

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, May 23, 2005, in the Library of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, Marjorie J. McBride, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 p.m.

Present: Marjorie J. McBride, William M. O'Dell, Thomas E. Skuba, Joyce M. Kinsella, John P. Saviano, Paul Silva and Beverly Z. Travers; Edward P. Mara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Grants; Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance; and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: William A. Estrella, Jr.

OPENING BUSINESS

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

Accolades

Mt. Hope students did a very fine job at the Rhode Island State Drama

Festival this year. Tech students and actors all worked together to create a memorable piece of theatre under the direction of Carol Schlink. I am proud to announce the recipients of the following awards:

All-State Acting Company Award: Kayleigh Caton and Kevin McDonnell

Stanley Anderson Award for Technical Merit: Keira Duffy and Connor Meegan

Director's Choice Award for Stage Management: Ashlee Robinson

The Committee recognized the winner of the Kickemuit Middle School Geography Bee, who also qualified for the State Competition. Congratulations to Jason Godek.

Marcia King, Science Department Head at Mt. Hope, announced that the Science Olympiad competed on Saturday, April 16th at RIC for the State Competition with 22 other high school teams. The team placed overall Sixth and was presented with a Team Trophy. Congratulations to all members of the team: Allison St. Vincent, Meghan VanSchalkwyk, Emily Annes, Stephanie Goodman, Joel Harrington, Amber Garcia, Brianna Dias, Lydea Irwin - also Third Place in Chemistry Lab, John Colletta - also Second Place in Forestry, Colin O'Dell - also Second Place in Forestry, Garrett Mattson - also Fourth Place in the Pentathlon, Adam Arruda - also Fourth Place in the Pentathlon, Dan Viera - also Fourth Place in the Pentathlon, Evan Patton - also Fourth Place in the Pentathlon,

Wayne Powers - also Third Place in the Chemistry Lab and Second Place in the Science Bowl.

Congratulations to the Kickemuit Wrestling Team and their Coaches, Bruce Hutchison, Sam Hutchison, Eric Francis, Kevin Mota, for winning the 2005 Division 1A Championship in the RI Middle School State Competition. Team members are: Zachary Archembault, Zachary Audet, Benjamin Arruda, Gregory Brown, Ian Conley, David Cioe, Ben Choquette, Andrew Donato, Eric Francis, John Gallant, Tyler Hutchison, Tom Lombardo, Patrick Martin-Malone, Kenny Marshall, Anthony Marabello, Dylan Micheletti, Michael Micheletti, Richard Morency, Eric McAdam, Kiefer McCaughley, Zachery Mota, Joshua Mota, Eric Pires, Aaron Rathbone, Trevor Rodrigues, Christian Spina, Stephen Staudinger, Ray Stebbins, Alan William, Eli Wolfgang, Zane Wolfgang and Zachary Ziobro.

Congratulations also to the Kickemuit Competitive Cheerleading Squad and their coaches-- Deb Marshall, Jody Schlater and Lynn DePasquale, for winning the 2004/2005 State Competitive Cheerleading Championship. Squad members are: Kristen Belmore – Captain, Alex Lombardo – Captain, Kaela Oliveira – Captain, Danitra Shorts – Captain, Kay Camelo, Janelle Canario, Kristen Cavalieri, Amanda DaCosta, Victoria Gouveia, Kelsey Haggerty, Niki Heaphy, Tiffany Cabral, Tianna Lombard, Melanie Luminello, Avery Maynard, Kelly McCarthy, Kaitlan McQueeny, Jacqui Pacheco, Ashley Ramsay, Chelsea Panzarella, Krystyna Schinigo, Alyssa Skinner, Samantha

Soares, Katie Tavares, Sarah Thomas and Jessica Varichone

The following Kickemuit students have been chosen as Scholar Leaders by the NE League of Middle Schools and RIMLE. They represented KMS on Monday, May 16th at the West Valley Inn in Warwick: Kaitlin Mulcahey and Kris Wetterland.

Three Kickemuit students placed in the 2005 Annual Arson Watch Reward Poster Contest. Maria Camara submitted the students' work. Ms. Camara commented that it is unusual for 3 students from the same school to place 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. They will be honored at a luncheon on Wednesday, June 1st at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Crossings in Warwick.

Congratulations to:

Natasha Payne – third place

Anthony Carlone – second place

Nick Stone – first place

The School Committee and the Superintendent wish to congratulate a Mt. Hope senior for achieving Boy Scouting's highest honor—the rank of Eagle Scout. This student has been very involved in not only scouting, but Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Executive Board and Marching Band, and volunteers at Rogers Free Library and Rhode Island Hospital. He has also served as a Page at the RI General Assembly as well as Master of Ceremonies at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Church. Congratulations to: James Robert Vittoria.

