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A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 in the Administration Building. School Committee Chair Kate Brody called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mrs. Clancy, Mr. Guida, Mr. Messoro, Mrs. Dillon, and Mr. Tarro. Absent was Dr. Shea.

Mrs. Brody introduced School Committee members present at the meeting: Mr. Patrick Guida, Mrs. Anna Clancy, and Mr. John Alessandro. Dr. Robert Shea was absent. Mrs. Brody also introduced the Administration and Central Office Staff present: Superintendent Michael Messoro, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Paula Dillon, and Director of Administration and Finance Ronald Tarro.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Samuel Read, Barrington High School sophomore, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Achievement Recognition

Mr. Messoro announced the following achievements across the District:

Barrington High School Unified Basketball Team is Division 5 State Champion. Mr. Messoro congratulated the entire team and coaches Brian DeLaire, Amy Benevides, and Jeanne Moura.

Barrington High School 2016 spring sports champions include Jason Scanlon as Rhode Island Interscholastic League Boys Tennis Singles Champion, Girls Lacrosse Team is Division 1 North Champion, Softball Team is Division 2 East Champion, Boys and Girls Track and Field teams are Eastern Division Champions, and the Golf Team is Eastern Division Co-Champions.

The Hampden Meadows School Cast of The Lion King Jr. held performances held on May 20-21, 2016.

The Special Education Advisory Committee's Annual Special Educator Appreciation Event was held on May 17, 2016. Award recipients included Nayatt School Occupational Therapist Nancy Voight, Primrose Hill School Social Worker Patricia Beauchemin, Sowams School Nurse Denise Flores, Hampden Meadows School Special Educator Margo Lofaro, Barrington Middle School Special Educator Mark Biancuzzo, Barrington Middle School Guidance Counselor Natalie Stein, Barrington High School Special Educator Elaine Varone, and the Barrington High School Unified Theater program with special certificates to Special Educator Elaine Varone, Teacher Assistant Kelly Crawford, and Student Lindsey Daugherty.

At the May 19, 2016 School Committee meeting, Mrs. Joanne Royley, Barrington High School (BHS) Student Assistance Counselor, received a proclamation of honor and appreciation in respect of her services to BHS students presented by juniors Noelle Cooke, Caroline Connelly, and Mary Berkery.

Information and Proposals

Mr. Messoro provided an update on the District's Bullying Policy, as outlined in the state regulations to report on any policy changes and on the number of bullying reports received to date for the academic year. To maintain confidentiality, no specifics regarding the filed reports were shared. Mr. Messoro reported that a

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total of 11 reports had been received to date for the current academic year, and outlined the reporting process, noting that all reports are fully investigated by the Administration. Questions from the Committee and discussion included comparisons to last year's total reports, training from legal counsel, if trends in reporting had been identified, tracking of student involvement in more than one incident, levels of reporting, and communication with parents.

General Public Discussion and Information

Dr. Lisa Daft, of 5 Robbins Drive, parent, asked about the timeline for the formation of the School Start Times Ad Hoc Advisory Committee and whether there would be an extension of the deadline for completing committee work.

Dr. Megan Douglas, of 25 Rumstick Road, parent, stated that many parents are not aware of the different levels for bullying reporting and encouraged that information be shared with parents at the schools.

Old Business from Superintendent and Staff

Mr. Guida and Mrs. Brody provided an update on the Barrington Middle School (BMS) building project including the status of House Bill 8227, sponsored by Representative Joy Hearn and Representative Jan Malik, and Senate Bill 3009 sponsored by Senator Cynthia Armour Coyne. Mr. Tarro reported that the Administration, Building Committee co-chairs, architects, and Owners Project Manager will continue to meet in an effort to further reduce the overall project cost. Mr. Guida pointed to the reference comparison to the smaller scale East Greenwich building project that was approved before the state moratorium on funding. The Building Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet as a full committee on June 30, 2016. A brief discussion ensued on communication efforts with the community at large.

