

3. Presentations by the Public to the School Committee

NECAP Test Results – L. Short and Principals

- Principal David Brissette presents data for both Callahan School and Steere Farm School. Notes that data includes test results of the last three years. Points out that the tests do not compare the same children from year to year. Working with literacy specialists on the district level to guide professional development in the area of reading. Grade-level meetings are taking place to analyze NWEA and NECAP data. Staff analyzing areas of assessments to drive instruction in order to seek improvement.
- Mrs. Short and Principal Kafalas present data for Burrillville Middle School. Mrs. Short explains that the Strategic Plan is to increase the number of students who are proficient thereby raising the school's level of proficiency. The goal is to work to have no students substantially below proficient. Such students will have an impediment when they arrive at the high school level. For the most part, the Strategic Plan is working and the cumulative levels of proficiency are going up.
- Principal Kafalas speaks about the need to better prepare students for test taking. There are concerns that students may not be taking testing seriously. Wants to concentrate some energy on testing strategies that students will be able to use in all content areas. Beginning with incoming 6th graders, it will be stressed that NECAP results will now play into graduation requirements. Students who are found to be struggling will receive more individual support.
- Principal Olsen focuses on the need to have consistency throughout all grade levels/ability levels in regard to curriculum. Secondly, all students must be taught skills of analysis, comparison, contrast, higher or thinking skills. The Commissioner's Review states that we have to get into teaching and learning; challenge students at all levels; remove heavy emphasis on teacher directed instruction. Need to send the message that it is cool to achieve; make heroes out of students that are doing really well in school and convey that message to other students. To that end, 28 students from the junior class who scored a 3 or 4 on the NECAP will be getting rewards in the form of gift certificates from local vendors. The sophomore class will be present at this ceremony to see that there are incentives for achieving. Notes that beginning next year, a minimum of a 2 on the NECAP will be one of the requirements of graduation.
- Mrs. Short explains that specific standards are in place and that testing is used to assess proficiency in those standards. Previously, an A earned at one school would not meet the same requirements as an A earned at a different school. Now test scores can be compared internationally. Rhode Island can compare students' test scores to those of other states. Cities and towns within a state are capable of doing the same. Aligning curriculum will aid students in gaining proficiency with subject matter, which is the goal for the District, the State and the Nation.

DATTCO Update – M. Carnavale, Transportation Director

- Mr. Carnavale thanks the Superintendent for the hour delay to inflate tires that had been vandalized. Notes no cameras have been installed because property is rented. Police are making sweeps several times a night now.
- The State of Rhode Island requires the safety procedure of recertifying bus drivers annually. DATTCO is on schedule for the mandatory testing by the June 1 deadline.
- As of July 1, the State of Rhode Island will be in charge of out of district busing. This means that DATTCO will no longer be responsible for 5 minibuses and 1 regular bus presently used to transport students out of district.

- Monitors, who are Town of Burrillville employees, are incorporated into DATTCO's safety training program.
- DATTCO keeps four bus drivers and two monitors on site at all times in order to make certain spare personnel are available when necessary. In this manner, all buses will run according to schedule and safety standards.

4. Public Comment

Corey Pontious, 558 Wallum Lake Road, Pascoag, RI offers his services to Burrillville School Department in whatever capacity his abilities/talents can be used to encourage students to reach for success. He invites School Committee members to participate in or visit the Relay for Life to be held on Burrillville school grounds.

