

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2005**

**A special meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, April 18, 2005, in the Mt. Hope High School Library, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Marjorie J. McBride, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.**

**Present: Marjorie J. McBride, William A. Estrella, Jr., William M. O'Dell, Thomas E. Skuba, Joyce M. Kinsella, John P. Saviano and Paul Silva; and Edward P. Mara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; and Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Grants**

**Absent: Beverly Z. Travers**

**All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**Mrs. McBride asked for a moment of silence for Timothy Avila, who passed away on Friday, April 15. She read a quote Mr. Estrella had previously cited-- "Courage does not always roar. Sometimes, it is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow." --**

**Anonymous**

## **PREPARATION FOR REGIONAL FINANCIAL MEETING**

**Mrs. McBride announced the following guidelines for the Financial Meeting, as suggested by Attorneys Mack and Henneous:**

- Meeting will be held in the Mt. Hope gym (District's largest capacity); Mr. Pugh will speak with Dr. Mara about equipment needed; Mr. Pugh suggested the overflow of people be placed in the auditorium with sound and video from the meeting; chairs will be set up on the floor and the bleachers will be used; a section for provisional voters will be cordoned off.**
- School Committee members are expected to attend as spectators.**
- Voting will be by ballot.**
- Ballots will be color coded.**
- Voters will be given a number upon entering.**
- Only qualified voters can participate.**
- At the end of the meeting, ballots will be sealed in a bag.**
- Meeting will begin at 6:00 PM if quorum is reached (100 registered voters from Warren and 100 registered voters from Bristol) by that time; if not, registration will be left open until 6:30 PM; if no quorum reached at that time, meeting will be adjourned; Mr. Saviano felt 6:00 was too early.**
- At 6:30 PM, if a line of people is waiting to sign in, a police officer will be placed at the end of the line and no others will be allowed to join the line—a few Committee members objected to this.**

**Mr. Estrella emphasized to the public the gravity of this meeting and that the cost will be considerable--\$5,000 to \$10,000.**

**MOTION: Mr. Estrella motioned to authorize the Chair to appropriate the funds necessary for the Regional Financial Meeting and empower her to hire, engage or otherwise make sure the meeting is accurate for the dates and time specified. Mr. Skuba seconded. Mrs. Kinsella commented that the public has a right to speak up, but it should have been at the Joint Finance Meetings, not at a time when the District will have to take money from programs for the children to run this meeting. On a show of hands, the motion passed 7 to 0.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Mr. Estrella, seconded by Mr. O'Dell, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**William M. O'Dell, Secretary**

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