding formula, consideration of statewide level alignment of school start times, and an update on the status of the Stage II application for the Barrington Middle School building project.

Dr. Shea provided an update on the Health and Wellness Committee meeting held on April 6, 2016, including reports from the BAY Team and Chartwells, ongoing work for nutrition education particularly with student athletes, and a lengthy discussion on committee membership and meeting schedule. Dr. Shea reminded the group of the subcommittee's role and parameters as guided by state law. As a subcommittee of the School Committee, any decisions regarding membership or structure would be decided by the School Committee. Dr. Shea provided an overview of the discussion held at the Health and Wellness Committee meeting including membership recommendations and requested further discussion by the School Committee at its next regular meeting on April 14, 2016.

Mrs. Brody led the preliminary discussion to identify priorities for the District Strategic Communication Plan. The Committee will review the Plan prior to the next regular meeting to provide feedback to the Administration and discuss further at the next regular Committee meeting on April 14, 2016.

Decision Items

Mrs. Brody noted for the record that there would not be minutes for the Executive Session scheduled following the Open Meeting on March 10, 2016 as it was deferred to March 14, 2016, and for the Open

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Meeting scheduled on March 30, 2016 with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee due to the lack of a School Committee quorum.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Shea, Mr. Alessandro, and Mrs. Clancy voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Discussion Future Agenda Items

Mr. Messore reported that the next regular School Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2016 will feature updates on summer learning, assessments and Solution Tree, as well as an Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Global Learning Network Rhode Island Regional meeting report.

Mrs. Brody requested that a future agenda include discussion on the bill sponsored by Senator John Pagliarini, Jr., District 11-Bristol, Portsmouth, Tiverton, on the Open Meetings Act for School Committees.

Mrs. Brody requested an update on the Mathematics curriculum at Barrington Middle School as part of the program evaluation update on April 28, 2016.

Mr. Alessandro requested that a policy review of individuals who oversee students for extracurricular activities remain on agenda topics for a future summer meeting.

Mrs. Brody requested that a workshop with a facilitator as the Committee looks to develop overarching strategic objectives for the District also remain a future topic of discussion.

Announcements

Mrs. Dillon announced that the District is currently in round two in the process to be recognized as a 21st Century Learning Exemplar Program through the P21 Partnership for 21st Century Learning organization. The P21 group is scheduled to visit the District on May 5, 2016.

Mrs. Brody reported that she and Mrs. Clancy will attend the 2016 National School Boards Association Annual Conference in Boston on April 9-11, 2016.

General Public Discussion and Information

Mr. Anthony Arico Jr., of 166 Lincoln Avenue, urged the Committee to include community members, including a Barrington Boosters member, on the School Start Times Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, and to be mindful of the budget discussions at the Town and State level that include the funding for additional buses in District, the Barrington Middle School building project, charter schools, and the school funding formula.

Dr. Douglas provided a follow up comment to thank the Committee and Administration for the collaborative work on the School Start Times Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, and stressed the importance of that committee's timeline.

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Mrs. Pamela Lauria, of 56 Martin Avenue, parent, expression appreciation for the process to find a workable number of buses for efficiency in the District and asked that the time that students arrive at school, particularly Barrington High School, also be considered as many students are getting to school too early before classes begin for the academic day.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:27 p.m. and go into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(2) for work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation with National Education Association Barrington (NEAB) and United Steelworkers; and Section 42-46-5(a)(3) for discussion regarding the matter of security including but not limited to the deployment of security personnel or devices. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Shea, Mr. Alessandro, and Mrs. Clancy voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:58 p.m. and to seal the minutes. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Shea, Mr. Alessandro, and Mrs. Clancy voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mrs. Brody noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:59 p.m. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Shea, Mr. Alessandro, and Mrs. Clancy voting in the affirmative for the motion.