

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2007**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, November 26, 2007, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, William A. Estrella, Jr, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 PM.

**Present:** William A. Estrella, Jr., Marjorie J. McBride, Paul Silva, William M. O'Dell, Paul E. Brule, Diana B. Campbell, David L. Dugan, Karen A. Lynch and John P. Saviano; Edward P. Mara, Superintendent; 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 D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

**Absent:** none

**OPENING BUSINESS**

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

## **Accolades**

**The Committee congratulated the Mt. Hope Girls Soccer Team for an outstanding season and an exciting win over LaSalle to capture the Division I Championship.**

**Team members: Heather Morreo, Brittany Terra, Chelsea Rainville, Lauren Patriarca, Emily Donahue, Lauren Maisano, Ariel Teixeira, Tara Turnbull, Emily Cambrola, Mariana McCormack, Katie Stone, Victoria Jamiel, Alison Massed, Mara Newland, Emma MacDougall, Rachel Lee Mascena, Alexandra Jamiel and Hanna MacDougall (Also MVP for the Championship Game), Kerri Ferreira – Assistant Coach, and Caitlyn Sardinha – Assistant Coach.**

**The Committee also extended a very special congratulations to the team's Coach, Roy Borges, for being named the Interscholastic League Coach of the Year. More important than all the winning is the positive influence Coach Borges has had on the team by modeling good citizenship and high behavioral standards and displaying a genuine concern for his players.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mrs. McBride said she and Mr. Brule were not present for the Executive Session on November 13 and she would like to remove Section D from the Personnel Recommendations.**

**Mr. O'Dell removed item III. 2. A. (October 17 meeting minutes) from the consent vote for a correction.**

**MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Mr. Silva seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**October 17, 2007 Special Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes: Mr. O'Dell asked that Budget Facilities Recommendation #2007-09 be corrected to read "received and filed" rather than approved. The clerk will make the correction.**

**MOTION: Mr. Silva motioned to approve the October 17, 2007 Meeting Minutes as amended; Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.**

**MOTION: Mr. Silva motioned to seal the minutes of the October 22 and November 13 Executive Sessions; Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. O'Dell said the next Subcommittee meeting is tomorrow,**

**November 27, at 6:00 PM at Oliver. The Technology Department move to Kickemuit is not on the agenda because a full report will be made to the Committee at their next meeting. As an update, Mr. Brule met with the architect to whittle down the \$400,000 estimate; we are pleased to be getting it down near the budgeted amount.**

**Mr. Estrella received a letter from the Bristol County Water Authority to be placed on the next Budget/Facilities agenda.**

#### **POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mrs. McBride thanked Mrs. Campbell for chairing the meetings while she was indisposed. Mrs. Campbell reported the Superintendent's goals have been reviewed and revised and will be brought before the full Committee at the next meeting for acceptance.**

#### **PERSONNEL/CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. Silva said the Committee has discussed areas of concern, he has spoken with the District's Attorney, and issues remain to be addressed before the next meeting is scheduled.**

#### **COLT ANDREWS CONSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mrs. McBride reported the project moving along very well; the next meeting is Wednesday, November 28 at 6:00 PM at Oliver. Mr.**

**Estrella asked for a formal timeline at the December Bond Project Meeting.**

## **CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES**

### **School Committee Issues List**

**Mr. Estrella asked the Superintendent and Attorney Henneous to research policies and procedures in reference to expansion; also the responsibility of the District, coaches and chaperones after hours. They will report to the Policy Subcommittee who will make a recommendation to the full Committee.**

**Home Schooling: Mr. O'Dell asked for the home schooling information from Mrs. Thies. Mrs. Thies has developed a matrix which shows 24 students within 15 families are currently home schooled; all have been contacted recently regarding NECAP testing and state assessment testing. The families submit curricula each year but do not reapply to the School Committee each year. Home schooled students are part of the State's tracking system so cannot fall through the cracks. If someone from the community has concerns about seeing children out of school, they should contact the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent who can follow-up; the attendance officer will investigate if necessary. If families apply for home schooling and do not submit credentials they are referred to the truancy officer.**

