

BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2005

A special meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Thursday, July 21, 2005, in the Oliver Administration Building, 151 State Street, Bristol, RI. Marjorie J. McBride, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

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

Absent: Paul Silva and Beverly Z. Travers

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation #S2005-34: That the School Committee, upon the

recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the construction award for the Rockwell Bond Project.

Mr. Estrella motioned to approve; Mr. Skuba seconded. The recommended bid is from J. E. Edwards Construction for an amount not to exceed \$1,137,784. This company did the Mt. Hope Auditorium Project; they were on budget and on time and performed the work well. On a show of hands, the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Mrs. McBride thanked Mr. Skuba and the Building Committee for their time and effort in getting us this far.

Recommendation #S2005-35: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Project Manager for the Hugh Cole and Colt Andrews Bond Project.

This recommendation is for Farrar and Associates for a price not to exceed \$296,810. Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mr. Estrella, motioned to approve. Mr. Ernest Mayo of the Building Committee felt this recommendation was premature—these services will be needed later on, but are not necessary at this time, the Building Committee can handle this phase of the project.

Much discussion followed about the need for a project manager, the timing and the fee structure. Mr. Farrar explained the role of a project manager (part of which is to help the Building Committee and Administration get the plans approved) and the events leading to this recommendation. Two members of the Building Committee were on

the interview team for this position. Some members felt that hiring a project manager at this juncture was somewhat of an insult to the Building Committee; some felt it was appropriate now because of the difficulty experienced with passage of the Rockwell Project. It was generally agreed that the Hugh Cole Project is ready to proceed and should not be held up by linking it to the Colt Andrews Project, which is running into major obstacles. Delaying these projects has huge ramifications with ADA compliance.

MOTION TO AMEND: Mr. Estrella motioned to amend the recommendation to read: “That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, endorse the letter of intent for Project Manager for the Hugh Cole and Colt Andrews Schools Construction Project, and authorize the interview team to develop a contract document, including price structure and work flow, for School Committee approval.” Mr. O’Dell seconded.

More discussion followed about the need to spend the money for a Project Manager. Mr. Brule will not support this recommendation until he knows whether the Town of Bristol will support the Colt Andrews plans.

Mr. O’Dell moved the question. On a show of hands, the motion to amend passed by a vote of 5 to 2 with Mr. Brule and Mr. Saviano voting no.

On a show of hands, the motion to approve Superintendent's Recommendation #2005-35 as amended passed by a vote of 5 to 2 with Mr. Brule and Mr. Saviano voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Estrella, seconded by Mr. O'Dell, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. O'Dell, Secretary

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