

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, December 8, 2008, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Present: Paul Silva, Chair, Paul E. Brule, Vice-Chair, Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary, William M. Ojide, Treasurer, Denise R. Arsenault, John C. Bento, Diana B. Campbell, 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; Leslie J. Anderson, Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services, 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

Mt. Hope High School's Freshman Football Team had an outstanding start to their high school football careers ¡V they won the Division II Football State Championship. Under the direction and leadership of Coach Bryan Travers and Assistant Coach John Mello, the team dominated its opponents this year, winning six of their games by shutout. We congratulate the members of the team:

Cote Zafiriades Joseph San Martin Kyle Mello

Ryan Miranda Corey Burke Austin Carreiro

Derek Marshall Shaun Joseph Brendan Goff

Gian DiMezza Alex Santos Kevin Amaral

Joshua Harper Theo Moskala Justin Martins

Ryan Burke David Ferreira Tyler Silva

Aaron Booth Adam Sylvia Dylan Quiterio

Nathan Fontaine Derek Andrade Keegan White-O¡Brien

Danny DeMelo Mitchell Medeiros Kyle Sousa

William Sullivan Adam Cabral Michael Germani

The District Holiday Greeting Card, for the past several years, has been designed by a student. This year we asked Art Teacher, Marilyn Roberti, to have students create a design for consideration. Several Hugh Cole students submitted their drawings--they were all very special but only one could be chosen for the card. We have a gift

certificate to Doni's Art shop for the artist whose drawing was used on the 2008 Holiday Card-- a fifth grader;X Jennifer Tappero.

We have many excellent coaches in Bristol Warren. Two are about to be inducted into the Rhode Island High School Girls' Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame. One is already a member of the Rhode Island Boys' Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame. For this very prestigious honor we congratulate: Kerri Ferreira and Tony Teixeira.

Mrs. McBride mentioned that Mt. Hope High School was awarded a bronze medal by US News and World Report for work in reading, writing and mathematics.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned accept the consent agenda; Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to seal the minutes to the November 24, 2008 Executive Session; Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silva announced the remainder of the subcommittee appointments which he initiated at the last meeting:

„Í Mr. Silva reiterated the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee will be chaired by Mr. OjDell, with Mr. Brule and Mrs. Lynch as members.

„Í Bid Procurement Committee: Mr. Brule and Mr. OjDell (two from Budget Subcommittee).

„Í Wellness Committee: Mrs. Campbell to continue.

„Í Student Hearing Subcommittee: Mrs. McBride will continue and choose two available members when needed.

„Í Bond Project Building Committee: Mr. Estrella was asked to stay on as Chair until the completion of the project; he agreed.

„Í Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee: Mrs. Campbell to chair with Mrs. Arsenault and Mr. Bento.

„Í Personnel/Contract Subcommittee: Mr. Saviano will be chair with Mrs. McBride and Mr. Silva as members. Mrs. McBride respectfully declined Mr. Silva's request. Mr. Silva then asked Mrs. Lynch to take the seat; Mrs. Lynch agreed. The alternate for Council 94 contract negotiations (to replace Mr. Silva) will be Mr. OjDell.

BUDGET/ FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. O'Dell said the entire School Committee was present at the last Budget meeting; when Mrs. Correia returns, copious meetings will be scheduled in preparation for the budget building process.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Silva asked Mrs. Campbell to research what changes would be necessary in order to provide for public input at all meetings as well as possible restrictions on discussion subjects. Mrs. McBride clarified that no change is necessary because the last policy revision provided free range for the Chair.

PERSONNEL/CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Silva directed the current BWEA Contract Negotiation Team to continue through the negotiation process.

COLT ANDREWS CONSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. McBride reported there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 PM; the end of the project is very near.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Future Workshop Agenda Items

Mrs. Thies will report further on the Shay Presentation (requested by Mrs. Campbell).

Mrs. Campbell requested a date to report out on her and Mrs. Thies; task of creating some kind of training for students and the community on the functioning of the School Committee.