Dr. Mara reported that Allison St.Vincent and Wayne Powers, represented the District at the Governor's Council and did an outstanding job.

James Hagan and Robert Evans, Co-Presidents of the BWEA, said it has been a pleasure to work with administration and the School Committee for the past four years, but will be stepping down as of June 7th, and introduced their successors—Linda LaClair and Susan Wiegand. Dr. Mara expressed appreciation to Bob and Jim for all the work they have done and said they are problem solvers, not problem makes, and are utmost professionals; also he looks forward to working with Linda and Susan.

Dr. Mara also commented on the Junior Prom, held this past Friday at the Hawthorne Country Club in Dartmouth—management said they have yet to experience a finer group of polite and well-behaved students and welcomed them back again.

Boys LaCrosse Championship is being played this evening; the girls LaCrosse team won 10 to 8 this afternoon and will play the final game in North Kingstown.

Denise Cotta-Fontana, a Mt. Hope High School teacher, was named the Teacher of the Year at the Mt. Honors Banquet. The honor is

well-deserved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. McBride removed section B from the Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations; she would like the positions posted and interviews done in accordance with past policy.

Mrs. Kinsella motioned to table Section B of Superintendent's Recommendation #S2005-16 until the positions are advertised. Ms. Travers seconded; the motion passed 6 to 0. (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote.)

Ms. Travers motioned to approve the remainder of the consent agenda; Mr. Silva seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Mr. Silva motioned to seal the minutes to the April 26 and May 9, 2005 Executive Sessions; Mr. Skuba seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Mara announced, with great pride and pleasure, the appointment of Sonya Whipp as Principal of Guiteras School, to replace Joan Alose who is retiring. Mrs. McBride agreed that Sonya is a special addition to the team.

Mrs. Kinsella thanked all of the retirees for the time they have put in. They will all be honored at the June meeting. Mrs. Kinsella questioned funding for a post prom for Seniors. Dr. Mara confirmed a post-prom is planned at Sherwood.

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Skuba reported the next Subcommittee meeting will be Tuesday, May 24 at 5:30 PM at Oliver to discuss the 2005-06 budget and possible cuts. They will also meet on June 6th.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Recommendation #PC 2005-03: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy / Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy AC Nondiscrimination (Second Reading)

Mr. Silva, seconded by Ms. Travers, motioned to approve. The motion passed, 6 to 0.

Recommendation #PC 2005-04: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy / Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy BDE Special Procedures for Conducting Student Discipline Hearings (Second

Reading)

Mr. Silva, seconded by Ms. Travers, motioned to approve. Mr. O'Dell questioned the wording "The Chairperson will call to order"—does this mean the Chair will be present? Mr. Saviano explained that the Chair does not have to be part of the hearing board. After much discussion about possible wording to clarify the intent, Ms. Travers moved the question; Mr. Saviano seconded. The motion failed. Mr. O'Dell motioned to amend the recommendation to strike "call to order" and replace it was "appoint;" Mr. Skuba seconded. The motion to amend failed by a vote of 3 to 4 with Ms. Kinsella, Mr. Saviano, Ms. Travers and Mrs. McBride voting no. The motion to approve the recommendation as written passed by a vote of 4 to 3 with Mr. Skuba, Mr. Silva and Mr. O'Dell voting no.

Recommendation #PC 2005-05: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy / Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy KG Community Use of School Facilities (First Reading)

Ms. Travers, seconded by Mr. Silva, motioned to approve. Ms. Travers commented that Dr. Mara and Mrs. Correia worked diligently on this revision with the staff who handle the schedules and this is the most reasonable and efficient procedure. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Recommendation #PC 2005-06: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy /Community Affairs Subcommittee,

approve the new School Committee Policy Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (First Reading)

Ms. Travers withdrew this recommendation for further discussion.

PERSONNEL / CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Silva announced that a tentative agreement on the contract has been reached; it is hoped the union members and School Committee will approve. Mr. Silva commented that discussion in negotiations was civil and polite and completed expeditiously and thanked Bob Evans and Jim Hagan and their team as well as Administration and his subcommittee for a job of which they can be proud.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Mrs. McBride asked the Policy Subcommittee to concede one Monday per month for Budget/Facilities Subcommittee Meetings. Next Monday, June 6, there will be a special School Committee Meeting at 6:00 PM to vote on the teachers' contract, with a Budget Subcommittee meeting following at 6:30 PM. Starting in June, all School Committee meetings will be held in the cafeteria.

There will be a Special School Committee Meeting for voting on June 13th, at 7:00 PM, just before the regular Workshop.

Regionalization Study Commission meets on Thursday, May 26th at 5:30 PM at Kickemuit Middle School.

The Policy Subcommittee will meet next on June 20th.

Senior Week begins next week and Graduation is on June 11th.

