

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BRAINTREE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Monday, June 13, 2016

6:30 PM

Hollis Elementary School

School Committee Present: Cyril Chafe/Thomas Devin/Lisa Fiske Heger/George Kokoros/Kate Naughton/David Ringius/Mayor Joseph Sullivan

Administration: Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Frank Hackett
Assistant Superintendent of Schools – Ms. Jennifer Fay-Beers
Business Manager – Mr. Edward Cronin

Recorder: Diane Intravaia

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Fiske Heger called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. at the Hollis Elementary School. She thanked the Hollis Staff and PTO for being present at the meeting and for providing refreshments.

II. ROUTINE MATTERS

A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes: Open Session -May 9, 2016 & May 23, 2016.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Devin and seconded by Mr. Kokoros to approve the minutes for the Open Session of May 9, 2016 and May 23, 2016.

ROLL CALL: AYES – 7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/
Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

B. Commendations

Dr. Hackett noted a number of commendations:

- BHS Graduation Ceremonies
- All-Night BHS Graduation Party Committee/Volunteers
- BHS Scholarship Awards Ceremony
- BHS Academic Awards Recipients
- BHS Athletic Awards Ceremony
- South Middle School Memorial Day Observance
- 5th Grade Safety Patrol Students – Home Schools to MSKC
- Teachers Receiving Professional Teachers Status
- PE Teacher, Richard Ellis, MIAA Boys Gymnastic Coach of the Year
- School Newsletters, June 2016
- BHS Bulletins, June 6-10, 2016

Ms. Fiske Heger noted the timing of the Executive Session was originally planned for 7:45 p.m. but will be moved closer to the end of the agenda at approximately 9:30 p.m.

C. Communications & Correspondence

Dr. Hackett stated there is an unsigned letter in the school committee packet from some alumni of Norfolk County Agricultural High School. The raises several concerns about the school and was apparently distributed to all member school systems. Dr. Hackett asked if school committee members have any questions regarding the letter, please let him know and he will be happy to contact Norfolk County Agricultural High School on their behalf.

D. Gifts Approvals

East Middle School Donation

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Ringius and seconded by Mr. Devin to accept as a gift to schools a check in the amount of \$41.79 from Target – Take Charge to be used to support the mission and vision of East Middle School.

ROLL CALL: AYES –7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Kokoros and seconded by Mr. Devin to accept as a gift to schools a check in the amount of \$407.00 from Adult Basketball donation to be used to support the mission and vision of East Middle School.

ROLL CALL: AYES –7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

Hollis School Donation

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Devin and seconded by Mr. Kokoros to accept as a gift to schools a check in the amount of \$2,175.00 from the Hollis School PTO to be used to purchase an ELMO and short throw projector.

ROLL CALL: AYES –7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

South Middle School Donation

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Kokoros and seconded by Mr. Devin to accept as a gift to schools a check in the amount of \$56.00 from the Bay State Textiles to be used to support the mission and vision of South Middle School.

ROLL CALL: AYES –7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

BPS School Nurse Donation

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Devin and seconded by Mr. Kokoros to accept as a gift to schools a check in the amount of \$500.00 from the Braintree Woman's Club to be used for the nurses Helping Hands program which helps Braintree families in need.

ROLL CALL: AYES -7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

Dwayne Dahlbeck/Braintree High School Donation

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Kokoros and seconded by Mr. Devin to accept as a gift to schools a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 John C. Mullaney, Esq. to be used by Dwayne Dahlbeck for anything regarding his students and his classrooms, or for any fieldtrips he makes with the students.

ROLL CALL: AYES -7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

Mayor Sullivan noted this donation is a gift from Councilman John Mullaney. Councilman Mullaney and his wife Donna feel the program Mr. Dahlbeck runs on behalf of Braintree High School (BHS) truly allowed their grandson to learn in a way they never would have ever imagined. Councilman Mullaney is very supportive of Braintree Public Schools (BPS) and gives Mr. Dahlbeck and all of BPS a great deal of credit for the work they do each day.

Flaherty School Donation

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Devin and seconded by Mr. Kokoros to accept as a gift to schools a check in the amount of \$14,244.00 from the Mary E. Flaherty PTO to be used to purchase 30 Chromebooks and a cart, 6 IPADS & TB to support, enhance and improve the current curriculum at the school.