5. Personnel

Coaching Appointments 09-10

Adam Goudreau *	Asst. Tennis Coach, BHS	Volunteer
Peter Berthelette	Asst. Baseball Coach, BHS	Volunteer
Sandra Scheutz	Head Boys & Girls Outdoor Track	\$1,300.00
Charles Takita *	Asst. Boys & Girls Outdoor Track	Volunteer

* Pending receipt of appropriate paperwork

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) Vote: Approved 7-0

Appointments

Heather Bailey Early Intervening Service Up to 20 hrs./wk. through end of school @ \$25/hr. (AARA Grant)
 (Rt1) Teacher

R. Trinque (M), D. Cardon (S) Vote: approved 7-0

Transfer (Temporary)

Jacob Denault 2nd Shift Cust, BHS, to 1st Shift, SFE Effective 3/1/10
 R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) Vote: Approved 7-0

Contract Renewals

Raechel Robidoux Asst. Principal, BMS 7/1/10 to 6/30/12
 Sherrill McKeon Asst. Principal, BHS 7/1/10 to 6/30/12
 R. Trinque (M), J. Cote (S) Vote: Approved 7-0

6. Old Business

A. FY10 Budget Update

R. Trinque (M), P. Couture (S) to open the item for discussion. Vote: Approved 7-0

No action necessary per R. Kimatian. Budget as presented is for informational purposes.

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to accept as presented Vote: Approved 7-0

B. Policy to Recruit, Support, and Retain Highly Effective Staff – Final Reading

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to approve and dispense with reading Vote: Approved 7-0

C. Middle School Promotion/Retention Policy – Final Reading

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to approve and dispense with reading Vote: Approved 7-0

J. Cote notes that the first and second reading dates are the same. Please correct.

D. Graduation Policy – Final Reading

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to approve and dispense with reading Vote: Approved 7-0

7. Superintendent's Report

R. Trinque (M), D. Cardon (S) to open. Vote: Approved 7-0

Dr. Pallotta reports that there are no significant changes in enrollments this month.

8. Administrators' Reports

J. Cote (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to open. Vote: Approved 7-0

- S. Moore glad to see the mentoring program is in place. Congratulates Burrillville Bronco Cheerleaders on earning the State Championship.
- J. Cote notes the possibility of the district losing over 1 million dollars in funding over a three-year period. Questions Paul Barrette regarding new NutriKids system and is referred to Tricia Wright.
- P. Couture thanks everyone for a job well done.
- D. Cardon is glad that education is moving in the right direction in Burrillville.
- D. Stockwell notes the upcoming assembly on anti-bullying at BMS.
- M. Karmozyn congratulates all BMS students who made the Honor Roll and All-State Students.
- R. Trinque believes the monthly reports are a good way to get parents interested and involved in their children's education.

9. Reports of Standing School Committee Sub-Committees

No meetings this period.

10. Correspondence/Communications

M. Karmozyn references letter from Barbara Erickson, Feinstein Club Advisor. Passes out copies of club's winter events calendar and requirements that Mr. Feinstein requires of those in the Feinstein Leadership Program.

Chair Stockwell shares correspondence from Governor Carcieri regarding two educational symposiums on April 29 and May 27. She will forward email to all School Committee members.

11. New Business

A. Bus Transportation Request (Kevin and Tracy Gustafson)

Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson request a change in bus route. They request the bus to come into Rolling Meadows and make one stop so children will not have to wait for the bus on a main road (South Main Street/Route 100).

R. Trinque (M), D. Stockwell (S) to refer matter to Dr. Pallotta for decision or bring back to Committee next month

Vote: Approved 7-0

C. Home School

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to approve as revised

Vote: Approved 7-0

12. Committee Comments Regarding Agenda Items

J. Cote requests legal opinion on the question: Can a Committee member not present at a meeting amend School Committee Meeting Minutes? Ms. Cote also makes the request that when any School Committee member is gavelled, that it appear in the minutes. She believes that personalities should be left out of it and that the broader picture needs to be looked at.

13. Pending Issues

Committee Member Trinque requests the Elementary School Reorganization Group come before the Committee at its next meeting.

Committee Member Cote requests that the Perkins Grant for BHS Biotech be put back on Pending Issues.

14. Adjournment

M. Karmozyn (M), R. Trinque (S) to adjourn at 9:02 PM

VOTE: Approved 7-0

Clerk of the Committee