Mr. Estrella, Dr. Mara and Mrs. McBride met with four members of the Joint Finance Committee to keep them abreast of the financial situation in the District; monthly meetings are planned.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

An RFP for a project manager for the Hugh Cole and Colt Andrews projects will go out in a few weeks.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

S2005-16: PERSONNEL (accepted in the consent vote minus Section B)

A. APPOINTMENT: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the position of Elementary Principal as listed below:

1. Sonya Pitman Whipp Elementary Principal - Guiteras

Effective: July 1, 2005

Reason: To fill a vacancy (Retirement – J. Alose)

Funding: Operational Budget

B. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2005-06 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

FALL COACHES

Sport Position Coach

1. Cheerleading (Fall) Coach Sharon Lombardo

2. Cross Country Head Coach Jon Lawson

Asst. Coach Andrew Sabourin

3. Football Head Coach Thomas J. DelSanto

Asst. Coach John Castriotta

Asst. Coach Edward Guadalupe

Asst. Coach George Simmons

4. Soccer (Boys) Head Coach Herman Mello

5. Soccer (Girls) Head Coach Amir Farhoumand

Asst. Coach Erika Saviano

6. Volleyball Head Coach Dana Senecal

Asst. Coach Bethany Medeiros

HEALTH HUSKIES WELLNESS CENTER

7. Thomas J. DelSanto Supervisor (Summer)

8. Peter Sullivan Supervisor (Summer/Fall)

9. Bryan Travers Supervisor (Summer/Fall)

C. SUMMER SCHOOL: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2005 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Summer School contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Course

1. Theresa Brodd H.S. Business

2. Michael Almeida H.S. Business

3. Lisa Melmed H.S. English

4. Jason Seals H.S. English

5. Bethany Medeiros H.S. English

6. April Backman H.S. Mathematics

7. Peter Sullivan H.S. Physical Education/Health

8. Christopher Munzert H.S. Science

9. Brian MacDougall H.S. Social Studies

10. Gregg Burke H.S. Social Studies

11. Greg Arruda H.S. Social Studies

12. Erica Peters Grade 6 Language Arts

13. Deborah Kearns Grade 7 Language Arts

14. Stephen Piette Grade 8 Language Arts (Session 1)

15. Sarah Crowell Grade 8 Language Arts (Session 2)

16. Melissa Velleca Grade 6 Mathematics

17. Renee MacDougall Grade 7 Mathematics

18. Staci DelDeo Grade 8 Mathematics

19. Hilary Grieve M.S. Substitute

20. Eleanor Cox M.S. Substitute

D. NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to re-appoint the following individuals to the non-certified staff positions listed below for the 2005-06 school year only (pending adequate Federal, State and local funding and contingent upon adequate enrollment and program renewal):

Name Program Assignment

1. Claudia Alfano ABE Student Performance Monitor

2. Bryan Anthony Child Care Provider

3. Michael Anthony Child Care Provider (Intern)

4. Angela Assalone Child Care Provider

5. Alison Bielawa ABE/ESL Instructor

6. Amanda Borges Child Care Provider

7. James Bowler Child Care Provider

8. Lauren Caliri Child Care Provider

9. Kristina Calisto Child Care Provider

10. Laura Callahan Child Care Provider

11. Jennifer Cardente Child Care Provider

12. Giselle Carreiro ABE/GED Aide

13. Edward Connolly ABE/GED Instructor

14. Barbara Costa ABE Instructor

15. Sarah Costa Child Care Provider (Intern)

16. Donna Crowell Child Care Provider

- 17. Elizabeth Curry Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 18. Anthony Daponte ABE Instructor**
- 19. Michelle Way DaSilva ABE/GED Instructor**
- 20. Matthew DePasquale Child Care Provider**
- 21. Virginia DePasquale Child Care Provider**
- 22. Lauren DiGeronimo Child Care Provider**
- 23. Jessica Diniz Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 24. Rosemarie Dion ABE Instructor**
- 25. Deborah Dwyer Child Care Provider (Substitute)/ABE Assistant**
- 26. Paula Gabriele Child Care Provider**
- 27. Carolyn Gammell Student Assistance Counselor (Part Time)**
- 28. Hilary Grieve-McDermott ABE Substitute Instructor**
- 29. Jennifer Heroux Child Care Provider**
- 30. Saralee Leary ABE Instructor/ABE Student Performance Monitor**
- 31. Lisa Lefebvre Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 32. Kathleen Leocadio ABE/GED Aide**
- 33. Debra Lopes Child Care Provider**
- 34. Kayla Magee Child Care Provider**
- 35. Debra Marshall ABE Substitute Instructor**
- 36. Michael Martins ABE/GED Instructor**
- 37. Nicole Massa Child Care Provider**
- 38. Robin Mello ABE Substitute Instructor**
- 39. Francine Michelletti Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 40. Ellie Oliveira Child Care Provider**
- 41. Melissa Oliveira Child Care Provider**
- 42. Barbara Raffile ABE Instructor**