ROLL CALL: AYES -7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

BPS Donation

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Kokoros and seconded by Mr. Devin to accept as a donation to schools a color printer and fax machine valued in the amount of \$1,900 from PHI LLC to be used by the Braintree Public Schools.

ROLL CALL: AYES -7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

MSKC Donation

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Devin and seconded by Mr. Kokoros to accept as a donation in both checks and cash in the total amount of \$979.25 from the MSKC's participation in the Yogurt Bar Fundraiser as gift to schools to be used by the Monatiquot School Kindergarten Center.

ROLL CALL: AYES -7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

Mayor Sullivan expressed appreciation to all of the individuals who so willingly and generously give to BPS.

E. Consideration of Approval: BHS Guidance Department College Tour, Philadelphia & Washington D.C., April 17-21, 2017

Mr. Garofalo, Director of the BHS Guidance Department came forward to speak to the Founding Fathers College Tours. It will be the first time BHS has offered a trip like this, but there appears to be a high level of interest by the students. The trip is for five days and four nights traveling to Philadelphia and Washington D.C. to visit a variety of college campuses. The list of colleges can be adjusted based on student interest and availability. The trip is being offered to 35-40 students in grades 10 or 11 for the 2016-2017 academic year who are seeking to pursue higher education at four-year institution. All students wishing to attend the trip must compose a 450-500 word essay, responding to a specific prompt and submit it to the Secretary of Guidance. The trip will take place from Monday, April 17, 2017 to Friday, April 21, 2017. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,993 per a student, including airfare, deluxe motor coach, breakfast, lunch, dinner, lodging, program fees, guided tours and activities and all-inclusive insurance payable to EF Educational Tours.

Mayor Sullivan inquired whether or not there are tours that allow students from Washington D.C. and Philadelphia to visit and look at New England schools. In addition, are any of the colleges/universities on the list (to visit) contributing to the tours and supporting the effort of bringing these students to their campus. Mr. Garofalo indicated EF Tours do have other tours in other parts of the countries including the Northeast. As far as colleges/universities on the list to visit contributing to the tours, Mr. Garofalo was unsure but will follow up and respond back after speaking with an EF Tours' representative.

Mr. Garofalo confirmed for Ms. Fiske Heger that the students will fly from Boston to Philadelphia and take a coach bus from Philadelphia to Washington DC and Richmond, VA and back to Washington DC by coach bus and fly back to Boston.

Ms. Fiske Heger confirmed the college/university tours the students are scheduled to attend are specifically setup for the EF Tour group from BHS. Mr. Garofalo also confirmed although there is flexibility in which colleges/universities the group visits, the parents/guardians will know with certainty a defined list prior to the student's departure. She concluded with stating that she feels this proposed trip is a wonderful opportunity for students.

Dr. Hackett asked Mr. Garofalo if he feels students from the Northeast are sometimes considered a bit more strongly (all things being equal) considering the good reputation of Northeast students. Mr. Garofalo stated he does see and consider students from the Northeast to be given strong consideration. But he does also see the consideration go both ways in that some colleges/universities may provide strong consideration to students who live locally.

Mr. Garofalo confirmed for Mayor Sullivan the proposed tour does include some time for a scenic tour including some of the national monuments.

There will be a parent presentation early in September of 2016. The commitment deadline with EF Tours is October 15, 2016.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mayor Sullivan and seconded by Mr. Ringius to approve the April 2017 Founding Fathers College Tour trip as presented.

ROLL CALL: AYES -7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Final Report: BPS Subcommittee to Review Opiate & Drug Deterrence Policies, Member David Ringius

Mr. Ringius welcomed Ms. Laurie Melchionda and Ms. Melonie Bennett to come forward. He provided a brief history on the topic. In December 2015 two votes took place at school committee meetings. The first vote surrounding this topic was to allow search dogs into BHS under the coordinated effort of the superintendent and the police chief. The second vote was to create a subcommittee to review Braintree's Opiate & Drug Deterrence Policies. The subcommittee was given the following tasks: identify current opioid and substance abuse education contained in the BPS curriculum, identify current programs engaged in by BHS teams and athletes as to opioid and substance abuse education, identify outside resources and programs currently in BPS, develop a comprehensive report as to the current state of opioid and substance abuse education in BPS, and to make recommendations to the School Committee in regards to increasing opioid and substance abuse education in BPS.

