

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008**

The special meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, December 15, 2008, in the Oliver Administration Building, 151 State Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 PM.

Present: Paul Silva, Chair, Paul E. Brule, Vice-Chair, Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary, William M. O'Dell, Treasurer, Denise R. Arsenault (7:00 PM), 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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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 (Second Reading)

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve; Mrs. McBride seconded.

Mr. O’Dell has concerns about the non-generic aspects of this policy. Mrs. McBride felt the mention of beginning and ending dates is vague; Attorney Henneous suggested including a sixty-day notice of non-renewal. The suggestion was made to return this policy back to the Subcommittee for review.

MOTION: Mr. O’Dell motioned to amend the policy to remove all references to “Gatekeeper” and replace with “Third Party Administrator”; Mr. Saviano seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

The motion to approve the policy as amended passed by a vote of 8 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

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to adopt the Resolution subject to Attorney Henneous communicating with the Gatekeeper attorney for clarification of the “Benefits Plan Committee.” The motion to adopt passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Recommendation #S 2008-72: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/ Facilities Subcommittee, accept the FY 2008 Audit Report.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to accept; Mr. Brule seconded. Accountant James Wilkinson of Braver, presented a summary of the audit report. There were no remarkable findings, Bristol Warren earned an A, and there were no compliance issues. He commended Mrs. Correia and her staff. The motion to accept passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:05 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Brule, seconded by Mrs. Lynch, motioned to adjourn at 7:05 PM. The vote was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary

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