

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010**

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, April 26, 2010, 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 7:05 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; Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario J. Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, 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.

Accolades

In March, we recognized Mt. Hope High School's Science Fair Winners, who participated in the Rhode Island Science and Engineering Fair at CCRI on March 27th. We are proud to report that the following students received awards for their science fair projects:

Vivian Ramos Killer Plants - Best of Fair medal ;V Top 10 in the fair ;V received a Proclamation from the Senate to attend a reception at the State House.

Elysha Grant Daphnia and Pollution ;V 1st Place medal and 5 Special Awards: Save the Bay \$100.00 savings bond, Coastal Resource Management savings bond, Museum of Natural History, Narragansett Bay Commission, and a \$1,000 renewable scholarship from CCRI.

Hillary Mulvey Is Garlic the Answer to Superbugs ;V 1st Place medal and 2 Special Awards: \$50.00 cash prize from the Northeast Institute of Food Technologists and Honorable Mention from Toxics Information Project.

Corianna Mascena Is it Safe to Reuse Water Bottles? ;V 2nd Place medal, a Special Award of \$75.00 savings bond and a trophy from RI Water Works Association.

Demetre Ellinwood &

Brent Flannery Predicting Infectability ;V 1st Place medal.

Kenzie Castriotta Face Masks and Cooked Rice;KHow Does B.cereus Relate? ;V 2nd Place medal.

Jeremiah Alves Heat it Up But Slow it Down ;V 2nd Place medal.

Adam Hamel Stressed Out: The Effects of Stress on the Knee ;V 3rd

Place medal

Cassidy Cabral Hair's the Scoop on Lightening Hair- 3rd Place medal.

Courtney Bragantin Heat and Food Contamination ¡V 3rd Place medal.

Also, the Kickemuit Middle School 7th and 8th grade bands gave outstanding performances at the RI Middle School Band Festival on April 12, 2010. The 7th grade band earned a bronze award for their performance, and the 8th grade band earned a silver award, as well as, the highest marks for any band from Kickemuit Middle School in the last 12 years.

We are also grateful for the efforts and commitment put forth by the custodial and maintenance staff during the recent flooding of the Bristol and Warren area. They took extraordinary measures to make our schools ready to receive students on the day after the flooding. A heartfelt thank you to:

George Simmons Mario Teixeira Mike Santos

Robert Santos Mike Ferreira Agostinho Teixeira

Dave Nappi Frank Aguiar Mike Ferrara

Joe Fernandes Roosevelt Taylor George Machado

John Germano Dennis Gaulin Silverio Borges

Jim Santos Dave Delemater

Congratulations to Abigail Carney from Mt. Hope High School for receiving the American Visions Medal and the Gold Key from the National Scholastic Art & Writing Award for her "Turtle" sculpture. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation's largest scholarship and recognition program for teenage artists and writers. More than 165,000 works of art and writing were submitted to the regional programs. Abigail's national award-winning work was among the top 1% of all the works submitted this year. Abigail was invited by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers to attend the National Celebration in New York City on June 9-10.

Mt. Hope High School Winter Sports 2009-2010

Boys Basketball

Justin Maurice 2nd Team All-Division II South and Scored 1,000 points

Girls Basketball

Mara Newland 2nd Team All-Division II East

Chelsea McWilliams 3rd Team All-Division II East

Brittany Terra Honorable Mention

Christie Ribeiro Honorable Mention

Competition Cheerleading

Abbigale Booth All Around Selection

Amanda DaCosta All Around Selection

Catelynn DaCosta All Around Selection

Jessica Varrichione All Around Selection

Gymnastics

Congratulations to the Mt. Hope Gymnastics Team for winning the Division II State Championship and the Sportsmanship Award.

Kyle MacGovern 1st Team All-Division II

Allison Borowick 1st Team All-Division II

Lauren Irons 1st Team All-Division II

Chelsea Francis 3rd Team All-Division II

Hockey

Congratulations to the Mt. Hope Hockey Team and their coaches, Matt Grieve and Kyle Mello, on winning the Division III State Championship.

