

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, March 27, 2006, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, Marjorie J. McBride, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

**Present:** Marjorie J. McBride, William A. Estrella, Jr., William M. O'Dell, Paul E. Brule, Joyce M. Kinsella, John P. Saviano, 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; Leslie A. Neubauer, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

**Absent:** Thomas E. Skuba

**OPENING BUSINESS**

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

Mr. O'Dell read the District's Mission Statement.

## **Accolades**

**Dr. Mara said he sometimes receives letters from parents with comments about specific teachers. Recently a letter was written by a Mt. Hope parent praising the dedication and support shown by his son's teacher. We would like to join him in thanking this outstanding teacher – Ms. Lynn Perry.**

**The 2nd Story Theatre in Warren recently held auditions for acting class scholarships. Out of the 20 students from all the East Bay High Schools who auditioned for 5 available scholarships, 4 winners were from Mt. Hope! These achievements reflect the fine job done by our performing arts teacher, Carol Schlink. Congratulations to: Dillon Medina, Brittany Pacheco, Chris O'Brien and Laura DeCastro.**

**On March 8th our DECA students made us extremely proud! Under the advisorship of Maureen Gauthier and Anne Ricci, the Mt. Hope High School DECA business students won first, second and third place on March 8th at the RI DECA Career Development Conference. The first and second place winners will represent Mt. Hope and Rhode Island at the International Career Development Conference in Dallas, Texas this April. Winners are: Third Place-Esther Morency and Nicole Frias; Second Place—Olivia Kestenberg and Alyssa Avila; First Place--John Coletta, Tina Matos, Justin Molloy, Nick Andre, Colin O'Dell and Nate Costa.**

**Well, they did it again – the Mt. Hope Boys Swim Team won the Rhode Island Division III Championship. The coaches of this outstanding team are Jonathan Dell, assisted by Mary Fran Vesey. Congratulations go to: Eric Boulanger, Mitchell Dell, Tyler Patterson, John Coletta, Ross Landry, Allen Petit, Zachary Cooper, Anthony Lombardo, Brian Petit, Timothy Cordeiro, Christopher Mello, Matthew Sylvia, Robert Cotta, Patrick Moritz, Terence Wright, Alexander Dell, Colin O’Dell and Michael Zito.**

**Dr. Mara presented a copy of Apollo 13, signed by Jim Lovell, to the Mt. Hope High School Library for the enjoyment of the students; Mr. Lovell had given a riveting presentation at a conference Dr. Mara recently attended.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT – none**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Ms. Travers motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Estrella seconded. The Assistant Superintendent wished to correct the date of her report to March. The motion passed 7 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote). Mr. Guy Murgo was welcomed as the new Assistant Principal of Mt. Hope High School.**

**Mr. Silva motioned to seal the minutes to the February 27 and March**

**13 Executive Sessions; Mr. Brule seconded; the motion passed 7 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).**

## **BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

**In Mr. Skuba's absence this report was deferred.**

## **POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Recommendation #PC 2006-02: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the new School Committee Policy JHCF Diabetes Case Management, JHCF-E Diabetes Medical Management Plan, and JHCF-R Quick Reference Emergency Plan (First Reading)**

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

**Recommendation #PC 2006-03: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, reaffirm School Committee Policies CBG and AFB Evaluation of the Superintendent.**

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

## **CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES**

### **Fundraisers**

**Mrs. McBride received word from a parent that one school has had nine fund raisers to date; she feels this is excessive. Dr. Mara agreed this is a burden to some families; he will speak with administration and coordinate with the Policy Subcommittee. Mr. Brule talked about being approached by a member of the Mt. Hope Baseball Team; when asked, the student said the money raised would go toward uniforms and gear. Dr. Mara and Mrs. Correia confirmed that all sports uniforms and equipment are purchased by the District; \$15,000 is budgeted for high school interscholastic sports alone. There are also safety concerns about students going door-to-door. The Policy Subcommittee will review the policy again at their next meeting.**

### **Mt. Hope Home Building Project**

**Mrs. McBride reported progress in getting the program squared away; a meeting is scheduled for next week; she will report out at the next meeting.**

### **Byfield Fence**

**One section of the fence was dented by a car; the entire fence will be erected by the end of the week.**

## **ROCKWELL BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Mr. Estrella reported approval of applications for the bus circle are**

**expected soon; he will provide more information in Executive Session.**

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

**Mrs. McBride said the conceptual report is very good, all authorities seem positive at this point in time. Mrs. Kinsella agreed and said the plan compliments the existing building. There is movement on all legal issues.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES**

