

# School

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Committee members then turned their attention to the \$104,000 reduction in general funds.

Committee member Julia Held asked about Bucky Brennan's suggestion, raised at the March 31 town council meeting, to use unreserved funds to offset the cost of the increased number of Jamestown students attending North Kingstown High School in the fall. "Are we, as a committee, going to investigate Bucky's suggestion?" Held asked.

Superintendent Marcia Lukon responded, "I do understand Bucky's proposal and I do think it will work," she said. "However, I'd prefer to explore other options."

Kaiser then suggested that the discussion be tabled until the April 23 meeting when the list of proposed cuts will be available from the administration. Committee members agreed to do so, but before he agreed, B.J. Whitehouse went on record to say, "I am a little agitated about being asked to decrease a budget that I thought was already very responsible."

"I'm a little upset about the process. The administration and the school committee worked really hard on this budget and I thought there was a lot of political grandstanding. I just want to state that I didn't like it," he said.

The committee then heard from parent Lisa Carlisle who

presented proposed plans for a new playground on the Lawn school grounds. Carlisle said that the plans have been in the works for the past six years, since the completion of the Melrose School playground. The proposed project includes several climbing boulders to be installed on the site of the former Lawn playground and a courtyard area that would feature a climbing net, tether ball courts and a multi-use swing. Issues of concern included the need for an archaeological study of the courtyard site, a feasible plan for overnight bus parking and the issue of fundraising. The school committee ultimately endorsed the playground design and gave the playground committee the go-ahead to begin raising funds.

The status of the Elizabeth Stone Scholarship was also reviewed. Chairperson Kaiser reported that attorney Quentin Anthony will transfer the bequest funds to the school in early May. Applications are available at Jamestown schools, on the school website and through the North Kingstown High School guidance office. The application deadline for submission is May 15. The school committee agreed to fund as many as four scholarships of \$1,000 each for this year.

Finally, Chairperson Kaiser reported receiving a letter from Narragansett Superintendent Kathy Sipala inviting Jamestown to consider using Narragansett

High School as its high school of record. The school committee last conducted a high school review in 2004. At that time, it was agreed that a review be conducted every five years. The school committee agreed to conduct a review, limited to North Kingstown High School and Narragansett High School, in the spring. A seven-member review committee consisting of two administrators, two school committee members, and one member of each School Improvement Team and a representative of the Special Education Local Advisory Committee will visit the two schools in May. They will be responsible for collecting and analyzing data and will make a second visit in September to resolve any questions generated by the data analysis.

The next business meeting of the Jamestown School Committee will be held on Thursday, April 23. The next workshop meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Lawn Avenue School library.

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3:40 p.m., March 30, Car 3 and Engines 1 and 2 went to Bonnet View Drive for a carbon monoxide detector activation. No CO2 found.

6:26 p.m., March 30, Car 1, Tanker 1, Engines 1, 2 and 3 went to North Main Road for a false alarm.

11:43 p.m., April 2, Engine 3 went to Carr Lane to standby for an EMS call.

7 p.m., April 2, All units turned out at the fire station on Narragansett Avenue for a drill.

11:50 a.m., April 3, Engine 2 went to Narragansett Avenue to standby for an EMS call.

### EMS runs

March 29, EMS 1 went to Windsor Street for a medical

emergency.

March 30, EMS 1 was dispatched to East Shore Road for an allergic reaction call.

March 30, EMS 1 went to Bonnet View to standby for a carbon monoxide call.

March 30, EMS 1 responded to a medical emergency on North Main Road.

March 30, EMS 1 was sent to Sampan Street for a medical emergency and transported a patient to Newport Hospital.

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