

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2006**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, October 23, 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 6:07 PM.

Present: Marjorie J. McBride, 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; Melinda L. Thies, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction; Mary Cerullo, Executive Director of Literacy K-12, Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance; and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: William A. Estrella, Jr. and 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve the consent agenda; Mr. Silva seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Mr. Silva motioned to seal the minutes to the September 25 and October 10 Executive Sessions. Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Home schooling recommendations will no longer be included in the consent vote.

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. Correia reported on the October 17 Subcommittee meeting: Discussed were current facilities projects, planned facilities projects, the 2006-07 budget, and the 2007-08 budget and timeline. A preliminary draft of the audit report will be distributed soon for an acceptance vote at the November meeting (but not the Orientation Meeting)—there were no findings for the second year in a row. Mrs.

McBride congratulated and thanked Mrs. Correia and her staff for a job well done.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Travers said the group met on October 16 to continue work on the list of items that need to be addressed; she will not be available for the November meetings, but Mrs. Kinsella and Mr. Saviano will proceed without her.

PERSONNEL / CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Silva had nothing new to report on the BWEA.

Mrs. McBride said another Council 94 contract mediation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24 at Oliver.

ROCKWELL BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Mara said a final meeting is being scheduled with Mr. Gregson; Mr. Pugh confirmed that the final requisitions have been submitted.

HUGH COLE AND COLT ANDREW BUILDING COMMITTEE

Colt Andrews: The architect's contract needs only a School Committee signature which is in the works.

Hugh Cole: Mr. Brule is vehemently opposed to paying change order #37 to upgrade the sprinklers. The Committee had voted to pay under protest which means it should not be paid until the end of the project.

As it turns out, the change order has not yet been paid; the Chair directed the Superintendent to hold the payment. Mr. Brule is also unhappy about the high number of change orders submitted – 61, as well as with the project manager.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

School Committee Issues

Bussing: Mr. O'Dell asked for assurance that we are not going to be "Abrain dependent." Dr. Mara said Laidlaw has a competent person being trained; 95% of the bus issues are resolved and new ones are addressed as they arise. Mr. O'Dell would like this issue to remain active until a specific person has been named to ably handle all situations. Bussing will remain on the issues list as "ongoing."

Mt. Hope Home Building Project: Since the program does not fall under the School Committee and it is running well on its own, this will no longer be a routine agenda item.

Pastime: Demolition and filling of the hole is complete.

Phone System: Hot lines are being installed in all the schools.

There were no new additions to the issues list.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation #S 2006-54: PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENT: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the position of Parent Involvement Coordinator (Part Time) as listed below:

**1. Kelly Servant Parent Involvement Coordinator – Mt. Hope High/
Kickemuit Middle (Part Time)**

**Effective: October 2, 2006, for the remainder of
the 2006-07 school year only**

**Reason: To fill a new position in accordance
with grant funding**

Funding: Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) Grants

B. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant 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. Ashly Gallagher Child Care Provider (Part Time)

**Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the
2006-07 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 2006-07 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Football Asst. Coach Al Rezendes**

INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

- 2. Basketball (Girls) Coach Richard Ferreira**
- 3. Wrestling Coach Kevin Motta ***

INTRAMURAL COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

- 4. Flag Football (Co-Ed) Coach Paul Castigliero**

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

D. 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. William K. Campbell Social Studies/History**
- 2. Toni M. Caruolo Elementary**
- 3. Meredith Connors General Subject Matter**
- 4. Andrea M. Flynn English**
- 5. Heather R. MacKenzie Elementary**
- 6. Mariel Manchester General Subject Matter**
- 7. Theresa A. Mayer Mid/Sec Principal**
- 8. Aradhana Mehta General Subject Matter**
- 9. Timothy Norton General Subject Matter**
- 10. Robert Stewart Social Studies/History**
- 11. Dorothy Tsimikas General Subject Matter**
- 12. Jonathan K. Vincent General Subject Matter**

E. LEAVES OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant leaves of absence for an Elementary Special Educator, a Secretary and an Accounting Clerk as follows:

- 1. Shelly Goudreau Special Educator - Guiteras**

Effective: February 26, 2007, for 6-8 weeks

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

Shelly Goudreau Special Educator - Guiteras

**Effective: Upon completion of Maternity Leave
through end of the 2006-07 school year**

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

2. Adrienne Burke Guidance Secretary – Mt. Hope High

**Effective: November 9, 2006 through
March 1, 2007 or earlier pending**

Release from physician

**Reason: Leave in accordance with Article 20
of the Master Agreement**

3. Lisa Bruce Accounting Clerk - Oliver

**Effective: September 14, 2006, up to one year
pending release from physician**

**Reason: Leave in accordance with Article 20
of the Master Agreement**

F. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Ann-Marie Cross from the position of Teacher Assistant and Jon Lawson from the position of Head Indoor Track Coach as listed below:

1. Ann-Marie Cross Teacher Assistant – M.V. Quirk

Effective: December 1, 2006

Reason: Retirement

2. Jon Lawson Head Indoor Track Coach – Mt. Hope High

Effective: Immediately

Reason: Personal

Recommendation #S 2006-46: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy / Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy KD (BDDH) Public Participation at School Committee Meetings (Second Reading)

Ms. Travers motioned to approve. Mrs. Kinsella seconded. Mr. O'Dell motioned to amend the recommendation to change the first line of the second paragraph to read "An Open Forum may take place at the end of each workshop and business meeting with the public limited to . . ." Mrs. Kinsella explained that the Subcommittee felt that due to the

number of items on the business agenda an open forum would extend those meetings too long. Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Silva opposed limiting the public. Mr. Silva felt the policy should be written to leave the option open to add it later. Ms. Travers suggested the policy be referred back to the Subcommittee. The motion to amend failed by a vote of 3 to 3 with Ms. Travers, Mrs. Kinsella and Mr. Saviano opposed (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote). Hearing no objection, Mrs. McBride tabled the recommendation.

Recommendation #S 2006-47: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy / Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy JEA Compulsory Attendance Ages (Second Reading)

Ms. Travers, seconded by Mr. Brule, motioned to approve. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Recommendation #S 2006-48: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy / Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy JEB Entrance Age (Second Reading)

Mr. Saviano motioned to approve; Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Recommendation #S 2006-49: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy /

Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy JFCH Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug Policy for Students (Second Reading)

Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve; Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Recommendation #S 2006-50: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy / Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy JG Code of Discipline (Second Reading)

Mr. Saviano motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 (Mrs. McBride chose not to vote).

Overnight Field Trip: Per policy, Dr. Mara informed the Committee of the field trip to Nature's Classroom by Kickemuit students; this is a phenomenal educational and team building experience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:40 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. O'Dell motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:40 PM for an update on Council 94 contract mediation. Mrs. Kinsella seconded. Mr. Silva recused himself from discussion on the Council 94 contract and did not attend Executive Session. The motion passed 5 to 0 with Mr. Silva recused and Mrs. McBride choosing not to vote.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 7:13 PM

Discussed in Executive Session was Council 94 contract mediation.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:14 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Brule, seconded by Mrs. Kinsella, motioned to adjourn at 7:14 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. O'Dell, Secretary

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