

# School Committee Briefs

## At the November 17 School Committee meeting...

\* Learned that Mr. Joseph Hurley, Principal, Barrington High School and Mr. Kevin Blanchard, K-12 English Department Chair, attended the National Blue Ribbon School Award Ceremony in October in Washington, D.C., that the Barrington High School Boys Soccer Team is the Division 1 State Champion, that the Barrington High School Girls Volleyball Team advanced to the Division 1 finals to be held at 4 p.m. on November 19 at Rhode Island College, and that members of the Barrington High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club recently volunteered at TAP IN (Touch A Person In Need) to unload 1600 pounds of food for the Thanksgiving holiday. [To view the Achievement Recognition, click here.](#)

\* Learned, in the Spotlight on Teaching and Learning, about the work of the new Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Team, a K-12 team of students, teachers and administrators with a focus on leveraging student and teacher voice to elevate the Barrington Public Schools to be a leader in Design Thinking, learned about the student perspective from Barrington Middle School student Ms. Anastasia Dornback and Barrington High School student Mr. Christopher Sarli, including the value of student centered choice and passion based learning. [To view the Spotlight on Teaching and Learning presentation, click here.](#)

\* Learned about the Barrington Middle School (BMS) Building Project, including confirmation of the successful outcome of the referendum vote on November 8 to support a new Barrington Middle School, noted the thanks of the Barrington Public Schools, the Barrington School Committee, and the Barrington Middle School Building Committee for the approval of the ballot question to support students and the future of the community, learned that the next Building Committee meeting will be on November 28. [To view the Barrington Middle School Building Project website, click here.](#)

\* Received the Student Achievement Data Report, including a report by every principal in the district relative to the identified data driven goals based on the needs of the individual schools, learned that every school has prioritized Literacy, Mathematics and Social Emotional Goals. [To view the Student Achievement Data Report presentation, click here.](#)

\* Received a transportation update, including ongoing monitoring of the need for modifications in the transportation schedule by the Administration, and the plan to have no disruption or change in the current schedule until early 2017, pending the potential identification of efficiencies and the return on investment with an additional bus.

\* Conducted a discussion relative to the School Start Time Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Report.

- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Ms. Denise Flores, Head Nurse Teacher
- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Mr. Jason Shively, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Barrington High School.
- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Mr. Kevin Blanchard, Advisor, Barrington High School Talon, Barrington High School.
- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Mr. Gregory Carrara, Mock Trial Advisor, Barrington High School.
- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Dr. Laura Turner, Speech and Debate Advisor, Barrington High School.
- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Ms. Melissa Bento, Student Yearbook Advisor, Barrington Middle School.
- \* Received an announcement from the Superintendent of the Leave of Absence for Ms. Dana DeLory, Grade 4 Teacher, Hampden Meadows School.
- \* Received a Budget Update, including confirmation that the Financial Audit is substantially complete, and an update on the items under consideration for approval in the proposed FY18 capital budget.
- \* Approved the Monthly Expenditures for October in the amount of \$3,871,467.03.
- \* Received the Health and Wellness Committee report, including an update on the BAY Team information programs, plans for discussion relative to the consideration of a Concussion Protocol at Barrington Middle School, and learned that that the next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on December 7 at Barrington High School.
- \* Discussed the plan to consider, at the December 1 meeting, a draft from the Superintendent for the Evidence Based Leadership Request for Proposal with incorporation of the criteria as submitted by the School Committee.
- \* Discussed the plan for the Swearing In Ceremony for School Committee Members Elect to be held at 8 p.m. on December 5 at the Town Council Chambers.
- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent for approval of a Field Trip to Washington, D.C. for the Barrington High School Music Department on March 23-26, 2017.
- \* Approved the Consent Agenda.
- \* The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

December 1    Bullying Policy Report  
                    Evaluation of Programs  
                    Master Facilities Plan  
                    Advanced Course Work

December 15   Annual Organizational Meeting  
                    Barrington Middle School Building Project  
                    Athletics/Student Activities  
                    Enrollment Data