Mrs. Campbell reminded the Committee it was time again to discuss goals, especially now that the District is reviewing its Strategic Plan.

Dr. Mara will resend the current goals to the Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation #S 2008-69 A-D: CONSENT AGENDA ;V PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENT: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the position of Director of Pupil Personnel Services as listed below:

1. Leslie J. Anderson Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Effective: January 1, 2009

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Retirement ;V L. Neubauer)

Funding: Operational Budget

B. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the extracurricular position listed below for the 2008-09 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

COACHES ;V MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Football Asst. Coach John Castriotta**

C. 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. Susan M. Annarummo Registered Nurse**
- 2. Cynthia V. Arias General Subject Matter**
- 3. Basilios M. Basilios General Subject Matter**
- 4. Michael R. Emma General Subject Matter**
- 5. Kathleen Floor School Nurse**
- 6. Patricia M. Galvin Registered Nurse**
- 7. Stephen C. Henderson General Subject Matter**

- 8. Hardeep S. Jassal General Subject Matter**
- 9. Colleen McRoy Registered Nurse**
- 10. Chun H. Morrissey General Subject Matter**
- 11. Shirley O'Brien Registered Nurse**
- 12. Stephanie L. Quintin General Subject Matter**
- 13. Wayne E. Turner General Subject Matter**
- 14. Susan S. Weaver Registered Nurse**
- 15. Susan J. White Registered Nurse**

D. RESIGNATION: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Sheldon Thibodeau from the position of Assistant Football Coach as listed below:

- 1. Sheldon Thibodeau Asst. Football Coach V Mt. Hope High**
Effective: October 31, 2008
Reason: Dismissal

Recommendation #S 2008-70: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, adopt the new School Committee Policy §Funding Vehicle(s) / Vendor(s) Selection and Deselection for District 403(b) Retirement Plan (First Reading)

Mr. O'Dell expressed concern that the name Gatekeepers is

referenced throughout the policy; in the past, specific names were removed from policies. Attorney Henneous said entities such as this usually are not amendable to multiple changes; however, any agreement is open to negotiation; he will discuss this with Mrs. Correia. Mrs. Campbell also suggested a beginning and ending date. Mr. Henneous suggested "effective on termination."

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell motioned to strike all specific references to Gatekeeper and replace with "Third Party Administrator." Mr. Brule seconded.

Mrs. Arsenault questioned whether changes should be delayed until Mrs. Correia returns. Mrs. McBride agrees but feels approval of the first reading is necessary because of the time issue and changes can be discussed with Mrs. Correia and made for the second reading.

Mr. O'Dell withdrew his motion to amend. The motion to approve the first reading passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Recommendation #S 2008-71: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, adopt the Resolution Adopting Restatement and Amendment of Bristol Warren Regional School District 403(b) Retirement Plan

Mr. Silva said this recommendation is being removed from tonight's agenda and placed on the December 15 Meeting agenda, unchanged.

Student Population/ District Plans/ Formation of a Task Force

Dr. Mara respectfully requested a Chair be designated that he can work with to form a committee. Since this is almost an off-shoot of the former Phase II Facilities Task Force, which Mrs. Lynch chaired, Mr. Silva asked her to chair this committee. Mrs. Lynch agreed. Dr. Mara said in addition to the committee, a third party will be needed to assess the District and provide information. Mr. Silva asked Dr. Mara and Mrs. Lynch to meet and decide on the committee membership.

REPORTS

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Campbell requested details on the Shay presentation the Mrs. Thies referenced. Mrs. Thies will oblige at a designated workshop.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 8:45 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Brule motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:45 PM for an update on BWEA contract negotiations. Mr. Saviano seconded. Mrs. Arsenault recused herself from this discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silva announced that no voting will take place during or after this Executive Session and wished the public a great holiday and Merry

Christmas.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING ;V 8:17 PM

In Executive Session, the Committee discussed BWEA contract negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT ;V 8:00 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mr. Brule, motioned to adjourn at 8:00 PM. The vote was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary

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