

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, September 28, 2009, 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 7:04 PM.

Present: Paul Silva, Chair, Paul E. Brule, Vice-Chair, William M. O'Dell, Treasurer, Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary, Denise R. Arsenault, John C. Bento, Karen A. Lynch and John P. Saviano; Edward P. Mara, Superintendent; Melinda L. Thies, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction; Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance; Leslie J. Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: Diana B. Campbell

OPENING BUSINESS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Silva rearranged the agenda slightly and pulled Item A.I. from Superintendent's Recommendation #S2009-50, Personnel. He asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mr. Brule motioned to approve the appointment of Dr. Mario Andrade as Assistant Superintendent of Schools effective November 30, 2009.

Mrs. McBride commented that this is the fourth time she has sat on an interview team for an assistant superintendent; she is extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Andrade to our team. Mrs. Thies echoed Mrs. McBride's comments and explained that Dr. Andrade had the unanimous support of the team; his reputation precedes him; he has a keen intellect, is a problem solver, takes on tasks and has a strong background in secondary reform; he is acknowledged across the state as having a strong work ethic. Dr. Andrade shook hands with each Committee member.

On behalf of the School Committee, Mr. Silva welcomed Dr. Andrade and hoped he will find joy in working with the District. Dr. Andrade said it is an honor and privilege to come to Bristol Warren; the District has the reputation of being a model of reform in the forefront of the state.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:12 PM

MOTION: In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mrs. McBride motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:12 PM to discuss administrators' contracts and pending litigation. Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Silva announced that no action is anticipated in this session.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 8:06 PM

In Executive Session, the Committee discussed the items noted above. No action was taken during Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA Continued

Mr. Silva removed Items D. 16. and G.1. from Superintendent's Recommendation #S2009-50 for separate action.

Mr. O'Dell removed the minutes to the September 14 meeting for

correction.

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve the remainder of the consent agenda; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to seal the minutes to the August 17, 2009 Executive Session; Mr. Saviano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve the minutes to the September 14, 2009 Workshop; Mr. Brule seconded. Mr. O'Dell asked for a correction—remove his name as reporting for the Budget Subcommittee, as he was not present at that meeting. The clerk will make the correction.

The motion to approve as amended passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with Mr. O'Dell abstained.

BUDGET FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. O'Dell said their regular meeting was rescheduled to this Wednesday, September 30, at 6:30 PM at Oliver.

POLICY/ COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. Arsenault reported in Mrs. Campbell's absence: the Committee

did not meet this month; they will meet next on Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 PM at Oliver.

PERSONNEL/ CONTRACT NEGOTIATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Saviano said his Committee is awaiting tonight's vote on Recommendation #S2009-40.

FUTURE ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES TASK FORCE

Mrs. Lynch reported their next meeting is at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 20 in the Oliver Administration Building Conference Room. Exciting things are happening and anyone who would like to join the group should feel free.

Mrs. Arsenault commented that in light of early childhood education activity at the state level, she would like to request some participation from Pupil Personnel Services in the Task Force to consider what this would mean for our space issues. If asked for even voluntary pre-K, our space needs will be different. Mr. Silva redirected Mrs. Arsenault to the Task Force meeting to ask that Chair to make the request. Dr. Mara informed the Committee we currently have three pre-K classrooms and have open enrollment; we are one of the leaders in the state.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Student Outreach – Mr. Silva will place this item on the next workshop agenda for discussion.

Test Scores – Mr. Silva would like a presentation on the recently released test scores as well as the programs and initiatives put into place to address them. Dr. Mara and Mrs. Thies will be pleased to report in the near future.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation # S2009-50 A-I: -- PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Preschool/Kindergarten Teacher and Elementary Reading Specialist (2/5 time) as listed below:

1. Mario J. Andrade Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Effective: November 30, 2009

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Promotion – M. Thies)

Funding: Operational Budget

2. Rebecca Peluso Preschool/Kindergarten Teacher – Hugh Cole

Effective: For the 2009-10 School Year only, pending receipt of certification and

ARRA funding

Reason: To fill a vacancy (Resignation – J. Dyer)

Funding: ARRA Funding (1st step)

3. Elizabeth Cook Robillard Reading Specialist (2/5 time) – Rockwell

Effective: For the 2009-10 School Year only,

pending receipt of ARRA funding

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: ARRA Funding (10th step/M+30)

B. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the School of the 21st Century, Before and After School Program, as listed below (pending sufficient enrollment to warrant running this program and DCYF CANTS clearance):

1. Emily Pearce-Spence Child Care Site Coordinator (Part Time)

Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the

2009-10 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

C. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote of September 14, 2009 as listed below:

INTRAMURAL COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

- 1. Soccer Coach John DaSilva**

D. 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 2009-10 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

WINTER COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Basketball (Boys) Head Coach Michael Topazio**
- 2. Basketball (Boys) Asst. Coach Christopher Munzert**
- 3. Basketball (Boys) Asst. Coach William St. Vincent**
- 4. Basketball (Girls) Head Coach Michael Almeida**
- 5. Basketball (Girls) Asst. Coach John Castriotta**
- 6. Cheerleading (Competition) Head Coach Debra Marshall**
- 7. Gymnastics Head Coach Melissa Gendreau**
- 8. Special Olympics Co-Head Coach Susan Carlson**
- 9. Special Olympics Co-Head Coach Wanda Lukas**

