

BARKHAMSTED BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING – December 4, 2017

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Nanni (7:04 P.M.), T. Brodnitzki, J. Prelli-Hester, K. Nelson,
D. Beaudoin, R. Brainard

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: B. McQueen

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: J. Linton, Superintendent
K. Plocki, Principal
E. Sacharko, Curriculum Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Mann, BOE member elect
C. Shaw, BOE member elect
D. Farr, BOE member elect
B. Raccuia, Teacher
V. Bowler, Teacher
D. Ellsmore-Coloske, Teacher

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Vice-Chair, T. Brodnitzki.

MOTION by D. Beaudoin, **seconded** by R. Brainard, “to approve the Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings of November 6, 2017, as presented.” **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

S. Nanni arrived and took over as Chair of the meeting.

J. Linton read a letter he received from Superintendent of Region 7, Judy Palmer, thanking the Board and Administration for the excellent job that they did in preparing the current seventh grade class for middle school, both academically and socially.

It was announced that Shared Services Preschool teacher for the Shared Services Integrated Preschool Program, Sue Bertrand, will be leaving her position as of Dec. 22nd for personal reasons. Interviews have been occurring to find a replacement for her.

J. Linton reviewed the Profit and Loss statement for the Barkhamsted School lunch program for 2016-17 with the Board.

K. Plocki reviewed her Principal’s Report with the Board which included the following items: Wellness committee updates, PTO activities, Student Council Veteran’s Day Assembly and Election results, Professional development updates, and upcoming events in the month of December.

E. Sacharko gave a brief presentation on the purpose and content of Instructional Rounds, upcoming training associated with it and overview of the plan moving forward.

Shared Services Committee Minutes from the last meeting were shared with the BOE.

J. Linton thanked K. Nelson for her service to the Board for the past few months and wished her well. He spoke about S. Nanni’s tenure on the Board beginning Sept. 9, 2009 through the end of this month, mentioning some of the accomplishments while she was Chair of the Board. He and the Board thanked her for her many years of service and wished her well.

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Bills Paid and Budget Expended reports for November 2017 were reviewed with the Board.

J. Linton reviewed the Wellness Policy Regulations that will be added to the recently adopted Wellness Policy.

J. Bonetti, Resident State Trooper, has been working on the bus stop concerns. He has been researching and gathering information from other towns on the use of video on the buses. The extended arm signs have been demonstrated for the bus company but have not yet been approved by the DOT. J. Bonetti and K. Plocki will discuss some possible ways to provide information to the public regarding safety at the bus stops.

J. Linton explained the financial and administrative implications and time constraints involved in starting a 501(c)3 foundation.

MOTION by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by D. Beaudoin, “to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations” at 7:45 P.M. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by Brainard, “to exit executive session” at 8:38 P.M. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by K. Nelson, “to approve and ratify the newly negotiated contract between the Barkhamsted Board of Education and Paraprofessional/Tutors Local 1303-461 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO”. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

MOTION by T. Brodnitzki, **seconded** by R. Brainard, “to adjourn this regular meeting of the BOE” at 8:39 P.M. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Prelli-Hester,
Secretary

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