Mr. Ringius reviewed the results of the Braintree Youth Risk Behavioral Survey Results. The survey was administered on November 25, 2015 and taken by 1301 BHS students (grades 9th -12th). Ms. Melchionda and Ms. Bennett spoke of the overview of the current Health Education for K-12. Ms. Bennett broke down the overview by elementary, middle and high school levels. Ms. Bennett and Ms. Melchionda also spoke to a number of programs, presentations, assemblies and support services offered beyond the classroom through various departments (Guidance and Nursing) and groups (i.e. SADD and BASHY). Ms. Bennett recognized Peter and Heather Thompson's support in providing the Brain Drain program for all 8th grader students presented by Traci Wojciechowski in addition to the Drive to Save Lives program by Cara Filler.

Ms. Melchionda spoke of what has been happening and highlighted a number of grants and/or training the Directors of Health and Wellness and School Nursing along with members of BPS nursing, guidance and PE and Health staff have receive with regards to the Opiates and Drug Deterrence Policy. Ms. Bennett spoke of a variety of other happenings such as additional staffing within the schools (adjustment counselors, guidance and PE/Health at South Middle, etc.) and additional

education/training within the Braintree Athletics' Plan to Manage by Mr. Michael Denise the Braintree High School Athletic Director.

Mr. Ringius discussed additional areas of revision and updates to the Chemical Abuse policy. He highlighted that the Chemical Abuse Policy was updated in 2014-2015 and applies to all BHS students. He noted the consequences which apply if a student is in violation of the policy. In addition, he noted the policy is in effect 24 hours a day from the first day of school to the conclusion of academic year and students in leadership positions jeopardize their status if found to be in violation of the policy.

Mr. Ringius stated the subcommittee has begun to develop a 2 year plan and future goals that include, but are not limited to, improving existing program offerings, develop additional curricula and programs, securing additional staff to expand offerings, and to work in collaborations with other towns, etc. The subcommittee is recommending an increase to the .6 Health and Physical Education teacher at South to a full-time position. The additional .4 would allow for Health 3x a week in a 6 day cycle in addition to offering students a health and wellness program. In addition, the subcommittee is recommending an increase in the Guidance Department at BHS by hiring a school adjustment counselor/school social worker, which will allow for more parental counseling and support/outreach reach to families and the ability to increase student support. An additional recommendation is to offer a foundation of Health (K-5), which could include; personal safety, healthy behaviors, disease prevention, basic anatomy, conflict resolution and social skills. The subcommittee also recommended developing a 5th grade life skills program.

Mr. Ringius recognized the contributions of Student Representatives Edmond Bousaleh and Brian McDermott for their work on the subcommittee and thanked them for their valuable input and time. Mr. Ringius also thanked all of the members of the subcommittee as well as the staff, administration, principals, directors, etc. for their input in various areas. He opened the topic up for any questions from the School Committee.

Mr. Chafe asked if there were statewide or nationwide percentage statistics available with regards the use of opiates. Ms. Bennett indicated there are not. Mr. Kokoros thanked the subcommittee for a job well done and the very thorough presentation. Mayor Sullivan wanted to note the work that has been done by State Senator John Keenan and the Governor on the prescription/medical end of this subject. Mayor Sullivan asked Ms. Melchionda when nurses are looking at a potential intervention, how is it administered given that parents need to be involved but at the same time we have an obligation to protect student confidentiality. Ms. Melchionda responded that through motivational interviewing they are at times successful in helping the student identify there is a problem and getting the student to grant permission to involve parents. Nurses do need to follow the law and respect confidentiality. Ms. Melchionda stated the only time they would be required to move beyond the process would be in an emergency situation. Dr. Hackett noted if a student is identified with a substance abuse concern BPS does not provide therapeutic or drug related counseling services. The families and/or student are referred to outside agencies and/or licensed individuals who provide the necessary services.

Mayor Sullivan thanked Mr. Ringius for all of his work on this subcommittee and noted that he has been an extremely valuable and a resourceful individual on the committee especially with his work experience. In addition, appreciation was extended to Ms. Bennett for her continuous ongoing efforts with BASHY and the subcommittee. Mayor Sullivan and Ms. Fiske Heger acknowledged the subcommittee has done a great deal of work with regards to survey distribution, data collection, creating and implementing a plan, and their all-around ability to create a comprehensive picture of the services currently available as well as recommendations going forward towards a more comprehensive plan.

