

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, September 10, 2012, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, John C. Bento, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

**Present:** John C. Bento, Chair; Karen A. Lynch, Secretary; Denise Arsenault, Diana B. Campbell, Marjorie J. McBride, William O'Dell, John P. Saviano and Paul Silva; Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario J. Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Almeida, Director of Literacy; Leslie Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel; Pauline Silva, Director of Administration

**Absent:** Susan Rancourt and Andrew Henneous

**OPENING BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Mrs. McBride motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Thies took the opportunity to introduce Lauren Fezette LePage and welcomed her to the Bristol Warren Regional School District. Ms. Fezette-LePage will be the school psychologist for Colt Andrews and Guiteras Schools. She brings with her a lot of enthusiasm, energy and a knowledge base in supporting students.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES**

**Recommendation #S2012-38 A-G: Consent Agenda - Personnel**

**A. GCD APPOINTMENTS:** That the School Committee confirm the Superintendent's appointment of the following applicant to the position of Elementary School Psychologist in accordance with Section GCD of the School Committee Bylaws as follows:

**1. Lauren Fezette LePage School Psychologist – Colt  
Andrews/Guiteras**

**Effective: September 4, 2012, for the  
remainder of the 2012-13  
school**

**year, pending satisfactory  
completion of pre-  
employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy  
(Retirement-P. Dexheimer)**

**Funding: Operational Budget  
(1st Step/CAGS)**

**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 2012-13 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):**

**FALL COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH**

**Sport Position Coach**

- 1. Soccer (Girls) Asst. Coach Emily Baniukiewicz \***

**ADVISORS**

- 2. Class of 2016 Karen Vendituoli**
- 3. Debate Team Geoffrey Keegan**
- 4. Robotics Ryan Garrity**
- 5. Symphonic Band Christopher  
Lambert**

**6. Yearbook (Co-Advisor) Sarah Richards**

**\* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**C. SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals as Part Time Special Education Consultants for the 2012-13 school year contingent upon funding and student needs:**

**Name Position Funding**

- 1. Samantha Cruz \* Nurse Operational Budget**
- 2. Ann Leary Nurse Operational Budget**
- 3. Rosia Beaulieu Speech/Language Pathologist IDEA**
- 4. Elizabeth Rego Occupational Therapist Operational Budget**
- 5. Carol Russell Resource Consultant IDEA**

**\* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**D. HIGH SCHOOL EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the 2012-13 session only of the Mt. Hope High School Extended Day Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:**

**Name Position**

- 1. Jacqueline Reynolds Support Teacher**
- 2. Diane Nappi Support Teacher**
- 3. Mary Linda Soderlund Support Teacher/English Teacher**
- 4. Bethany Balzano English Teacher**
- 5. Kristin N. Carbone Mathematics Teacher**
- 6. John Castriotta Mathematics Teacher**
- 7. Paula Faria PBGR Recovery Teacher**
- 8. Raquel Goulart Science Teacher**
- 9. Joseph Koger Science Teacher**
- 10. Brad Rodrigues Social Studies Teacher**

**E. 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. Melissa S. Benevides Elementary**
- 2. Samantha A. Danielian General Subject Matter**
- 3. Kristen A. King General Subject Matter**
- 4. John C. Lawless General Subject Matter**

**5. Elizabeth A. Raducha Elementary/Sp.Ed.**

**F. LEAVES OF ABSENCE:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for a Secondary Health/Physical Education Teacher as follows:

**1. Caitlin Toevs Health/Physical Ed. Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: November 16, 2012, for 6-8 weeks**

**Reason: Maternity leave in accordance with Article 21, Section L1 of the Master Agreement**

**G. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Nancy W. Keysor from the position of Elementary Reading Specialist as listed below:

**1. Nancy W. Keysor Reading Specialist – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: August 29, 2012**

**Reason: Personal**

**Recommendation #S2012-39: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of three (3) Bristol families to home school their children for the 2012-2013 school year, adhering to all requirements as set forth by the Bristol Warren Regional School District.**

**MOTION: Mrs. Campbell motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 1 with Mrs. McBride opposed.**

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Mrs. Campbell requested that a follow-up on School Committee Goals be addressed at a future meeting before a new person comes on.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:05 PM**

**MOTION: In accordance with open meetings law 42-46-5(a) (2), at 7:05 PM, Mrs. Silva motioned to go into Executive Session for a discussion of the Council 94 Collective Bargaining Update; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. For the record, Mr. Silva recused himself from the Executive Session.**

**MOTION: At 7:22 PM Mrs. Campbell motioned to adjourn Executive**

**Session; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:22 PM**

**MOTION: At 7:22 PM Mrs. McBride motioned to adjourn; Mrs. Campbell seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen A. Lynch, Secretary**

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