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

### **S2007-39 A-F: CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL**

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

**1. Judith L. Colaluca Head Teacher – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the  
2007-08 school year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**2. Laura Callahan Student Assistance Counselor (Part Time) -  
Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: November 5, 2007, for the remainder of  
the 2007-08 school year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy in accordance with  
grant funding**

**(Resignation – C. Gammell)**

**Funding: Substance Abuse**

**3. Brian A. Beausoleil Athletic Director – Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: Immediately**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**(Resignation – J. Barnaby)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**B. 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 2007-08 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):**

### **COACHES**

#### **Sport Position Coach**

- 1. Golf Head Coach Christopher Munzert**
- 2. Hockey (Boys) Asst. Coach Jason Krumholz \***
- 3. Lacrosse (Boys) Head Coach Scot Clark**
- 4. Lacrosse (Girls) Head Coach Lee Parker**
- 5. Lacrosse (Girls) Asst. Coach Kerri Ferreira**
- 6. Softball (Girls) Head Coach Fernando DaSilva**
- 7. Softball (Girls) Asst. Coach Steven W. Zina \***
- 8. Track (Outdoor) Head Coach Andrew Sabourin**
- 9. Wrestling Head Coach Bruce Hutchison**
- 10. Wrestling Asst. Coach Robert K. Blakely \***

### **INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE**

- 11. Basketball (Boys) Coach Doug Walker \***

## **ADVISORS**

### **12. Class of 2010 (Co-Advisor) Paul Sousa**

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

**C. CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individual as an instructor for the 2007-08 Continuing Adult Education Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

**Name Course**

**1. Meghan Sepe Digital Photography**

**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. Stephanie Constancia Early Childhood**

**2. Joel Dargan General Subject Matter**

**3. Carolyn T. Greene Registered Nurse**

**4. Patricia J. Ighile General Subject Matter**

5. **Laura J. Marabello General Subject Matter**
6. **Marco Castro Neves General Subject Matter**
7. **James D. Owen Mathematics/MS Math**
8. **Arnold Silverman Social Business/Health/Phys.Ed.**

**E. CLASSIFIED 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 classified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

**TEACHER ASSISTANTS**

1. **Susan M. Jones**

**CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE**

2. **James A. Perry**

**F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for a Secondary English Teacher as follows:

1. **Jennifer Cupolo English Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: November 26, 2007 through  
February 1, 2008**

**Reason: Parental leave in accordance with**

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

## **Agreement**

**MOTION: Mr. Silva motioned to approve item D.4. of Superintendent's Recommendation #S2007-39. Mr. O'Dell seconded. Mrs. McBride recused herself from this vote. The motion to approved passed by a vote of 8 to 0.**

**Recommendation #S 2007-40: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of a Bristol family to home school their children, a tenth grader and a twelfth grader, adhering to all requirements as set forth by the Bristol Warren Regional School District, for the 2007-2008 school year.**

**Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Notification of Two (2) Overnight Field Trips**

**Dr. Mara, by policy, notified the Committee of two overnight field trips being planned: The Mt. Hope Band to New York City for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Mt. Hope Chorus to the Festival of Music in Williamsburg, Virginia. Mr. Estrella asked that all chaperones and advisers be sure to sign off on the ethics form. Some members questioned the cost of the Williamsburg trip--\$800 seemed high. Also, if flying rather than bussing is considered. Dr. Mara will confer with Mrs. Boyle on this. Chaperones on the band trip pay their own way. Mr. Estrella asked the Policy Subcommittee to**

**review that policy.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:35 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 7:35 PM to resume discussion of the negotiation process. Mrs. McBride seconded. Mr. Estrella announced no formal action will occur during this session and he dismissed the camera. The motion passed unanimously.**

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 8:44 PM**

**The Committee discussed the negotiation process.**

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:45 PM**

**There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mr. O'Dell, motioned to adjourn at 8:45 PM. The vote was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Paul Silva, Secretary**

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