

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013**

**The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 PM.**

**Present: Paul Silva, Chairman; John Bento, Vice-Chairman; (7:49 p.m.) Susan Rancourt Treasurer; (7:42 p.m.), Karen Lynch, Secretary; Diana Campbell, Marjorie McBride, William O'Dell, John Saviano, and Lynn Wainwright; Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario J. Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, Director of Administration and Finance; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor**

**OPENING BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There was no public comment.**

**ACCOLADES**

**Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for**

**their selection to the All State/All Division Football team:**

**Jesse Raiola – Division II-A, 1st Team**

**Nick Murgo – Division II-A, 1st Team**

**Byron Thibaudeau – Division II-A, 1st Team**

**Kyle Valenzuela – Division II-A, 2nd Team**

**Jonathan DaPonte – Division II-A, 2nd Team**

**Jared Ramos – Division II-A, 2nd Team**

**Josh Hunt – Division II-A, 2nd Team**

**Tevin Jones – Division II-A, 1st Team**

**Bailey Ziobro – Division II-A, 1st Team**

**Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for being selected by the Rhode Island Girls Soccer Coaches Association to the All State/All Division Girls Soccer Team:**

**Victoria Campo – Division I**

**Alexis Vieira – Division I**

**Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for being selected to the All State/All Division Boys Soccer Team:**

**Brandon Kemmy – All Division II – 1st Team**

**Matthew Cabral – All Division II – 3rd Team**

**Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for being selected to the All State/All Division Tennis Team:**

**Lauren Fletcher – Division III–East, 1st Team, Singles**

**Alyson Dion – Division III-East, 2nd Team, Singles**

**Haley Ferreira – Division III-East, 2nd Team, Singles**

**Simone Verria – Division III-East, 2nd Team, Singles**

**Marisa Silva – Division III-East, 1st Team, Doubles**

**Destinee DeSousa – Division III-East, 1st Team, Doubles**

**Lauren Manuel – Division III-East, 2nd Team, Doubles**

**Sophie Costa – Division III-East, 2nd Team Doubles**

**Congratulations to Mt. Hope High School student, Jacob Silva, for State Meet Qualifier placement, Boys Indoor Track.**

**Congratulations to Mt. Hope High School student, Karina Tavares, for selection to 3rd Team All Headley Division, Girls Indoor Track.**

**Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for being selected to the All Division Wrestling Team, 1st Team:**

**Dominic Lombardo**

**Jared Sousa**

**Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for being selected to the All Division Wrestling Team, 2nd Team:**

**Bailey Ziobro**

**Byron Thibaudeau**

**Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for being selected to the All State Wrestling Team, 2nd Team:**

**Bailey Ziobro**

**Christian Torres**

**Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for placing 4th in Division II Gymnastics:**

**Lauren Irons**

**Jordan Masaitis**

**Congratulations to Lauren Irons for being selected to the All State Gymnastics Team.**

**Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School Students for being selected to the All State/All Division Girls Basketball Team:**

**Lauren Fletcher – Honorable Mention – All Division II, 1st Team-D II-East**

**Emma Pattie – 2nd Team Division II-East**

**Marisa Silva – 3rd Team Division II-East**

**Rhys Webb – Honorable Mention Division II-East**

**Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for being selected to the All State/All Division Ice Hockey Team:**

**Justin Correia – 1st Team, Division II Central**

**Ross Hogan – 2nd Team, Division II Central**

**Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for being selected to the All State/All Division Boys Basketball Team:**

**Matt Scott, Division III Top 10, 1st Team**

**Ben Francis, Division III Top 10, 2nd Team**

**Kyle Valenzuela, Division III Top 10, 2nd Team**

**Congratulations to the following Guiteras and Hugh Cole students for winning cash prizes at the Bristol County Water Authority Poster Contest:**

**Guiteras:**

**Samuel Merriam – Grade 3, \$50 prize**

**Hugh Cole:**

**Elena Oliveira – Grade K, \$50**

**Zack Saotome – Grade K, \$25**

**Reese Pavao – Grade 3, \$50**

**Ben Flynn – Grade 3, \$25**

**Congratulations to the following Hugh Cole students for placing runner-up at the Bristol County Water Authority Poster Contest:**

**Taylor Beauvais – Grade 3**

**Dayton VanAmberg – Grade 3**

**Madison Cabral – Grade 3**

**Noah Furtado – Grade 3**

**Gala Aftan – Grade K**

**Madison Pacheco - Grade K**

**Jasmine Motta - Grade K**

**Jasmine Dutra – Grade K**

**We would like to recognize the following Bristol Warren Regional School District educators for acting above and beyond the call of duty ensuring the safety and well-being of students during the recent Boston Marathon bombing:**

