

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

**The monthly workshop of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI, on Monday, March 9, 2009. The Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:07 PM.**

**Present:**

**Paul Silva, Chair, Paul E. Brule, Vice-Chair, Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary, William M. O'Dell, Treasurer, Denise R. Arsenault, John C. Bento, Karen A. Lynch and John P. Saviano; Melinda L. Thies, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction; and Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance**

**Absent: Diana B. Campbell**

**OPENING BUSINESS**

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

**Accolades**

**The RI Interscholastic Athletic Administration Association recognizes a school each year for athletic success and quality of athletic programs, demonstration of exemplary conduct, decorum, and sportsmanship at all events, as well as involvement in community service, booster club contributions and professional development on the part of the coaches. In the past three seasons, Mt. Hope High School has won State Championships in Girls Lacrosse, Baseball, Boys Track and Field Team Pentathlon, Girls Track and Field Team Pentathlon and Freshman Football. The Boys Track Team also received the Dick Reynolds Sportsmanship Award and the Boys Cross Country Team received the Division Sportsmanship Award. Community Service by Mt. Hope athletes includes: CVS 5K Run, Kayleigh Raposa Scholarship Run, American Cancer Society Donation, Game receipts donated to Hasbro Children's Hospital, Penguin Plunge for Charity, and Rotary Thanksgiving Basket Distribution. Mt. Hope is instituting a chapter of Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse (VAASA) and is an active participant in the Life of an Athlete Program. We congratulate our Athletic Director Beth Penkala and all the coaches, staff and student athletes who so deserve this honor of being chosen the School of the Year. A recognition evening will be held Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston.**

**Bristol Warren is the proud owner of more State Champion Athletes. At the State Wrestling Championships, two of our Kickemuit students won titles at the middle school level, and on the high school level,**

**three Mt. Hope students won state crowns. We congratulate all five crown winners:**

**75 pound middle school weight class: Christian Torres**

**133 pound middle school weight class: Bailey Ziobro**

**103 pound JV crown: Doug Sampson**

**160 pound JV crown: Kyle Sousa**

**215 pound JV crown: David Ferreira**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

**None**

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS**

**Mr. Silva felt it best to table this discussion to a future workshop when Mrs. Campbell, who has been the catalyst for this task, would be present; also to provide time for “homework” over the spring and summer.**

## **BUDGET/ FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. O’Dell had nothing new to report; the budget process locally and state wide has little fluidity, the schedule should be watched; the**

**March 16th Subcommittee meeting will be devoted to facilities discussion so that once the budget is received the following meetings can be delegated to finances.**

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

**Mrs. Arsenault reported for Mrs. Campbell; the last meeting was cancelled due to the weather; the next Subcommittee meeting is April 6 with HIV, bully and harassment, and field trip equity as agenda items; administrators and teachers from the middle school have been invited.**

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

**Mr. Saviano said a number of items have been compiled; there will be a meeting regarding the commencement of Council 94 contract negotiations. Mr. Silva, in regards to the BWEA Contract, said there is no need for Executive Session discussion; a mediation session is scheduled for March 31 at the Department of Labor and Training; nothing has changed since the last report.**

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

**Mrs. McBride reported the stage curtain has arrived; Mr. Simmons will attend a meeting about the library tomorrow.**

## **FUTURE ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES TASK FORCE**

**Mrs. Lynch has scheduled their first meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 5:00 PM at Oliver, at which time a plan will be developed for community involvement and the course of the Task Force will be set; NESDEC will be reporting at this meeting. Mrs. Lynch asked interested members of the public to be prepared to get involved.**

### **Announcements**

**Mrs. Arsenault, as liaison to the Special Education Advisory Committee, announced their next meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 PM in the Kickemuit Library, to be facilitated by Mrs. Anderson; everyone is welcome to attend.**

**The Community Leaders Focus Group of the Strategic Planning Process is still in progress, interested members of the public should contact the Superintendent's Secretary in administration.**

**Mr. Silva asked that workshop agenda items be emailed to him. Mrs. Thies recommended that results of the NECAP assessments be reviewed at the April Workshop.**

## **ADJOURNMENT – 7:25 PM**

**There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McBride, Mr. O'Dell, Mrs. Arsenault, Mr. Bento, Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Saviano motioned to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed**

**unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary**

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