

School Committee Briefs

At the June 15 School Committee meeting ...

* Learned that On Tuesday May 30, the Special Education Advisory Committee for the Barrington Public Schools held their 5th annual award ceremony. Nine staff members of the Barrington schools were honored for their hard work, dedication, creativity, and expertise in serving the special needs students of the district. The Honorees were: Alison Robey, Preschool Teacher at Primrose Hill School, Patty Ridlon, Reading Specialist at Sowams School, Ellen Lesiuk, Special Educator and Inclusion Teacher at Hampden Meadows School, Cami DiMarco, district-wide Adaptive Physical Education Instructor, Lauren Tucciarone, Art Teacher at Barrington High School, Louann Diehl, Special Education Teacher's Aide at Barrington High School, Elizabeth St Angelo, Director of Transportation, Nancy Moura, Bus Driver – Mini Bus #3 and Ann Marie Canders, Bus Driver - Mini Bus #3, that to Barrington Middle School students Noelle Texeira and Joshua Guerthler, who were recently honored as Middle Level Scholar Leaders at the annual New England League of Middle Schools 18th Annual Rhode Island Scholar Leader Awards Banquet, that BHS Students Daniel Sheinberg and Jane Freiman, the 2017 National Finalists for the US National Chemistry Olympiad, that Athletic Directors from high schools across Rhode Island select well-rounded student-athletes that exemplify aptitude, spirit and leadership on and off the field. This year's Barrington's Rhode Island Scholar Athletes were: Mike Coogan, Jack Dunn, Andrea Kubas-Meyer, Andy Marra, Hope Robertson and Kate Zitzmann, that Hampden Meadows School Teacher Sandy Ginalski's class has illustrated a poem highlighting the Good Night Lights movement that is currently taking place in and around Providence. The tradition started in 2010 by Steve Brosnihan, resident cartoonist. At sundown on most nights, businesses that surround the Hasbro Children's Hospital flash lights to patients at the hospital at 8:30 pm for one minute. Police officers also gather at Vet's Parkway and do the same with their cars' flashers. The book makes a connection; sick children; the community and the police and how we are all interdependent on each other, that Barrington has become a Common Sense Digital Citizenship Certified District for the second year in a row. The K-12 Program addresses real challenges for teachers and students to help schools navigate cyberbullying, internet safety, and other digital dilemmas This initiative is led by Co-Project Leads: BMS librarian Nancy Maddocks and BPS Library Media Specialist, Dr. Suzanne Costa, and that the Barrington High School Girls' Softball Team are the Division II State Champions. [To view the Achievement Recognition, click here.](#)

* Recognized and shared congratulations with the following District employees who will be retiring at the end of the current academic year: Ms. Clare Accardi, Ms. Sharon Ayala, Ms. Ann-Marie Canders, Ms. Suzanne Loffredo, Mr. William McCagney, Ms. Nancy Moura, Ms. Bonnie Olchowski, Ms. Beth St. Angelo, Ms. Rosemary Williams, and Ms. Susan W. Wood.

* Learned that Barrington High School student Mr. Christopher Sarli will serve as the Student Representative to the School Committee for the 2017-2018 academic year.

* Received a report on the Barrington Middle School (BMS) Standards Based Grading initiative, including an overview of the timeline for and research based practices of the work of the BMS Standards Based Grading Committee and a synopsis of the

Information Session that was held on June 13; learned about the ongoing work with standards based teaching and learning practices and measures of growth tied to standards; learned that the BMS Standards Based Grading Committee will review feedback from the Information Session and the School Committee meeting at its June 19 meeting. [To view the Barrington Middle School Standards Based Grading Report, click here.](#)

- * Received the Student Achievement Data Report, including individual reports by school from all principals with the identification of goals for the continuous improvement process; learned about the ongoing collaborative work with Common Planning Time, the affirmation of Professional Learning Community research based theory and practice, and the positive impact of embedded Professional Development on improving preK-12 student achievement; all schools will review data at the Professional Development day at the end of the academic year. [To view the Student Achievement Data Report, click here.](#)

- * Received a progress report from Mr. George Finn, Barrington High School Director of Athletics and Student Activities, relative to the Athletics Advisory Council and the certification and evaluation process for athletic coaches. [To view the Progress Report on Athletics and Student Activities, click here.](#)

- * Received a report relative to the June 12 meeting of the Barrington Middle School (BMS) Building Committee; learned about the Committee's receipt of the first peer review of cost estimates and its expectation for receipt of the second peer review estimate on June 16; learned that the Administration is working with the Director of Finance for the Town of Barrington to develop a narrative for the bond issuance process; the next BMS Building Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the BMS Library. [To view the BMS Building Project website, click here.](#)

- * Reviewed the Educator Absence Data update with clarification of questions from the School Committee.

- * Deferred the Second Reading and Approval of the Educator Absence Policy, pending its return to the Policy Committee for further review upon advice of legal counsel.

- * Conducted a second reading with subsequent approval of the Unpaid Meal Charges Policy.

- * Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Brenda Lamanna, Guidance Clerk, Barrington High School.

- * Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Caroline Conaty, Spanish Teacher, Barrington High School.

- * Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Kim Wind, Technology General Office Clerk, Administration Office, Barrington Public Schools.

- * Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Suzanne Bannon, Special Education Bus Driver, Barrington Public Schools.

- * Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Mr. Yves Jean-Gilles, Special Education Bus Driver, Barrington Public Schools.
- * Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Julie Macrae, System of Supports Coordinator, Barrington Public Schools.
- * Received the announcement by the Superintendent relative to the resignation of Ms. Megan Snyder from her role as Mathematics Curriculum Leader, Barrington Middle School.
- * Received the announcement by the Superintendent relative to the resignation of Mr. Steve Turgeon, Cross Country Coach, Barrington Middle School.
- * Received the announcement by the Superintendent of the Retirement of Ms. Sharon Ayala, Teacher, Barrington Middle School.
- * Received the Budget Forecasting Committee report.
- * Received the Health and Wellness Committee report.
- * Conducted the first reading of the Barrington Public Schools Communication Policy.
- * Conducted the first reading of the Superintendent Evaluation Policy.
- * Provided authorization for the Administration to execute the necessary applications on behalf of the Barrington Middle School Building Project.
- * Approved the request of the Administration to seek the Town Council waiver of local building permit fees for the Barrington Middle School Building Project.
- * Approved the Barrington Education Support Team contract (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020.)
- * Approved the FY18 Food Service Renewal Contract with Chartwells School Dining Services for year four of a five year contract.
- * Deferred approval of the Consent Agenda.
- * The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

At the June 20 School Committee meeting

- * Learned of the announcement by Barrington Middle School Principal Dr. Andrew Anderson that, based on reflection from community feedback, School Committee feedback and committee beliefs, the Barrington Middle School Standards Based Grading Committee has decided to postpone the implementation of a standards-based report; during the 2017-2018 academic year, Barrington Middle School will continue to embrace and further develop its standards-based grading teaching and learning practices; the delay in implementation will provide opportunities for development of a future implementation plan for any changes to current reporting mechanisms.

* Received an update on the Strategic Planning Process, including a plan for population of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee. [To view the Strategic Planning Process update, click here.](#)

* Approved the Consent Agenda.

The summer meeting schedule for the Barrington School Committee has yet to be determined at this time. The past practice for School Committee meetings has included at least one meeting during the month of July; School Committee meetings will be posted on the District website and the Rhode Island Secretary of State website.