Mr. Tarro reported that the FY2016-2017 school budget was approved at the Financial Town Meeting held on May 25, 2016. The focus for the Administration will remain on the \$64,800 adjustment in the salary line item, representing the budget variance from the Committee on Appropriations final recommendation. Enrollment and salaries for new hires will continue to be monitored closely, and the timeline for hiring personnel, including the Instructional Coach for Hampden Meadows School, may be adjusted to ensure compliance with the budget variance.

Mr. Messore provided an update on the School Start Times Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, noting that a selection committee meeting is scheduled early next week to review and blind score the interest forms. All applicants will be notified of the decision of the selection committee and the first committee meeting is targeted for June.

Old Business from School Committee

The School Committee policy revision on Technology Resources Responsible Use was read aloud by the Committee for a second reading and approval. Mrs. Brody followed up on Dr. Shea's question relative to videotaping that was posed at the last School Committee meeting following the first reading of the policy. Mr. Messore pointed to language that had been revised in the policy.

Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to adopt the policy revision on Technology

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Resources Responsible Use. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mrs. Clancy, and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.

The School Committee policy on Non-School-Sponsored Trips was read aloud by the Committee for a second reading and approval.

Mrs. Clancy moved and Mr. Guida seconded to adopt the policy on Non-School-Sponsored Trips. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mrs. Clancy, and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mrs. Brody asked for clarification on dissemination of the policy. Mr. Messoro stated that principals will address the policy at their staff meetings and it will be referenced in the Superintendent monthly newsletter.

New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Mr. Messoro announced the leave of absence for Mrs. Dana DeLory, Hampden Meadows School, Grade 4 Teacher, and the resignations of Ms. Michelle George, Barrington High School, Boys Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Assistant Coach, and Mr. Nicholas Guadagno, Barrington High School, Girls Basketball Junior Varsity Head Coach.

Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the request for home schooling for the named individual. The student name was not identified publicly. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mrs. Clancy, and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mr. Tarro reported that four sealed bid proposals were received for Phase II of the Immediate Health and Safety project to address deficiencies and accessibility in the nurses' rooms at Nayatt, Primrose Hill, and Hampden Meadows schools that had been identified during the comprehensive facilities evaluation; information was provided to the Committee for its reference prior to the meeting. Mr. Tarro noted that Mr. Thomas Lonardo, architect, had provided assistance to the Administration in the bid evaluation process. It was the recommendation of the Administration to award the bid to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Urbane Construction Corporation, of Cranston, Rhode Island, for an amount not to exceed \$345,000. Mr. Alessandro asked about the asbestos removal defined in the project. Mr. Tarro responded that inclusion of asbestos removal is standard because of the age of the school buildings.

Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to award the bid for Immediate Health and Safety Project – Phase II to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Urbane Construction Corporation, of Cranston, RI, for an amount not to exceed \$345,000.

Mr. Guida asked if there was an explanation for the differences in the bid amounts received for the project. Mr. Tarro responded that although there is no explanation for the range of the submitted bids, there had been validation of the numbers in the proposals.

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

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Mr. Tarro reported that six sealed bid proposals with unit prices ranging from \$168.00 to \$211.31 were received for student Chromebooks to support 1:1 implementation at Barrington Middle School; information was provided to the Committee for its reference prior to the meeting. Mr. Tarro noted that Mr. David Burrows, Director of Technology, had provided assistance to the Administration in the bid evaluation process. It was the recommendation of the Administration to award the bid to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, HP Inc., of Easton, Massachusetts, at a unit price of \$173.00 including a three-year warranty. Questions from the Committee included experience with the recommended company and devices, Chromebooks currently in use at Barrington High School, and the anticipated need for protective cases.

Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to award the bid for Chromebooks to support 1:1 implementation at Barrington Middle School to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, HP Inc., of Easton, MA, for a warranty unit price of \$173.00. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mrs. Clancy, and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mr. Tarro reported that two sealed bid proposals were received for a Strength and Conditioning Coach. Information was provided to the Committee for its reference prior to the meeting. Mr. Tarro noted that Mr. George Finn, Athletic Director, had provided assistance to the Administration in the bid evaluation process. It was the recommendation of the Administration to award the bid to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Olympic Physical Therapy, of Middletown, Rhode Island, at an hourly rate of \$20.00 for years one and two, and \$22.00 per hour for year three of the contract with an optional two year extension. As the bid proposals were closely aligned, the recommendation is based on the response to the bid proposal. Questions from the Committee included current services including hours and student accessibility, overall budget, opportunity for contract extension, and nutrition needs as a topic for the Health and Wellness Committee.

Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to award the bid for a Strength and Conditioning Coach to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Olympic Physical Therapy, of Middletown, RI, for a period of three years with the option of two additional one-year extensions at the hourly rate of \$20.00 for years one and two, and \$22.00 for year three. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mrs. Clancy, and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.

New Business from School Committee

The Health and Wellness Committee held their last meeting of the academic year on June 1, 2016. Mr. Messore provided an update on the meeting that included a summarized report by Mrs. Joanne Royley, Barrington High School (BHS) Student Assistance Counselor, on the BHS Stanford University Challenge Success Survey data, as well as discussion on committee redesign, and the announcement of the resignation of Dr. Shea as Chair of the Health and Wellness Committee. The Committee recognized Dr. Shea for his leadership and significant contributions as Chair of the Health and Wellness Committee for the past eight years. Mr. Messore suggested that discussion at the next School Committee meeting would include next steps to allow for planning time over the summer.

Mrs. Brody led the Committee discussion on the community engagement process and proposed the administration of surveys in June, 2016 to provide data to inform the collaborative work of the Administration and Committee on Strategic Objectives in summer, 2016. Mrs. Brody shared information on moving from communication to community engagement as presented by the Pewaukee School District in Wisconsin at the National School Boards Association annual conference held in April, 2016. Discussion ensued on the

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feasibility of conducting a survey in June, establishing benchmark data with a systematic process to gain feedback, the use of a similar survey as used last June versus the use of a new survey, survey structure, and budget for communications. Mr. Messore noted that it would be important to have feedback to inform, direct and guide the work on Strategic Objectives this summer. Mrs. Brody will provide survey templates for review. The Committee is planning a strategic objectives workshop for this summer that will include the topic of community engagement.

Decision Items

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

Discussion Future Agenda Items

Mr. Messore reported that the next regular School Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2016 will feature a student achievement data report and information on the Barrington High School Stanford University Challenge Success Survey, and include an update on the School Start Times Ad Hoc Advisory Committee. The School Committee will also hold an International Baccalaureate Program informational workshop on Thursday, June 9, 2016.

Mr. Alessandro asked for updates on the job searches for the positions of Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Announcements

Mr. Messore announced that the Barrington Education Foundation (BEF) has awarded seven grants in 2016 totaling \$35,792 to Barrington Public Schools and thanked BEF for its educational partnership.

Mrs. Dillon announced that Barrington Public Schools has been selected for a third round, including another District visit in fall, 2016, in the process for recognition as a 21st Century Learning Exemplar Program.

Mrs. Brody announced that Mr. Guida will hand out the diplomas at the Barrington High School Graduation on Sunday, June 5, 2016. The Friendship Service will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

Mrs. Brody also announced that the National Education Association Barrington (NEAB) reception for honorees and retirees will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

General Public Discussion and Information

Dr. Megan Douglas provided a follow up comment to note that all school PTOs are equally effective and encouraged the inclusion of a PTO representative on the Health and Wellness Committee.

Mr. Anthony Arico, Jr., of 166 Lincoln Avenue, shared information printed on the front page of the Warren Times requiring students to register for the school bus. Mr. Arico also stressed the importance of having proper authorization for use of Barrington High School for extracurricular events.

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Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m. and go in to 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 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, Mr. Alessandro, Mrs. Clancy, and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:52 p.m. and to seal the minutes. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mrs. Clancy, and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.

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

Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Clancy seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:53 p.m. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mrs. Clancy, and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.