Kevin Nerone 1st Team All-Division III

Edward Botelho 1st Team All-Division III and winner of this season's

William Thayer Memorial hockey award

Alexander Curry 2nd Team All-Division III

Gian DiMezza 2nd Team All-Division III

Tyler Silva Most Valuable Player

Boys Indoor Track

Benjamin Hamel Academic All-State Metropolitan Division

Girls Indoor Track (Sullivan Division)

Meghan Rainville 2nd Team All-Division 600m & 4x800m relay

3rd Team All-Division 4x400m relay

Margaret Azar 2nd Team All-Division 4x800m relay

3rd Team 4x400m relay

Andrea Pereira 2nd Team Al.-Division 4x800m relay

Victoria Campo 2nd Team All-Division 4x800m relay

Meghan McMullen 3rd Team All-Division 600m, High Jump, 4x400m relay,

and 6th place in Triple Jump

Victoria Pereira 3rd Team All-Division 300m

Emily Cambrola 3rd Team All-Division 4x400m relay

Wrestling

Congratulations to the Mt. Hope Wrestling Team on winning the Division II and Sectional Championships.

Zachary Ziobro All-State & All-Division II, and achieved 100 wins

Corey Burke All-Division II

Bailey Ziobro All-Division II

Jonathan Teixeira All-Division II

Thomas Lombardo All-Division II

Kyle Sousa All-Division II

John Cabral All-Division II

Douglas Sampson All-Division II

Benjamin Arruda All-Division II, and achieved 100 wins

Byron Thibaudeau All-Division II

Alan St. Vincent 2nd Team All-Division II

Unified Bowling Team Special Olympic Medal Winners

Congratulations to the Unified Bowling Team, who competed in the state tournament on Saturday, March 20, 2010.

Joshua Leitao Gold Medal (Unified Partner)

Marina Temple Gold Medal

Ryan Miranda Gold Medal

Connor Devin Gold Medal

Jaquelyn Doyle Silver Medal

Alexandria Fisher Silver Medal (Unified Partner)

Thomas Lake Silver Medal

Harry Emery Bronze Medal

Zelinna Garcia Bronze Medal

Matthew Coccio Bronze Medal

Benjamin Mosher Bronze Medal (Unified Partner)

The State and National Principal of the Year Awards programs annually recognize outstanding secondary school leaders who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students. These principals are acknowledged by their peers for the exemplary contributions they have made to the profession. The

following are only a few of the nearly 20 selection criteria used:

fæ Involves teachers, staff members, parents, students, and the community in achieving the goals of the school

fæ Observes, supervises, and evaluates teachers and instructional programs to maximize the learning opportunities both for every teacher and for every student

fæ Establishes and maintains a positive school climate that reflects high student and staff morale

fæ Models values, beliefs, and attitudes that inspire others to higher levels of performance

We are proud to say that our own, Jaime Crowley, was selected as this year's Assistant Principal of the Year. The national principals of the year (one middle level and one high school) will be selected from the state honorees and will be announced in September 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Silva removed item F.1. of Superintendent's Recommendation #S 2010-17 for further discussion in Executive Session.

Mrs. Arsenault requested to remove the reports of the Assistant Superintendent, the Executive Director of Literacy and the Director of Pupil Personnel Services from the consent vote.

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

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to seal the minutes to the March 22 Executive Session; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

BUDGET FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. O'Dell said the May 17 meeting was going to be held at Mt. Hope to accommodate more people but with the turn out at the last meeting, the location change is not necessary and will instead be held at the Superintendent's Office beginning at 6:30 PM. There will also be a very short meeting on May 10.

POLICY/ COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

In Mrs. Campbell's absence, Mrs. Arsenault reported the May meeting is cancelled.

PERSONNEL/ CONTRACT NEGOTIATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Saviano said there is nothing to report.

FUTURE ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES TASK FORCE

Mrs. Lynch said the Task Force is in a holding pattern, waiting for a response from the Town Councils on amendments to enabling legislation. Mr. Silva said correspondence has been sent out again to the Bristol and Warren Town Councils to place this matter on their agendas. Mr. O'Dell asked if there will be sufficient time to put the matter on the November ballot should the Councils be in favor. Mr. Silva confirmed that there will, if it is voted on in May.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Mr. Silva had nothing to discuss.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation # S2010-17 ¶ PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the position of Secondary Mathematics Intervention Specialist as listed below:

