

BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WORKSHOP

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

The monthly workshop of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in the Cafeteria of Hugh Cole School, 50 Asylum Road, in Warren, RI, on Monday, January 8, 2007. The Chairperson, William A. Estrella, Jr, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:12 PM.

Present: William A. Estrella, Jr., Marjorie J. McBride, William M. O'Dell, Paul Silva, Paul Brule, Joyce M. Kinsella and John P. Saviano; Edward P. Mara, Superintendent; and Melinda L. Thies, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Mary Cerullo, Executive Director of Literacy, K-12, Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: Diana B. Campbell

Just prior to this meeting, the dedication and ribbon-cutting of the new Hugh Cole addition was held. The existing building was rededicated to Mary V. Quirk and the new addition was dedicated to

Ernest Mayo, Sr.

OPENING BUSINESS

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

COLT / ANDREWS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Estrella introduced Kenneth Marshall and Raymond Cordeiro of the Bristol Town Council, who wished to address the Committee about the Colt Andrews Project. Mr. Marshall congratulated the Committee and the District on the opening of the new addition to the Hugh Cole School. He recognized and appreciated the pain endured and the efforts that the Committee has put forth to bring the Colt Andrews project to this point and respectfully asked the Committee to look out for the Town Council as the Council has for them. He pledged the support of the Council with the Colt Andrews Project saying we are stronger united than we are divided. They hope that Mrs. McBride will act as point person for this project as she did for Rockwell. The Committee expressed concerns for difficult choices that must be made in terms of budget, the need for support from the Town Council, daily communication with the Town Council and Administration to insure that up-to-date information is shared and understood, and the need to work together to prepare a presentation to the public. Mr. Marshall asked that communications to the Town Administrators be copied to the Town Council and has offered

executive sessions with the Town Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:27 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Silva motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:27 PM for legal advice on contracts and finances relating to the Bond Project. Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 8:16 PM

Discussed in Executive Session was the Bond Project.

HUGH COLE BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Closeout of Hugh Cole Construction Project Budget

Mr. Estrella reported that full completion of the boiler room and the chilled water system are the only items still hanging, therefore the heat in the classrooms is balanced, but the hallways are not. Paul Morris is still working on some computer drops.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Decommissioning of Mary V. Quirk

Mr. Estrella reported that no special meeting must be held to

decommission Mary V. Quirk because it was written into the application to the State so the Superintendent can make the recommendation at the March meeting.

School Committee Goals

A special meeting to set School Committee goals was scheduled for February 5, 2007, 7:00 PM, at the Oliver Administration Building. Dr. Mara will facilitate.

Voices for Bristol's Future

Ms. Diana Campbell had requested School Committee representation in the "Voices for Bristol's Future" efforts. Mr. Estrella will put the topic on the February Workshop Agenda.

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

07-08 Budget

Mr. O'Dell said the 07-08 Budget Proposal will be reviewed at the February workshop. The State allocation and critical discussions on budget cuts will take place at the January 16 and 29 Budget Subcommittee meetings; all interested members are urged to attend.

PERSONNEL/CONTRACT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Silva had nothing new to report.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Kinsella asked about the investigation of a possible link to the Town of Bristol's website; Mr. Morris had reviewed the Town's website and determined it is not feasible and other avenues should be explored. The next meeting of this Subcommittee is February 5, 2007, 5:30 PM at the Oliver Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:37 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Saviano, seconded by Mr. Silva, motioned to adjourn at 8:37 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Silva, Secretary

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