

BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

A special meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, February 12, 2007, in the Rockwell School Cafeteria, 1225 Hope Street, Bristol, RI. William A. Estrella, Jr, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 PM.

Present: William A. Estrella, Jr., Marjorie J. McBride, Paul Silva, William M. O'Dell, Paul Brule, David L. Dugan and John P. Saviano; 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; and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: Diana B. Campbell and Joyce M. Kinsella

OPENING BUSINESS

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation #S2007-03: That the School Committee, upon the

recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the suspension, non-renewal and/or termination of seventy-two (72) certified staff members.

Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve; Mrs. McBride seconded. Mr. Estrella asked if anyone would like to address the Committee. Dr. Mara stated it was with sadness that so many letters of suspension were sent, but necessary, and in an abundance of caution due to the uncertainty of the budget. Mr. Estrella said this in no way reflects their job performance; fifteen lay-offs were due to certification issues. Mr. Brule asked when administrators will be reviewed. Administrators are handled differently and at a different time. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. O'Dell, seconded by Mrs. McBride, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Silva, Secretary

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