

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2004**

**The monthly workshop of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in the Library of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI, on Monday, September 13, 2004. The Chairperson, William A. Estrella, Jr., called the workshop to order at approximately 7:00 PM.**

**Present: William A. Estrella, Jr., Paul Silva, William M. O'Dell, Marjorie J. McBride, Timothy L. Avila (arrived at 7:15 PM), Mary V. Cabral, and Deborah A. Redmond (arrived at 7:15 PM); Edward P. Mara, Ed.D., Superintendent; Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Grants; and Jane F. Correia, CPA, Director of Administration and Finance**

**Absent: Connie J. LaMountain and Beverly Z. Travers**

**OPENING ACTIVITIES**

**All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Estrella asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of**

**silence for the passing of Richard O'Brien, Warren's Deputy Fire Chief and former Town Council President.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:05 PM**

**In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. O'Dell motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:05 PM to discuss Administrator contracts and the sick bank. Mr. Silva seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 7:10 PM**

**Discussed in Executive Session was Administrator contracts and the sick bank. No action was taken.**

#### **Mt. Hope Mission Statement**

**Mr. Jaime Crowley gave an overview of the extensive work done to date by the Mission Team, comprised of Mt. Hope faculty, staff, students, parents, community members, the Director of the Improving Students Behavior Committee, a Roger Williams professor and a School Committee member, to develop a new mission statement in preparation for the accreditation process by NEASC. The mission -- To educate all students to become skillful learners and responsible, productive citizens -- will be accomplished through academic, social and civic expectations which were established by consensus of the**

team, as well as rubrics to measure the academic and social expectations. A total of 30 hours of service learning, a component of the civic expectation, serves as a way for students to interact with the community and give students exposure to different types of occupations and businesses. Mrs. Redmond would like to see more community service type requirements; Mr. Crowley explained that community service was viewed as a punishment and was intentionally avoided. Mr. O'Dell suggested a consult with the District's attorney to avoid any pitfalls. Mrs. Redmond suggested a presentation to the Rotarians. Mrs. Cabral commented that the mission statement is short but speaks volumes; it is a wonderful opportunity to bring the classroom to the community. Mr. Estrella expressed appreciation to the entire team and asked for regular updates every few months.

**Mr. Estrella left the meeting at 7:40 PM.**

### **Report of the Building Committee**

**Mr. Ernest Mayo, Co-Chair of the Building Committee, reported that the Committee has had 16 meetings; a brochure has been produced; and artist renderings of the plans for Rockwell, Hugh Cole and Colt Andrews have been drawn. (Rockwell and Hugh Cole were presented previously.)**

**Mr. Joseph daSilva of Mt. Vernon Group presented the preliminary proposal for Colt Andrews, showing renovations to the Andrews Building and renovations and an addition onto the east side of Colt that is separate from the existing building and connected by a short corridor. This plan, developed after lengthy discussions with community members and staff, provides a 21st century caliber building for 380 students. All scenarios were explored; fire codes and budget forced the direction and existing space was utilized to the utmost so as to minimize the addition and the impact on the existing structure. The plan provides 30 parking spaces. Shared spaces will be the gym at Andrews and the auditorium at Colt, so the crossing of students will continue. The nurse's office will be at Colt with a first aid station at Andrews. This is a "rubber band," flexible, preliminary plan; the details of the design will be worked out after the referendum. Bus and parent pick-up and drop-off have not been addressed fully yet.**

### **Bond Education Task Force**

**Mrs. McBride reported that a wonderful group of parents has been working with the task force; a printed brochure should be available at the end of the week.**

### **Start of School**

**Dr. Mara reported that the two professional development days for staff were great, teacher orientation was very successful, Mr.**

**Estrella's opening speech was moving; road construction on Metacom Avenue and Rt. 114 created bussing problems the first day, but things were worked out; the dress code has been positively enforced. Mrs. Redmond asked that the traffic control triangles be utilized at the crossing points in front of Mt. Hope again.**

### **Update on State Testing**

**The District has submitted an appeal to the State of RI on the designation of Colt Andrews as a choice school; we are awaiting a reply.**

### **Overnight Hockey Tournament**

**An overnight hockey tournament in Rochester, NH is covered by the District's insurance with the Trust; students will stay in a hotel/motel.**

### **ADJOURNMENT – 8:22 PM**

**There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Cabral motioned to adjourn at**

**8:22 PM. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary**

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