1. Maria Sabetta Mathematics Intervention Specialist -Mt. Hope HS

Effective: March 29, 2010, for the remainder

of the 2009-10 school year only

Reason: To fill a vacancy in accordance with grant funding

Funding: Title II

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

HEALTHY HUSKIES WELLNESS CENTER/GYM AREA SUPERVISORS

1. Supervisor (Summer) Roland Rodrigues
2. After School Gym Area Supervisor (4th Quarter) ** Bryan Travers

ADVISORS

3. SADD ** Manuel Benevides *

* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

** Funded by Warren Substance Abuse Task Force

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

Name Position

1. Maria Sabetta Mathematics Teacher

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. Lisa C. Abbatomarco General Subject Matter**
- 2. Mary C. Fitzgerald Business Education**
- 3. Blake B. Hayden General Subject Matter**
- 4. Keri C. Lee General Subject Matter**
- 5. Barbara L. Schaffer Elementary/Sp.Ed.**
- 6. Helene B. Steel General Subject Matter**
- 7. Alana E. Steinhardt General Subject Matter**

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. Marianne Constancia**
- 2. Elizabeth M. Curry**

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE

3. Michael J. Ramos

4. Thomas M. Vinacco

F. LEAVES OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant leaves of absence for a Middle School Music Teacher and a Secretary as follows:

1. Elisabeth G. Vincze Music Teacher ;V Kickemuit Middle

Effective: For the 2010-11 school year

Reason: Professional Leave in accordance with Article 21, Section D of the Master Agreement

2. Elizabeth Patton Secretary ;V Mt. Hope High

Effective: April 5, 2010 through June 11, 2010, pending release from physician

Reason: Leave in accordance with Article 20 of the Master Agreement

G. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of John C. Mello from the position of Assistant Football Coach and Elias

D. Garcia from the position of Head Baseball Coach as listed below:

1. John C. Mello Assistant Football Coach jV Mt. Hope High

Effective: Immediately

Reason: Personal

2. Elias D. Garcia Head Baseball Coach jV Mt. Hope High

Effective: April 16, 2010

Reason: Dismissal

H. SUSPENSION, NON-RENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: Based on the uncertainty of sufficient Federal, State and local funding for general and categorical programs for the 2010-11 school year, and program reductions, consolidation of classes, re-alignment of staff and elimination of positions to more efficiently and effectively use the school system's assets, the Superintendent recommends to the School Committee the termination/ non-renewal of the following listed personnel effective the last day of the 2009-10 school year:

1. Maria Sabetta

Item F.1. will be discussed in Executive Session.

Recommendation #S 2010-18: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the 2010-2011 Student Calendar.

MOTION: Mr. Oj'Dell motioned to approve; Mr. Brule seconded. Mrs. Arsenault requested the notation at the bottom of the calendar regarding School Committee meetings be changed to reflect one workshop for in depth discussions and one meeting for business matters. Mr. Silva appreciated the suggestion but the meeting arrangements are a School Committee policy and any changes would have to be taken up with the Policy Subcommittee. Mr. Saviano moved the motion. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Recommendation #S 2010-19: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy Regulation EEAC-R School Bus Safety Program

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve; Mrs. McBride seconded. Mr. Oj'Dell would like to see stronger language in regards to the bus inspections. Mrs. McBride agreed. Mrs. Thies explained a check will be done prior to the start of the school for contract compliance. Mr. Oj'Dell felt it was a safety and compliance issue.

MOTION: Mr. Oj'Dell motioned to table and refer back to the Policy

Subcommittee for reconsideration. Mrs. Arsenault seconded. The motion to table passed by a vote of 8 to 0. Mr. Silva asked Mr. Ojeda to provide his preferred language to the Superintendent.

Recommendation #S 2010-20: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy Regulation JFCC-R Student Conduct on School Buses

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve; Mr. Ojeda seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2010-21: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy Regulation EEACC-R Student Conduct on School Buses

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve; Mr. Ojeda seconded. Mrs. Arsenault mentioned these regulations refer to specific policies available at Administration, both town libraries and on line. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2010-22: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy JHFD Student Automobile Use (1st Reading)

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve. Mrs. McBride seconded. Mr. O'Dell asked legally what makes a policy versus a regulation. Mrs. McBride explained it has to do with the way it is worded in the policy book which is guided by a national policy group. Attorney Henneous added regulations are not based on state law. Mr. Silva asked how we know if someone is parking illegally if we do not require staff to have parking stickers. Mrs. Thies said all the spaces in the faculty lot are numbered but may not be assigned; she will look into this. Mrs. Arsenault said there is a staff person stationed at the student lot presumably to assure safe arrivals and check for parking privileges; the good thing about this policy is high school administration suggested that juniors in good standing be permitted to use the lot. Mrs. Thies added we are working for programming to honor good behavior rather than to always take punitive measures. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2010-23: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, award the bid for window replacement at Mt.

