

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2005**

**A special meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, August 29, 2005, in the Mt. Hope High School Cafeteria, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Marjorie J. McBride, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 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, Paul Silva 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: Thomas E. Skuba**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:35 PM**

**In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Brule motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:35 PM to discuss**

personnel issues. Mr. Saviano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 7:30 PM**

Discussed in Executive Session was personnel.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation #S2005-42: Personnel**

**A. GCD APPOINTMENT:** That the School Committee confirm the Superintendent's appointment of the following applicant to the position of Head Girls Soccer Coach in accordance with Section GCD of the School Committee Bylaws as follows:

**1. Roy Borges Head Girls Soccer Coach – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2005-06 school year only,  
pending certification, funding and  
sufficient sign-ups to warrant running  
this program**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**B. APPOINTMENTS:** That the School Committee confirm the

**recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of three Secondary English Teachers as listed below:**

**1. Anne-Marie Dean English Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2005-06 school year, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**(Resignation – M. Bellotti)**

**Funding: Operational Budget (1st Step)**

**2. Christopher E. Mahon English Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2005-06 school year, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**(Resignation – K. Dranchak)**

**Funding: Operational Budget (4th Step)**

**3. Rebecca L. Moore English Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2005-06 school year, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**(Retirement – A. Flynn)**

**Funding: Operational Budget (3rd Step)**

**C. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following application for a certified substitute pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

**CERTIFIED**

**Name Area/Level**

**1. Susan M. Root Art**

**D. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for an Elementary Teacher as follows:

**1. Melissa A. Velleca Grade One Teacher – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: January 4, 2006, for 6-8 weeks**

**Reason: Maternity leave in accordance with**

**Article 21, Section L1 of the Master**

**Agreement**

**E. RESIGNATION:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Frederick Brown from the position of Secondary Business Teacher as

**listed below:**

**1. Frederick A. Brown Business Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: August 23, 2005**

**Reason: Declined Position**

**Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve; Mr. Estrella seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. McBride announced the new hires.**

**Recommendation #S2005-43: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the recommendation of the Building Committee in regard to the Colt Andrews Bond Project.**

**Building Committee Recommendation: A motion was made by John Foster to recommend to the School Committee to abandon the Colt/Andrews project because the existing Colt/Andrews project in existing structure is not educationally or economically sound. The motion was seconded by Peter Dwyer. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Estrella, seconded by Mr. O'Dell, motioned to approve.**

**Dennis Gregson, Chair of the Building Committee, reviewed the process of events that got us to this point. In the end, spending \$11M to service 225 students just does not make economic sense. Mr.**

**Silva commented it would be a waste of time and money to do something with Colt Andrews and end up with a deficient building upgraded. Mr. Estrella pointed out that approval of this motion does not affect the Rockwell and Hugh Cole portions of the bond project and commended the Building Committee. Ms. Travers voiced frustration saying the community wants Colt Andrews renovated and that is what we should do and make smaller class sizes. Dr. Mara stated that student enrollment is up from last year and Kindergarten registrations are exceeding projections; if the project is abandoned and we have nothing to open in 2007 we will have serious space problems. Approximately \$400,000 has been spent on design fees for Colt Andrews. Mr. Saviano feels we need to move on and look for an alternative and fast; we need someone to donate some land so we could consider building a school. Mr. Brule feels the tax payers should be asked to use the \$11M that was going to be spent on Colt Andrews to build a new school; even with renovations, Colt would not take us through the next 50 years. A new school can be built in two years and we must act now. Several members agreed. A special election takes 50 to 90 days at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Mr. O'Dell said people need to be aware that the Colt building will be empty and that the public insisted that it has to stay a school. Mr. Estrella suggested the recommendation to abandon the Colt Andrews project be accepted and an entity developed to start work on alternatives. Mrs. McBride said the September 12 workshop will be dedicated to Colt Andrews.**

**On a show of hands, the motion to approve Superintendent's recommendation 2005-43 passed by a vote of 7 to 1 with Ms. Travers voting no.**

**Mrs. McBride thanked the Building Committee for their courage to report what they had to. Mrs. McBride directed the Superintendent to contact the architects to cease all work on Colt Andrews.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, Mr. Estrella, seconded by Ms. Travers, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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