B. Hollis School Improvement Plan – Tim MacDonald, Principal

Principal MacDonald came forward and presented the Hollis School Improvement Goals for 2015-2016 and the PARCC/MCAS results 2015. The Hollis School goals are:

- Improve student performance in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science and Technology as evidenced by proficient PARCC (ELA and Math) and MCAS (Science) scores.
- All teachers will differentiate their instruction in a wireless classroom.
- Hollis will pilot Collaborative Team Teaching (CTT) as an instructional model for co-teaching by classroom, special education, ELL, Math Specialist and Remedial Reading and Language Based teachers.
- Hollis will support the Monatiquot School Kindergarten Center (MSKC) and provide a safe and beneficial kindergarten experience for Hollis home school students.
- All teachers will differentiate their instruction to meet the needs of advanced learners.

He went on to explain in detail each of the goals and how each will be accomplished. In addition, he highlighted safety as being a top priority at the school and parent and community involvement as being major strengths at Hollis.

The Hollis School CPI's scores are as follows:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Hollis</u>	<u>SGP</u>
3 rd Reading	94.5	N/A
3 rd Math	92.1	N/A
4 th ELA	93.2	71
4 th Math	89.3	64
5 th ELA	96.1	70
5 th Math	92.4	59
5 th Science	86.8	N/A

Principal MacDonald noted Hollis scores show high growth within each of tests. In 5 out of the 7 tests Hollis scores are above the Braintree average. Also noted is 70% of students met or exceeded expectations on Math PARCC, 82% of students met or exceeded expectations on ELA PARCC. Hollis is a Level 1 school and Principal MacDonald is very proud to recognize that achievement in addition to acknowledging

a significant population of special education students who attend Hollis through district-wide programs. This achievement is a testament to the hard work of the students, parents, teachers and staff at Hollis.

Mr. Devin commented he likes to see there is an integrated learning experience between MSKC and Hollis. In addition, he inquired as to whether the usage benefits of IPADs, Chrome Books and Netbooks vary by grade level. Principal MacDonald indicated that IPADs are more for the primary grades and the Chrome Books are for the upper grades. Mr. Ringius complimented Principal MacDonald on his efforts as the Hollis principal. Mayor Sullivan indicated he gives Principal MacDonald three A's tonight: an A for Academics, an A for Activities and an A for the Atmosphere at the Hollis school.

There was a short recess taken at 8:46 pm. The meeting reconvened at 9:06 pm.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Approval: Peterson Pool Shared Parking Agreement, Mayor Sullivan

Mayor Sullivan indicated there is a revised parking agreement between the Town of Braintree School Committee and the BSC Partners for the Peterson Pool in each of the packets. He thanked all the members who have reached out to him over the last few weeks with questions and concerns regarding the agreement. Mayor Sullivan stated with the revised proposal there has been 34 spots added to reach the total of 495 parking spots that would be part of the 6 acre parcel. The entire campus of BHS currently includes 722 parking spots. The agreement adds a minimum of 154 parking spots, which would bring the total to 876 parking spots. Mayor Sullivan noted the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals will continue with their own reviews.

Mayor Sullivan believes there are a number of steps that can be taken to improve the circulation of vehicles around the site. One goal is to get more people to utilize the John W. Leroy Jr. roadway (access road) and use the south side of BHS.

Seventeen events in the calendar year have been identified by BHS administration as producing high parking demand. The Shared Parking Agreement calls for alternative parking, or no events, on certain event dates, such as BHS graduation. The ownership of the property remains with the Town of Braintree. Mayor Sullivan hopes the Proposed Revised Parking Agreement presented this evening will be endorsed by the School Committee.