- 43. Patricia Raposa Child Care Provider/ABE Assistant (Substitute)**
- 44. Lynne Ravenscroft Child Care Provider**
- 45. Kevin Silva Child Care Provider**
- 46. Kristen Silvia Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 47. Elena Taylor-Garcia ABE/ESL Instructor**
- 48. Justine Thorpe Child Care Provider**
- 49. Diane Verdolotti School-to-Work School Based Coordinator (K-12)**
- 50. Christine Victorino Child Care Provider**
- 51. Alexis Webster Child Care Provider**

E. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CERTIFIED

Name Area/Level

- 1. Angela R. Assalone Elementary**
- 2. Elizabeth Bacchi Elementary**
- 3. Stacey Croteau Elementary/Sp.Ed.**
- 4. Sarah T. Gilliam Elementary**
- 5. Maureen Goldrick Elementary**
- 6. Colleen Leahy Elementary**
- 7. Patricia Pimentel Elementary**
- 8. Tracey Rosano General Subject Matter**

F. CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm

the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for classified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

- 1. Janice L. Cotta**
- 2. Donna J. Laires**

G. LEAVE OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for a Teacher Assistant as follows:

- 1. Ann Marie DeLucia Teacher Assistant - Rockwell**

Effective: May 13, 2005 through the end of the 2004-05 school year

Reason: Leave in accordance with Article 20 of the Master Agreement

H. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Stephen L. Lehrer from the position of Secondary Technology, Cheryl K. Gray from the position of Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Rosemarie A. Dion from the position of Teacher Assistant, Susan Morettini from the position of Teacher Assistant and Michael J. Rucci, Jr. from the position of Coordinator of Adult Basic Education and Continuing Education as listed below:

1. Stephen L. Lehrer Technology – Main Street

Effective: June 17, 2005

Reason: Retirement

2. Cheryl K. Gray Social Studies Teacher – Kickemuit Middle

Effective: July 20, 2005

Reason: Retirement

3. Rosemarie A. Dion Teacher Assistant – Mt. Hope High

Effective: May 26, 2005

Reason: Retirement

4. Susan Morettini Teacher Assistant - Guiteras

Effective: June 17, 2005

Reason: Personal

**5. Michael J. Rucci, Jr. Coordinator of Adult Basic Education and
Continuing Education**

Effective: July 1, 2005

Reason: Retirement

Recommendation #S 2005-15: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint an Owner's Representative to the Building Committee.

Dr. Mara wishes to appoint Robert Pugh to serve in conjunction with

a member of the Building Committee—John Foster. Ms. Travers, seconded by Mr. Silva, motioned to approve. These responsibilities should not interfere with his normal duties. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Recommendation #S 2005-17: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the audit bid for 2005-2008.

The recommended firm is Prescott Chatellier Fontaine Wilkinson, LLP. Mr. Skuba motion to approve; Mrs. Kinsella seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2005-18: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Strategic Plan. Ms. Travers, seconded by Mrs. Kinsella, motioned to approve. Ms. Kinsella complimented Dr. Mara and the team for one of the best plans she has seen. Dr. Mara said community participation was outstanding. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2005-19: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the bid for the Main Street School Paving Project. The recommended company is Sherry Construction Corporation, the lowest bidder. Work will begin after June 17 and be completed before July 1. Mr. Silva motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Kickemuit Middle School SALT Report

The SALT report was outstanding with accolades to staff and administration. Mrs. McBride congratulated and thanked the Kickemuit staff. Applause.

COMMENTS

In reaction to recent newspaper articles, Ms. Travers commented that ADA compliance issues existed long before any of the present administration was here; she wants the communities to know that the present administration is trying to solve a Regents mandate made many, many years ago. Mrs. Kinsella added that the school budget has been cut almost all of the past 10 years and the first things to be cut are maintenance and upkeep of the buildings; the State and Federal Governments pass down mandates with no funding to carry them through. Mrs. McBride suggested the public write to their legislators to let them know the issues.

Dr. Mara announced he will was interviewed by Channel 12 News and will be on the 11:00 PM broadcast.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:05 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mrs. Kinsella motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:05 PM for legal advice on the request for reimbursement of legal fees, litigation, Superintendent's evaluation and a student suspension. Mr. O'Dell

seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Committee will take a vote in open session at the conclusion of Executive Session.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 9:55 PM

Discussed in Executive Session was legal advice on the reimbursement of legal fees, litigation, Superintendent's evaluation and a student suspension.

Mr. Silva, seconded by Ms. Travers, motioned to ratify the vote taken by the Committee in Executive Session on the suspension of a student. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:56 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Skuba, seconded by Mrs. Kinsella, motioned to adjourn at 9:56 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. O'Dell, Secretary

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