

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005**

A special meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, August 1, 2005, in the Mt. Hope High School Cafeteria, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Marjorie J. McBride, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Present: Marjorie J. McBride, William A. Estrella, Jr., William M. O'Dell, Thomas E. Skuba, Paul E. Brule, Joyce M. Kinsella, John P. Saviano and Beverly Z. Travers; 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

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation #S2005-36: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, after reviewing the information gathered over the past two months, proceed with the Colt Andrews Bond Project by renovating the Colt and Andrews buildings as a two track complex with no addition to the Colt Building.

Dr. Mara explained that he received a letter from the Building Committee about the interruptions in the Colt Andrews Project and concerns over money being spent on planning. The Hugh Cole Project is moving faster than expected—construction should begin in October. After meeting with representatives of the Bristol Town Council, Planning and Zoning Boards, it was understood that considering the parking and drainage problems with the proposed plan, a modified plan was necessary in order to move forward. The plan is to renovate the Colt and Andrews buildings to house 2 tracks of students, with upgrades to the playground and no major exterior renovations. These changes in the plans have been endorsed by the District’s attorney and bond holder; no special State or voter approval will be necessary. With keeping an extra track of students at Byfield, ADA issues of ramps and elevators will have to be addressed in two years. It is not known at this time the amount of savings this change will create. The Committee was divided in opinion on whether to put the extra money back into the project by making Colt Andrews state of the art or to complete the project under budget. Mrs. McBride said more concrete figures will be reported back to the Committee. Mr. Estrella cautioned the Committee that the major component of the

project was the remodeling costs. It is hoped that by the time the students are back into Colt Andrews, we will have information about property that might be available for a new school.

Mr. Estrella motioned to approve; Ms. Travers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Mara invited high school parents to stop into the high school and look through and claim clothing left by the students.

Also, St. Elizabeth School cannot be used by the District because it is not ADA and fire code compliant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Estrella, seconded by Ms. Travers, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. O'Dell, Secretary