

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2005**

**The monthly workshop of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in the Cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, in Bristol, RI, on Monday, November 14, 2005. The Chairperson, Marjorie J. McBride, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:55 p.m.**

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

**Absent: none**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION INSTRUMENT**

**The Policy Subcommittee presented their draft of the new Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument for review by the full**

**Committee. Ms. Travers explained that the document is based on State guidelines and was well-constructed to cover all concerns; performance indicators are a true read. The first reading will be at the November 28th meeting.**

### **BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE**

**Mrs. McBride said she is excited about the possibility of having the Pastime Theater in addition to Colt Andrews—this is a good thing for the children and a good thing for the town.**

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Mr. Dennis Gregson reported that the Rockwell Project is on track for January occupancy despite weather delays. The Hugh Cole site will begin mobilization next week; groundbreaking is 4:00 PM on November 28th, before the School Committee meeting which will be held at Hugh Cole. Ms. Travers is pleased to see the Colt Andrews project moving forward and the Town Council moving forward on the Pastime Theater—we are following through on the public's wishes. Mr. Saviano is pleased to see the Bristol Town Council sees this as the way to go.**

### **BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. Skuba reported the next meeting is Monday, November 21st at 5:45 PM to begin preparation of the next fiscal year budget. Mrs. McBride said the Warren Town Council would like to attend the meeting to discuss their contribution to the budget. Mr. Skuba will**

**contact them.**

### **PERSONNEL/CONTRACT SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. Estrella sent a letter on behalf of the School Committee to Council 94 to commence contract negotiations. New officers were elected last Wednesday; things should now move forward.**

### **POLICY/COMMUNITY SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mrs. Travers said she and Mrs. Correia will be attending a meeting on Thursday regarding the state regulations and requirements on health and wellness; a mandatory subcommittee will be established.**

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS**

**Dr. Mara said goals have been identified, but action plans need to be developed; this will remain an agenda item.**

### **UPDATE ON DISTRICT ISSUES**

**Dr. Mara announced that Mt. Hope High School is a Commissioner's and Board of Regents' School—one of fourteen in Rhode Island. Our ELA scores are among the top six in the state; our math scores continue to rise and are above the state average. This is cause for celebration. Also, Dr. Mara is pleased with the work the maintenance crew has done on painting the outside of the high school and the looks of the cafeteria floor; the Andrews School entrance has also been painted. Thanks to Mr. Pugh and the crew, our buildings are well kept.**

**Dr. Mara and Mrs. McBride recognized the great loss to the high school and the entire community with the passing of Thomas Vendituoli; he will be greatly missed.**

**Mr. Saviano wished to point out an alternative location for the Pastime Theater—the Knights of Columbus building is for sale and there is abundant parking there.**

### **Discussion**

**Mr. Chris Spencer questioned the Committee about the change from “never taking the Pastime” to now discussing it and the issue of tight play space at Colt Andrews, leaving Byfield and the idea that \$11M was too much to spend on two tracks. Mrs. McBride responded that when the Committee first talked about the Pastime the door had been shut; the possibility of Byfield and a new school is not dismissed, but part of phase two; and the \$22.8M bond is to cover all proposed projects without specific amounts designated for each segment. Mr. Spencer feels that no one has a plan on how the Pastime is going to work; we have to think things through, look at alternatives and come up with an agenda. Mrs. McBride responded that we will have to agree to disagree.**

### **ADJOURNMENT – 8:37 PM**

**There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Saviano, seconded by Mrs. Kinsella, motioned to adjourn at 8:25 PM. The vote was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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