

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012**

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, April 9, 2012, in the cafeteria of Kickemuit Middle School, 525 Child Street in Warren, RI. The Chairperson, John C. Bento, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 PM.

Present: John C. Bento, Chair, Paul Silva, Vice-Chair, Karen A. Lynch, Secretary, Diana B. Campbell, Marjorie J. McBride, Susan Rancourt 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; and Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I

Absent: Denise R. Arsenault and William M. O'Dell

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Accolades

Congratulations are in order for several Mt Hope High School and Kickemuit Middle School athletes who competed in the State Unified Bowling Tournament in March. Other than family members, there are few people who are closer than teammates. Somehow, their common pursuit against the odds, that shared moment of victory or defeat, brings even the most diverse people together.

Special Olympics Unified Sports combines traditional Special Olympics athletes and “partners” on sports teams for training and competition. Using sports to help break down barriers that have historically kept people apart, Unified Sports promotes meaningful inclusion and acceptance of people with disabilities in the community. Unified Sports is particularly successful in school settings, creating an inclusive environment where everyone benefits. The Bristol Warren Huskies have been involved in the Unified Bowling program for close to 20 years now. They bowl on Saturdays at Dudek Bowling Alley. The owner, Scott Manzi, has been very generous to our team over the years. We are most appreciative to him for his continued support of Unified Sports.

Receiving GOLD Medals for their performances were:

Athlete - Kathryn Blair

Athlete – Tyesha Bliss

Athlete – Ryan Miranda

Partner – Josh Leitao

Receiving SILVER Medals were:

Athlete - Shannon Bethune

Athlete – Ashley Hicks

Athlete – Matt Coccio

Athlete – Randy Pullen

Partner – Andrea Pereira

Athlete – Xavier Taylor

Partner – Alex Temple

Receiving BRONZE Medals were:

Athlete – Zelinna Garcia

Athlete - Hunter Thresher

Athlete – Scott Russell

Athlete – Justin Maturi

Athlete - Donte DaCosta

Partner – Sarah Russell

The athletes, members of the Bristol Warren Special Olympics Team, will now compete in the East Bay Track and Field Games, scheduled for Saturday, April 14th. Good Luck to all!

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC FORUM

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:15 PM

MOTION: In accordance with open meetings law 42-26-5(a)(2), at 7:15

PM Mrs. McBride motioned to go into Executive Session for an update on BWEA Contract Negotiations and Council 94 Contract Negotiations; Mrs. Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

For the record, Mr. Silva announced that he will recuse himself from the Council 94 Contract discussion.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 7:32 PM

Mr. Bento reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

S2012-12 A: PERSONNEL

A. SUSPENSION, NONRENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote(s) of February 13, 2012 and February 27, 2012 as to the following listed teachers and appoint the listed teachers to the positions indicated:

Name Anticipated Assignment

- 1. Andre Arsenault Middle School Music**
- 2. Christine Bean Secondary Science**
- 3. Susan Beck Elementary**
- 4. Jeffrey Blanchet Middle School Mathematics**
- 5. Sara Bogdon Elementary Math Specialist**
- 6. Caitlin Booth Secondary Mathematics**
- 7. Stephanie Breitmaier Elementary Special Educator**

- 8. Siobhan Brosnan Secondary Science**
- 9. Kendra Cabral Elementary**
- 10. Laura Cabral Secondary Librarian**
- 11. Nicole Correia Elementary**
- 12. Augusta Costa Secondary Foreign Language**
- 13. Deborah Coury Secondary Special Educator**
- 14. Sarah Coute Early Childhood**
- 15. Sarah Coyne Secondary Foreign Language**
- 16. Vanessa Cronan Elementary**
- 17. Joanna Davis Elementary Special Educator**
- 18. Carrie Devine Secondary English**
- 19. John Dexheimer School Psychologist**
- 20. Stacy Dunning Elementary**
- 21. Norman Fortin Social Worker**
- 22. Maureen Gauthier Secondary Business**
- 23. Erin Gill Elementary Special Educator**
- 24. Jeffrey Grifka Middle School Social Studies**
- 25. Victoria Guthlein Secondary Special Educator**
- 26. Sarah Jacobs Elementary Art**
- 27. John Keefe Middle School Art**
- 28. Peter Kells Elementary Health/Physical Education**
- 29. Kristen Kirwin Early Childhood**
- 30. Amy Kneath Early Childhood Special Educator**
- 31. Jillian LaFazia Elementary Special Educator**
- 32. Christopher Lambert Secondary Music**
- 33. Melanie Lane Social Worker**

- 34. Emily McCaffrey Middle School English**
- 35. Katelyn McCanna Elementary Special Educator**
- 36. Samantha Medeiros Middle School Social Studies**
- 37. Jennifer Mello Elementary**
- 38. Noelle Mello Elementary**
- 39. Rebecca Peluso Elementary Special Educator**
- 40. Denise Rochefort School Nurse**
- 41. Jessica Rowe Elementary**
- 42. Whitney Ruggeri Elementary Special Educator**
- 43. Carol Schlink Secondary Drama**
- 44. Laurel Thayer Secondary Home Economics**
- 45. Sarah Thurber Speech/Language Pathologist**
- 46. Glenn Valentine Secondary Science**
- 47. Jennifer Winsor Speech/Language Pathologist**

**MOTION: Mr. Silva motioned to approve; Mrs. McBride seconded.
The motion passed unanimously.**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS DISCUSSION

Superintendent Thies stated in order to move forward with her own goals, School Committee goals need to be clarified and the last discussion by the School Committee on their goals was August of 2010. The Policy Subcommittee asked Mrs. Thies to contact the District Management Council to secure a facilitator; a facilitator from DMC was very successfully used by the East Bay Collaborative Board

to develop their goals at a recent retreat. The same individual is available to the School Committee; Mrs. Thies will provide him with her own goals, the District's Strategic Plan, as well as the School Committee goals as they exist at this time. One six-hour session would most likely be needed.

In response to Mr. Saviano, Mrs. Thies said the cost of the facilitator is competitive and within the parameters to make it worth the investment.

Mrs. Campbell stated she always felt School Committee goals were very important, especially in such difficult times; she felt the Committee may want to include some of the comments made by Mrs. Chase at the Joint Finance meeting. Mrs. Campbell feels an outside facilitator will be good for the Committee and applauds this idea.

Mrs. Thies said the session would start mid-afternoon. Most members felt a Monday would be best; Mr. Bento is away mid-May and Mrs. Campbell is on vacation at the end of May. For location, Mrs. McBride favors the Mt. Hope Library; there were no objections. Mr. Silva suggested a few dates be posed in advance.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Wellness Week

Mrs. Campbell asked that accolades for Wellness Week Activities be

scheduled after Wellness Week, April 30 to May 4. Mr. Bento offered the May Workshop.

Budget Updates

Mr. Bento directed that “Budget Update” be included regularly as a Future Agenda Item.

Robotics

Mr. Silva mentioned the Robotics Program is having a fundraiser on Thursday night at Linden Place to raise money for the trip to the national competition in St. Louis; tickets for both the meal and activities are \$10, and tickets to partake in the activities alone—silent auction, 50/50, raffles and door prizes, are \$5.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:45 PM

At 7:45 PM Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McBride, motioned to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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