

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
WORKSHOP/MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006**

**A meeting 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, March 13, 2006. The Chairperson, Marjorie J. McBride, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 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 and Paul Silva; Edward P. Mara, Superintendent; Donna Bettencourt-Glavin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Grants; and Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance**

**Absent: Beverly Z. Travers**

**OPENING BUSINESS**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommendation #S2006-07: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2006-2007 Mt.**

## **Hope High School Program of Studies.**

**Mr. Silva motioned to approve; Mrs. Kinsella seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote.)**

### **PRESENTATION: East Bay Smiles**

**Mr. Dennis Roy, along with Debra Patterson, dental hygienist, and Diane Davis of Self-Help, Inc., informed the Committee about East Bay Smiles, a program that provides dental services to elementary students who do not have the opportunity to see a dentist. The program has been successfully operating in Newport and Middletown and they would like to pilot the program at Mary V. Quirk and Hugh Cole, schools with the highest numbers of free and reduced lunch students. A permission form is sent home to all families with a request for a yes or no reply to assure the information is getting to all the parents. They will set up a small dental station in the school and a dentist and hygienist will do cleanings and sealants and checkups with repeat exams in six months. Ronald McDonald Charities is donating a van to the program so they will be able to perform restorative dental work as needed. There will be no cost to the district or the student; if the family has health insurance, the program will bill the company, if not, the program covers the cost. They have a five year lease to operate the van and the program is expected to last into the distant future. The dentist is fully covered for malpractice and indemnification for the District will be in place. Dr. Mara reiterated that no dental work will be done on any student**

without full parental permission. Anyone wishing to make charitable contributions can visit [www.ebcap.org](http://www.ebcap.org). The Committee thanked Mr. Roy for their wonderful work and this wonderful opportunity for our children.

#### **MT. HOPE HOME BUILDING PROJECT**

Mrs. McBride reported a Board meeting is scheduled for next week; they will begin rebuilding the program. Last year's house on Greenway Drive has been sold and the loan from the Town of Bristol has been repaid.

#### **ROCKWELL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Estrella said the Committee has not met since the last update; application to DOT for the bus loop is to be submitted by Monday by Mt. Vernon and the subcontractor; Senator Malik offered assistance to streamline the process; approval is needed by the end of the month in order to finish construction by the end of June. Mr. Pugh reported that J.G. Edwards is planning to finish the asphalt work during April vacation.

#### **HUGH COLE AND COLT ANDREWS BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**ACTION:** Mrs. Kinsella motioned to approve payment for a feasibility study of Colt, Andrews and the Andrews addition to Torrado Architects for an amount not to exceed \$7500. Mr. Estrella seconded.

The motion passed unanimously. (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote.)

**Recommendation #HC/CABC2006-01: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Hugh Cole/Colt Andrews Building Committee, authorize the Superintendent to solicit bids for the demolition of the Pastime Theater. Mrs. McBride said there was no need for action as it was taken during the Building Committee meeting.**

### **BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. Skuba reported the first Joint Finance meeting went very well; issues that are beyond our control, such as retiree health benefits and transportation mandates, which greatly impact the budget, were highlighted. He feels we must continue to meet with our legislators and press them for a change in these areas. These are issues for other districts as well and perhaps should be a topic of discussion for the RIASC Chairs' meeting later this month. Upcoming Joint Finance Meetings are Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 PM, in the Warren Town Hall, and Tuesday, March 28, 6:00 PM, in the Bristol Town Hall.**

### **PERSONNEL/CONTRACT SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mrs. McBride tabled this report to the end of the meeting so it can be discussed in Executive Session.**

## **POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mrs. Kinsella asked for a correction to be made to the draft minutes to their March 6th meeting—P. 3, Plagiarism is addressed in the high school handbook; School Committee action is not necessary. Minutes will be corrected and redistributed. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20th at 5:30 PM in the Superintendent's Office.**

## **CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES**

**Mrs. McBride had nothing else to report.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendation #S2006-08: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, award the bid for asbestos abatement at Colt School to TMC Services. Mr. Silva motioned to approve; Mr. Brule seconded.**

**In response to Mr. Saviano, Dr. Mara reported that some of the money from the Colt Trust Fund, which totals over \$1M, will be used for interior restoration; our Bond Counsel, Sandra Mack, is researching restrictions on the use of the fund. To date we have been accessing only the interest. Mr. Saviano feels the funds should be used to the utmost to absorb some of the costs; Mrs. McBride feels at least part of the principal should remain so that the interest can be used for maintenance. Mr. Brule suggested pricing asbestos removal for Colt and Andrews together to get a better price. The plan is being worked up for Andrews. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 7 to 0. (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote.)**

**Recommendation #S2006-09: Personnel**

**RESIGNATION:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Gordon E. Palmer from the position of Maintenance as listed below:

**1. Gordon E. Palmer Maintenance**

**Effective: March 3, 2006**

**Reason: Personal**

**Mr. Estrella, seconded by Mr. Silva, motioned to approve. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 7 to 0. (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote.)**

**ACTION:** Resolution authorizing and facilitating the East Bay Educational Collaborative's acquisition of 317 Market Street, Warren, RI.

**Mr. Estrella motioned to approve; Mr. Brule seconded. In response to questions from the Committee, Dr. Mara explained that Bristol Warren is one of eight stockholders in the Collaborative, approval of all eight is necessary to move forward. Benjamin Scungio, a member of the law firm that represents the District, is the lawyer of record and is making all arrangements; two independent appraisals of the building are higher than the selling price; Mr. Avila (owner) wishes for the building to remain a collaborative education center; financially the Collaborative is very healthy and the services it provides continues to**

grow (KITES kits to Providence, graduate course offerings, professional development opportunities); there is a penalty for secession from the Collaborative; most of the internal maintenance on the building has been maintained by Mr. Avila; \$300,000 has been set aside for exterior improvements; the District's annual contribution will decrease; the Collaborative will report to the Committee at their April, May or June Workshop; the wording of this action item was created by Mr. Scungio. Mr. Saviano was concerned about the loss of taxes to the Town of Warren when ownership of the building transfers to a non-profit organization; the Town had to cut programs in the past because of the District's funding requests and he does not want Warren to "take another hit." Dr. Mara said the programs that were cut from the Town were eventually restored.

The motion to approve passed by a vote of 7 to 0. (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote.)

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:48 PM**

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mrs. Kinsella motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:48 PM to discuss the BWEA Contract; Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 8:45 PM**

Discussed in Executive Session was the BWEA Contract.

## **PERSONNEL/CONTRACT SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Recommendation P2006-01: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Personnel/Contract Subcommittee, approve the reorganization of the Department Heads at Mt. Hope High School and the contract language for the reorganization.**

**Mr. Silva moved to direct the Superintendent to fine tune the reorganization chart as well as the language and report back to the Committee. Mrs. Kinsella seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote.)**

## **ADJOURNMENT – 8:46 PM**

**There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Estrella, seconded by Mrs. Kinsella, motioned to adjourn at 8:46 PM. The vote was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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