### **DECA National Career Conference – April 28 – May 3**

**By policy, the Superintendent must inform the Committee of overnight student trips; three adults will be attending with ten students.**

**Recommendation #S 2006-12: (number correction from agenda)**

**Personnel – approved in the consent vote**

**A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions listed below:**

**1. Gaetano M. Murgo Assistant Principal – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: March 27, 2006**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy (Resignation – D. Smith)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**2. Kimberly McCormack School Nurse/Teacher – M.V. Quirk**

**Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year only, pending receipt of certification**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy (Resignation – D. Little)**

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

**3. Patricia Earley Accounting Clerk - Oliver**

**Effective: March 27, 2006**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**(Restructure – Business Office)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**4. Alice Patterson Accounting Clerk - Oliver**

**Effective: March 27, 2006**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**(Restructure – Business Office)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**B. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the School of the 21st Century, Before and After School Program, as listed below (pending sufficient enrollment to warrant running this program and DCYF CANTS clearance):

**1. Julie Ann Cardente Child Care Provider (Part Time)**

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

**Reason:** To fill a vacancy

**Funding:** Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

**2. Daniel O'Connell Child Care Intern (Part Time)**

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

**Reason:** To fill a vacancy

**Funding:** Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

**C. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2005-06 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

## **SPRING COACHES**

### **Sport Position Coach**

- 1. Baseball (Boys) Asst. Coach Bryan Travers**
- 2. Softball (Girls) Co-Asst. Coach Andrea Medeiros \***
- 3. Softball (Girls) Co-Asst. Coach Jennifer Puniello \***

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

**D. CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals as an instructors for the 2005-06 Continuing Adult Education Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

### **Name Course**

- 1. Brian Chidester Spanish**
- 2. Lee Ann Freitas Floral/Landscaping Design**
- 3. Meghan Sepe Intro to Digital Camera**

**E. 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. Gregory Antonelli General Subject Matter**
- 2. Diana Baxter Art**

3. Erin Carrera General Subject Matter
4. Daniele Cobb General Subject Matter
5. Vera S. Costa General Subject Matter
6. Cecilia Ferro Elementary
7. Robert McElroy Science/Mathematics/Science
8. Kasey M. Melrose Elementary
9. Tim Nichols English/Middle School English
10. Michael Raposa General Subject Matter
11. Sheilly Singh General Subject Matter
12. Lois L. Teitz General Subject Matter
13. Robert B. Yates Voc. Drafting/Auto Mechanics

**F. CLASSIFIED 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 classified substitute pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

#### **CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE**

1. Peter F. Machado

**G. SUSPENSION, NON-RENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL:** The Superintendent recommends to the School Committee the termination/non-renewal, effective the last day of the 2005-06 school year, of the following listed teachers due to

**their lack of permanent certification in the required area and/or the non-renewal of the limited contracts:**

**1. Kimberly McCormack**

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

**1. Petra O'Hagan Special Educator – Mary V. Quirk**

**Effective: Upon completion of Maternity Leave through May 12, 2006**

**Reason: Parental leave in accordance with**

**Article 21, Section L2 of the Master Agreement**

**Recommendation #S 2006-10: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2006-2007 School Calendar.**

**Mr. Estrella, seconded by Mrs. Kinsella, motioned to approve. Dr. Mara pointed out that RIDE is requiring that schools be closed to students on Election Day (November 7), a state holiday, regardless of whether the schools are used as polling places or not. He slated that day as a Professional Development day. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 7 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).**

**Recommendation #S 2006-11: That the School Committee, upon the**

**recommendation of the Superintendent, award the bid for the Mt. Hope High School roof replacement to Capeway Roofing Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$1,198,500.**

**Mr. Estrella motioned to approve; Ms. Travers seconded. The project will be phased throughout the summer; this amount is the total cost. This is the lower bidder of the two received; at Mr. Saviano's request Mrs. Correia will send the Committee information on the two bids. The motion to approve passed unanimously.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:40 PM**

**In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Silva motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:40 PM for action to approve a request for a bid price for the Rockwell bus loop, legal advice regarding the Mt. Vernon Group, Colt Andrews Project, Rockwell bus circle, Council 94 contract negotiations and Administrative salaries. Mr. Saviano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 8:15 PM**

**Discussed in Executive Session were the issues mentioned above.**

**ACTION: Mr. Estrella motioned to approve a request for a bid price from J.G. Edwards on the revised alternate for the Rockwell bus loop based on RIDOT approval comments, pending legal approval. Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. (Mr. Silva left**

**the meeting during Executive Session and Mrs. McBride chose not to vote.)**

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:20 PM**

**There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Estrella, seconded by Mr. Brule, motioned to adjourn at 8:20 PM. The vote was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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