Ms. Naughton clarified the additional 154 parking spots spoken of are outside of the Proposed Revised Parking Agreement being voted on this evening. Mayor Sullivan stated 'yes' - the 154 additional parking spots are outside of the agreement, but they would be part of the overall planning for the facility. The total of 495 parking spots noted on page 2 (specific to the 6 acre site) and the 722 parking spots of which the BHS currently holds is part of this evening's vote. Ms. Naughton confirmed with

Mayor Sullivan condition # 2 on page 4 indicates that the Town of Braintree would have the priority in the scenario mentioned. Ms. Naughton noted condition # 3 on page 5 is a good idea. Dr. Hackett feels with some improvements and assistance from the police department we can get the communication out to individuals regarding that some parking, such as evening events within the building, could be on the back side of BHS. Ms. Naughton noted condition #6 on page 6 mentions an alternative parking plan in case of special events with both facilities. She inquired as to if there is an alternative parking plan that exists. Mayor Sullivan noted the 17 BHS events have been identified. With regards to condition # 8 on page 7 Ms. Naughton would like to be sure the Braintree School Committee is part of the annual discussion which is referenced. Ms. Naughton inquired as to whether Flag Football was captured in the review of possibly conflicting dates among BHS and proposed facility. Dr. Hackett stated he does not believe Flag Football was part of the discussion. Mayor Sullivan noted he could potentially see Flag Football being able to utilize the Peterson Pool facility during inclement weather.

Dr. Hackett stated that the Revised Parking Agreement is better than the original agreement, as expectations are more clearly spelled out. He stated the shared parking agreement meets all the challenges and the issues we can currently anticipate and allows for flexibility to make changes down the road, if needed. Dr. Hackett stated that day-to-day parking will not be an issue, and that the shared parking agreement spells out those events where special planning and mitigation will be needed. He stated that, as has been discussed by the School Committee, traffic flow on and off the BHS campus needs continued study and development. Mr. Devin, Dr. Hackett and Mayor Sullivan have discussed potential options to alleviate traffic flow concerns.

Mayor Sullivan concluded by stating the end result of this project will be beneficial not only to the Town of Braintree but it will also become a model for other municipalities to look at ways in which they can be creative to have a facility that is going to benefit the community with little exposure on the public side. This is a privately built facility and the value the Town of Braintree provides is the location, the land value and the \$1.5 million from the Petersen Pool donation.

Mr. Devin stated we are looking for a traffic pattern plan that is comprehensive and takes into account the different parking needs based on events at BHS and at the proposed facility. He feels there needs to be continued review of the traffic flows that currently exist and will exist at BHS with the addition of the Petersen Pool complex. Mr. Devin does not believe we have a parking problem he believes we have an issue with access to and from the facility and BHS from the surrounding road ways.

Given the length of time the project will take to complete Mr. Chafe questioned whether there is a layout area for materials during the build time. Mayor Sullivan indicated a portion of the parking lot will be utilized during the build out process however the staging area still needs to be worked out. Mayor Sullivan stated the developers feel they have some flexibility on the site to shift materials if necessary.

Mr. Kokoros confirmed tonight the vote is on the shared Parking Agreement and it is not on a traffic flow plan.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Kokoros and seconded by Mr. Devin to approve the Parking Agreement between the Town of Braintree School Committee and BSC Partners as presented, with an amendment to Section 8 to provide for School Committee participation in future review should changes to the agreement be deemed necessary.

ROLL CALL: AYES -7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

B. Consideration of Approval: FY17 Lunch Prices

Ms. Ahrenholz the Director of Food Services presented the FY17 lunch price proposal at the last School Committee Meeting on May 23, 2016. As a brief review Dr. Hackett stated the proposal is for a \$.25 increase in price of student and adult lunch and breakfast meals.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Kokoros and seconded by Mr. Ringius to approve a \$.25 increase in student and adult lunch and breakfast meal prices effective for the 2016-2017 school year.

ROLL CALL: AYES -7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

C. Consideration of Approval: Continuation of Restructured Leadership Model for 2016-2017

Dr. Hackett reminded the School Committee of an approved vote back in January 2016 for a proposed interim solution for the remainder of 2015-2016 to repurpose the FY16 budgeted and unfilled Director of Technology position into a Director of Curriculum and Technology and to create a part-time Technology Coordinator. He reminded the committee this interim solution is a fiscal savings compared to what was budgeted.