10. Swimming Head Coach Jonathan Dell

11. Swimming Asst. Coach Rebecca Duggan

ADVISORS

12. Choral Director Virginia Boyle

13. Drama Club Carol Schlink

14. Gardner/Burke Carol Schlink

15. Science Olympiad Marcia King

INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

16. Soccer Asst. Coach John DaSilva

E. HIGH SCHOOL EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the 2009-10 session only of the Mt. Hope High School Extended Day Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

1. Brad Rodrigues Social Studies Teacher

2. Shana Leffingwell Support Teacher

3. Jacqueline Reynolds Support Teacher

F. NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF: That the School Committee

confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to re-appoint the following individuals to the non-certified staff positions listed below for the 2009-10 school year only (pending adequate Federal, State and local funding and contingent upon adequate enrollment and program renewal):

Name Program Assignment

- 1. Nancy Keyworth Parents as Teachers Educator**
- 2. Emily Pearce-Spence Parents as Teachers Educator**

G. 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. Elise M. Arsenault General Subject Matter**
- 2. Dawn M. Bolla General Subject Matter**
- 3. Rosalee A. Brocuglio Elementary**
- 4. Susana M. Burke General Subject Matter**
- 5. Matthew P. Collins General Subject Matter**
- 6. Nathan M. Gallison General Subject Matter**
- 7. Amy Kneath Elementary/Sp.Ed.**

8. Mark B. Laroche Gen. Science/Biolog. Science

9. Bradford N. Lombardi General Subject Matter

10. Kristin M. Mercier Elementary

H. CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following application for a classified substitute pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE

1. Edward Rene, Jr.

I. RESIGNATION: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Sherry Reis from the position of Child Care Provider as listed below:

1. Sherry Reis Child Care Provider

Effective: Immediately

Reason: Personal

Item D. 16.:

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve Item D. 16 of Recommendation S2009-50; Mrs. Arsenault seconded. Mrs. McBride asked for clarification on this appointment; she cannot support the

recommendation, she does not know if it is a boys' or girls' team or whether we have the funds to support it. Dr. Mara explained it was thought that Kickemuit had an intramural team; after meeting with the Athletic Director of Kickemuit he and Mrs. Correia learned that because of the large number of girls who wish to play, the decision was made to fund this position out of the intramural funds made available to them. An intramural team is co-ed, for students who do not make the interscholastic team. An assistant coach is needed for this year; the AD will watch the numbers for subsequent years. The reasoning behind the intramural coach was to provide funding so that students who were interested in playing would not be turned away. Mrs. Lynch recused herself from this vote because her daughter plays on this team.

The motion to approve passed by a vote of 6 to 1 with Mrs. Lynch recused and Mrs. McBride opposed.

Item G.1.:

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mrs. Lynch seconded. Mrs. Arsenault recused herself from this vote—the candidate is her daughter.

The motion to approve passed by a vote of 7 to 0 with Mrs. Arsenault recused.

Recommendation #S 2009-51: That the School Committee, upon the

recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approved the revised School Committee policy exhibit JHCC-E Policy Relating to HIV/Hepatitis Infected Students and Employees.

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. Mrs. McBride mentioned that Exhibits do not need School Committee approval, they can be changed at will. Regarding item B on P.1, Mr. O'Dell asked if there is a legal difference between the words "to insure" and "to protect"; Attorney Henneous replied there is not. Mr. O'Dell also asked about the last sentence in Section 6 on P.3 "All district/school employees and/or student who receive this information are bound by state and federal confidentiality laws." Is there any responsibility administration must assume? Mr. Henneous said administration must only inform students this information is confidential, the District has no liability in this respect. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2009-52: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the requests of three Bristol families to home school their children (NL, Gr 1; PK, Gr 9; CC, Gr 5) for the 2009-2010 school year, adhering to the requirements as set forth by the Bristol Warren Regional School District.

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Recommendation #S 2009-40: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Personnel/ Contract Negotiation Subcommittee, approve the Administrators' contracts as presented.

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

Recommendation #S2009-48: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/ Facilities Subcommittee, approve the RISE energy recommendations for heating controls and motors at Mt. Hope High School as outlined in the energy report submitted by RISE.

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to table; Mrs. McBride seconded. Mr. O'Dell commented that he spoke with Mrs. Correia and became comfortable with his understanding of these figures and this recommendation will be taken up at the Budget Subcommittee meeting. The motion to table passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Recommendation #S2009-53: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the RISE energy recommendations to upgrade the lighting at Mt. Hope High School as outlined in the report of the Director of Administration and Finance.

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to table. Mrs. McBride seconded. The

motion to table passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 PM

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mr. Brule, motioned to adjourn at 8:30 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary

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