

Minutes of School Committee Meeting 07/30/2015

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, July 30, 2015 in the Administration Building. School Committee Chair Kate Brody called the meeting to order at 7:29 a.m. Present were Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida, Dr. Shea, Mr. Messoro, and Mr. Tarro. Absent were Mr. Alessandro and Mrs. Dillon.

New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Jason Appel, HS, Technology Integration Fellow.

Mr. Messoro noted that the position of Technology Integration Fellow at Barrington High School is a part-time position to support the 1:1 technology initiative.

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

Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Allison Faria, HS, Girls Ice Hockey Head Coach. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Audrey Guttin, HS, Family Consumer Science.

Mr. Messoro noted that Mrs. Leanne Eaton, who previously held this position, accepted the new Special Education position at Barrington High School.

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

Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Shawn Henderson, MS, Science.

Mr. Messoro noted that Mrs. Karen Fletcher is on a one-year leave of absence from this position.

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

Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Keri Polulak, HS, Special Education.

Mr. Messoro noted that Ms. Allynn Grantham is on a leave of absence from this position effective January 30, 2015 to pursue an administrative position in another district.

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

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Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Piers Ross, HS, Boys Soccer Assistant Coach. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Lindsey Stebenne, HS, Field Hockey Assistant Coach. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Adam Toman, HS, Football Assistant Coach. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Stephen Turgeon, MS, Cross Country Coach. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mr. Messore announced the resignation of Derek Borek, HS, Boys Ice Hockey Head Coach, and Jennifer Brillon, Administrative Clerk in the Office of Pupil Personnel Services.

Mr. Tarro reported that three sealed bid proposals were received for optional third party warranty for student assigned Chromebooks at Barrington High School. Information was provided to the Committee for its reference prior to the meeting. It was recommended by the Administration to award the bid to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, GoCare Warranty Group, Inc. as a third party warranty option for families. Questions from the Committee included if families would need to provide proof of insurance and if homeowners insurance could serve as coverage.

Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded to award the bid for optional third party warranty for student assigned Chromebooks to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, GoCare Warranty Group, Inc. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

New Business from School Committee

Mr. Messore and Mr. Tarro presented the names of three attorneys, Christopher C. Whitney and John E. Bulman both of Pierce Atwood LLP, and William R. Landry of Blish and Cavanagh LLP, for consideration for the retention of legal services for review of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) contract documents for Kaestle Boos Associates, the architectural firm selected for the Barrington Middle School building project. Mr. Messore informed the Committee that the recommendations for consideration had been provided by Daniel K. Kinder, Esq. of Whelan, Corrente, Kinder & Siket LLP, legal counsel for the district; Mr. Kinder's firm does not have in house expertise in building construction law. Questions from the Committee included qualifications for the recommended attorneys, and if there is a cap on the retainer for services. Following discussion, Mr. Guida recommended that the Committee retain the services of the firm of Pierce Atwood LLP.

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Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded to authorize retention of legal services with the firm of Pierce Atwood LLP for review of the AIA contract with Kaestle Boos Associates. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mrs. Brody led the discussion for consideration of an earlier start time of 7:00 p.m. for all regular School Committee meetings during the academic year. Following discussion, and pending Mr. Alessandro's response on his availability for a 7:00 p.m. regular meeting start time, the Committee members present agreed to begin a trial run of a 7:00 p.m. start time for regular meetings during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Dr. Dominguez moved and Dr. Shea seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48 a.m. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.