Hope High School.

Mrs. Thies withdrew this recommendation for referral back to the Budget Subcommittee.

Recommendation #S 2010-24: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, adopt a resolution regarding the municipal sign-off of contracts.

MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve. Mrs. McBride seconded. Mrs. Thies asked to withdraw this recommendation in order to confer with legal counsel. Mr. Saviano respectfully disagreed with this action because of the timeliness of this issue. Mrs. Thies said the bill does not include regional districts. Mr. Saviano felt we should support the disapproval because if it passes, something that does affect us will come around. Mrs. Arsenault agreed the Committee should voice their opinion but if timing becomes an issue, a special meeting can be called. Mr. Silva is open to this idea. The motion is withdrawn.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Arsenault thanked Dr. Andrade for supplying the requested NECAP details. Mrs. Arsenault's reason for requesting these reports be removed from the consent vote is to bring them, and the amazing things going on in the District, to the attention of the public; she

suggested links on the District website to these reports.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to accept the report of the Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Brule seconded. The motion to accept passed unanimously.

Report of the Executive Director of Literacy

Mrs. Arsenault was very pleased about the math lab classroom openings which, thanks to the Superintendent, are open to any teacher. She is also excited about the reading pilot program and Fifth Grade Day. Mrs. Almeida explained the reading program, obtained through special grant funding, was started on a small scale of five students who are reading resistant with the hope the music/ mind connection will be successful. This is the third year for Fifth Grade Day at Roger Williams University; next year, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades will have a day there.

Mrs. Thies added that strengthening the partnership with the University is part of our District-wide goals; we start preparation for college/career readiness early on and Roger Williams has been a generous partner. Mrs. McBride expressed extreme disappointment with the level of work Roger Williams does in this Town for our elementary students saying for ten years they have not been able to rise to the occasion on anything and that perhaps in the future they can be present in our elementary schools beyond student teaching.

Mr. Saviano was also saddened by the fact that Roger Williams was working with the Gordon School when we have made attempts at expanding participation with them to no avail. Mrs. Linda Bruno, 3rd grade teacher at Guiteras, challenged Mrs. McBride's comment stating there are quite a few Roger Williams students in their building each day, some for their practicum and some to help students. Mrs. McBride acknowledged the school's appreciation of the students' presence and that the students helped out tremendously when we moved back into Colt Andrews, but she refers to something more specific, of which this Committee and the University are aware. Mrs. Thies said the partnership with the Gordon School is a master teacher partnership; we are exploring the self same model; we are moving forward to build the relationship and have met with Roger Williams along with the Commissioner and the President of the Bristol Town Council about how to develop other models such as a hybrid model of a partnership school; in the interim, we have found a good fit between Mt. Hope High School and the University for college readiness.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to accept the report of the Director of Literacy; Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Mrs. Arsenault was concerned about the number of problems with contacting people to schedule kindergarten screenings; she recommended going through the local pre-schools and running

sessions after church services.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to accept the report of the Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Mr. Silva commented that the "Anything Goes" musical begins Thursday evening at Mt. Hope High School in the auditorium; Mr. Pellerin is participating; the show is very entertaining and he encouraged everyone to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 8:14 PM

MOTION: In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Brule motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:14 PM for legal advice and to discuss a personnel issue; action will be taken when open session resumes. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING 8:58 PM

In Executive Session, the Committee received legal advice from Attorney Henneous. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Superintendent's Recommendation # S2010-17, F.1. PERSONNEL

MOTION: Mr. Saviano motioned to approve; Mr. Odell seconded. Mrs. Arsenault announced she will recuse herself from this vote. Mr. Silva added that Mrs. Arsenault recused herself from this discussion

during Executive Session as well. Mrs. Lynch wished to stipulate that this action does not set any precedent.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano amended his motion to approve Superintendent's Recommendation # S2010-17, F.I., with the stipulation that an agreement with the BWEA be made that this action does not establish a precedent. Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion to amend passed by a vote of 5 to 2 with Mrs. McBride and Mr. Brule opposed and Mrs. Arsenault recused.

The motion to approve as amended passed by a vote of 5 to 2 with Mrs. McBride and Mr. Brule opposed and Mrs. Arsenault recused.

ADJOURNMENT 9:03 PM

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Brule, seconded by Mr. O'Dell, motioned to adjourn at 9:03 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary

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