Dr. Hackett stated that there has not been enough time to assess and evaluate whether the interim structure will prove to be an effective permanent structure; therefore, he is requesting to continue the same interim structure for next year with the understanding that he will come back to the Committee in December of 2016 with a recommendation of whether the structure should continue or a different structure of the positions should be put forth. If the interim structure is recommended for continuation, both of the positions would be posted with a full interview process taking place.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Ringius and seconded by Mayor Sullivan to approve the continuation of the restructured Leadership Model for 2016-2017 to include maintaining the Director of Curriculum & Technology

position and the part-time Technology Coordinator position until the positions are reviewed again in December of 2016.

ROLL CALL: AYES -7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms.
Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

D. Consideration of Approval: Policy JC-FBZ: Flexible Boundary Zones & School Enrollment

Dr. Hackett thanked the Policy Subcommittee for their thorough review of the proposed Flexible Boundary Zones (FBZ) and School Enrollment Policy. The First Reading of the policy took place at the last School Committee Meeting on May 23, 2016. Dr. Hackett stated the policy essentially allows the school department to be more flexible with the district boundaries at the elementary level. Braintree is experiencing higher growth in certain districts of the school system than in others. The MSBA views this policy as a favorable part of the comprehensive plan Braintree is developing to manage growing enrollment.

Dr. Hackett displayed a DRAFT version of a map which showed 8 flexible boundary zones. Note not all the streets have been finalized, and a 9th zone may be added.

Mayor Sullivan thanked Dr. Hackett for his work on this topic. Mayor Sullivan initially had reservations about the FBZ Policy but has come to understand the policy in a more comprehensive way. He wanted to remind the community per the policy "Once a family in an elementary buffer zone has been assigned a school for one child, other siblings who follow will also be enrolled in that elementary school unless the parent/guardian requests a different elementary school. Their request for a different school will be considered on a space available basis."

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Kokoros and seconded by Ms. Naughton to approve the Braintree Public Schools Flexible Boundary Zones and School Enrollment Policy effective July 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL: AYES -7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/Ms.
Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Assistant Superintendent's Report

i. Personnel Update

Ms. Fay-Beers spoke of the roughly 60 positions that have either been filled or are in the process of being filled.

ii. Middle School Transition Team

Ms. Fay-Beers noted the Middle School Transition Team had its first meeting. She felt the meeting went very well with a great deal of good ideas, exciting possibilities as well as an open-minded discussion around concerns/issues that may arise throughout the transition process. Ms. Jennifer Dolan, a Flaherty parent is going to be the record keeper and

update the website with information as the group continues its work. Future meetings will take place once a month on the third Wednesday.

B. Superintendent's Report

i. East Middle School Project Update

Dr. Hackett stated the Building Committee will be meeting next week. He noted BPS has certified their enrollment numbers with the MSBA (a little over 1,100), which is the number that the building will be designed to accommodate. Dr. Hackett stated the East Middle School Project will be actively discussed over the summer.

ii. Professional Status Approvals

Dr. Hackett noted 34 teachers have earned and are receiving Professional Teacher Status as of the 2016-2017 school year.

iii. Update on 2016-2017 Kindergarten Enrollment

Dr. Hackett stated we are currently 95% enrolled at the kindergarten level. He noted with the exception of the Liberty school there is a full-day kindergarten session at each of the home schools. There are 105 total full-day kindergarteners at the home schools, 187 total full-day kindergarteners at the MSKC, and 70 total half-day kindergarteners at MSKC. All families who wanted a full day placement were accommodated for, and a lottery was not needed with the exception of determining home school placement. Currently, there are no available seats for additional full day Kindergarten placements.

VI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ms. Fiske Heger noted the next School Committee Meetings are July 11th at 7pm and August 15th at 7pm, both at the Colbert Administration Building.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Consideration to Enter Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(3), to discuss strategy for the negotiation of Collective Bargaining contracts as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the School Committee, as declared by the Chair.

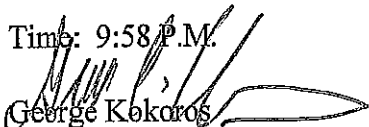
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Ringius and seconded by Ms. Naughton to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy for the negotiation of Collective Bargaining and Personal Services Contracts and the Committee will not reconvene in Open Session.

ROLL CALL: AYES - 7

Mr. Chafe/Mr. Devin/ Ms. Fiske Heger/Mr. Kokoros/
Ms. Naughton/Mr. Ringius/Mayor Sullivan

VIII. ADJOURN

Time: 9:58 P.M.


George Kokoros
Recording Secretary