

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2005**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, November 28, 2005, in the Gym of Hugh Cole School, 50 Asylum Road in Warren, RI. The Chairperson, Marjorie J. McBride, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Present: Marjorie J. McBride, William A. Estrella, Jr., Thomas E. Skuba, Paul E. Brule, Joyce M. Kinsella (arrived at 5:15 p.m.), 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 M. O'Dell and John P. Saviano

OPENING BUSINESS

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

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Thomas Vendituoli, Athletic Director of Mt. Hope High School, who touched

the lives of many and will be sorely missed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Rezendes, a Bristol resident and teacher at Mt. Hope, asked the Committee to consider renaming the high school field in memory of Thomas Vendituoli who served the Bristol and Warren communities as a coach and athletic director for many years.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Estrella motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Skuba seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote and Mrs. Kinsella had not yet arrived).

Mr. Silva motioned to seal the minutes to the October 24 and November 14 Executive Sessions; Mr. Skuba seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Skuba reported that discussion has begun on the 06-07 budget. The next meeting will be on December 5th at 6:30 PM in the Administration Building; members of the Joint Finance Committee and Town Council will be invited. The RI Department of Transportation has installed new signs in front of Mary V. Quirk and

Kickemuit to meet federal standards.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Travers reported that the December 12th meeting will be rescheduled to probably December 19th.

PERSONNEL / CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Silva had nothing to report. Mrs. McBride will update the Committee on BWEA contract issues in Executive Session. Mr. Estrella received a letter from the new Council 94 President, Adrienne Burke, that negotiations can begin as soon as their team is formed.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Mrs. McBride had nothing at this time.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Work on Rockwell continues; the groundbreaking on Hugh Cole took place tonight—a special event.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation #S 2005-54: Personnel – approved in the Consent

Vote

A. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the extracurricular position listed below for the 2005-06 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running this program):

INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

1. Basketball-Boys Coach Brad W. Lafleur *

*** Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

B. 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. Kenneth W. Bryant General Subject Matter**
- 2. Dennis Duarte Pending**
- 3. Thomas Gaska Pending**
- 4. Kimberly McCormack School Nurse**
- 5. Rebecca L. Parant School Nurse**

C. LEAVES OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant leaves of absence for a Secondary Art Teacher, Elementary Teacher and Elementary Special Educator as follows:

1. Lauren P. Enjeti Art Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: Upon completion of Maternity Leave through end of the 2005-06 school year

Reason: Parental leave in accordance with Article 21, Section L2 of the Master Agreement

2. Lori-Ann Albuquerque Grade One Teacher – Hugh Cole

Effective: Upon completion of Maternity Leave through end of the 2005-06 school year

Reason: Parental leave in accordance with Article 21, Section L2 of the Master Agreement

3. Christine Dutra Special Educator – Reynolds

Effective: April 4, 2006, for 6-8 weeks

Reason: Maternity leave in accordance with Article 21, Section L1 of the Master Agreement

D. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the

recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations listed below:

1. Robert P. Evans Social Studies/English Teacher - Kickemuit Middle

Effective: End of the 2005-06 school year

Reason: Retirement

2. Denise M. Little School Nurse – Hugh Cole

Effective: December 31, 2005

Reason: Personal

3. Elaine A. Ruggiero Accounting Clerk - Oliver

Effective: November 30, 2005

Reason: Retirement

Recommendation #S2005-52: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, direct the Building Committee to resume the Colt Andrews Project to include an addition to the Andrews Building on the Pastime Theater property (tabled at the November 14 meeting).

Mrs. McBride withdrew this recommendation.

Bond Referendum: nothing to report

SPED Monitoring Report: Dr. Mara said the RIDE report on the SPED monitoring visit is one of the best the state has put out—recommendations were few and commendations many; three members of the team had done our report five years ago and noted the amount of progress made in Pupil Personnel Services; Leslie Neubauer is to be thanked and commended. Dr. Mara announced a celebration before the next School Committee meeting on December 12th when the full report will be available. Also to be celebrated will be the Regents commendation of Mt. Hope High School.

Mrs. McBride asked if there would be any objection to starting the December 12th meeting at 6:00 PM; there was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:15 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Silva motioned to go into Executive Session at 5:15 PM for legal update regarding SPED litigation in federal court. Mr. Estrella seconded. The motion passed unanimously. No vote will be taken when the meeting resumes.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 5:45 PM

Discussed in Executive Session was a legal update on litigation.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:47 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Silva, seconded by Ms. Travers, motioned to adjourn at 5:47 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Skuba, Treasurer

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