**Andrew Sabourin**

**Geoff Keegan**

**Christopher Lambert**

**Mrs. Thies stated that the above recognition was brought to the District's attention when a parent, Mrs. Baldwin, emailed outlining the events that unfolded that day concerning her daughter and friend. Mrs. Thies read the email to those present. The email stated that Mrs. Baldwin's daughter and friend took the train to the marathon and looked forward to seeing all the runners, but especially to see Mr.**

**Andrew Sabourin participate in the marathon. The bombs went off just a block away from where her daughter and friend were standing. They were not hurt, but were scared and unsure of how they would get home as the trains were not running. Mr. Sabourin, after just running 26 miles, contacted Mr. Geoff Keegan who was in Boston as well and together they arranged for the girls to get to the subway to meet up with Mr. Keegan and Mr. Lambert where they were able to get a ride back to Warren. Mrs. Thies commented on what a significant action these fine educators executed which went above and beyond the call of duty. Mrs. Baldwin is thankful to the District for fostering an environment where faculty care about students, and most especially wanted to thank Mr. Sabourin, Mr. Keegan and Mr. Lambert for helping her daughter and friend.**

**We would like to recognize the outstanding achievement of Mt. Hope High School Senior, Carrington Henley, who has had perfect attendance his entire academic career.**

**Chairman Silva called Mr. Saviano forward who had an additional accolade to present. Mr. Saviano introduced himself as the Secretary/Treasurer for the School Committee Association of Rhode Island. He called Mrs. Wainwright forward. He stated that in 2004, the School Committee Association of Rhode Island created the Leadership Academy which is a voluntary professional development program for school committee members. After completing 15 hours of the program, graduates receive recognition. Mrs. Wainwright has**

only been a school committee member since November, yet she has already achieved 32 hours of professional development in her short tenure. Mr. Saviano presented Mrs. Wainwright with a certificate signed by Eva Mancuso who is the Chair of the Rhode Island Board of Education and also signed by Deborah Gist, Rhode Island Commissioner of Education. He congratulated her for her accomplishment. Mrs. Wainwright thanked everyone for the recognition.

Chairman Silva thanked all those who came out to show support and congratulated again all those who received accolades.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Silva stated that an Executive Session was going to be called pursuant to Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5 (a)(1) to discuss finalization of the Superintendent's evaluation results and finalization of contract renewal for the Superintendent.

**MOTION:** At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Saviano made a motion to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

(Mrs. Rancourt arrived at 7:42 p.m.)

(Mr. Bento arrived at 7:49 p.m.)

**MOTION:** At 8:02 p.m., Mrs. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the

**executive session; seconded by Mr. Bento. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Chairman Silva stated, for the record, that during the Executive Session a discussion took place to review the Superintendent's evaluation. As a result, a recommendation was made to award Mrs. Thies a performance based stipend to recognize her glowing performance as Superintendent. Chairman Silva thanked Mrs. Thies for all that she does for the students and the District.**

**MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to award a performance based stipend to Mrs. Thies; seconded by Mrs. Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mrs. Thies said it is an honor to serve this District. She added that she takes her charge seriously and loves the work that we as a District are doing. Mrs. Thies thanked everyone for acknowledging her.**

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

**Chairman Silva stated that all items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the School Committee and will be enacted in one motion. Chairman Silva stated for the record that due to lack of enrollment in the Elementary Summer Program, the following items will be removed from the consent agenda: Section F, Elementary Summer Program, 4, 9, 13, and 18.**

## **S2013-21 A-O: CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL**

**A. APPOINTMENTS:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of Middle School Library/Media Specialist and Security Systems Technician (Part Time) as listed below:

**1. Kelly Metzger Library/Media Specialist – Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective:** For the 2013-14 school year, pending receipt of certification and satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

**Reason:** To fill a vacancy  
(NonRenewal – D. White)

**Funding:** Operational Budget  
(10th Step/Masters)

**2. Christopher DeTatto Security Systems Technician (Part Time) - Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective:** Immediately, for the

**remainder of the 2012-13 school year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**(Resignation – B. McConnell)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**B. APPOINTMENTS:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of three Middle School Curriculum Coordinators as listed below:

**1. Melissa Bernard Curriculum Coordinator (Humanities) Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: For the 2013-14 school year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**2. Michelle Way DaSilva Curriculum Coordinator (Mathematics) - Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: For the 2013-14 school**

**year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**3. Susan Cardente Curriculum Coordinator (Science) -  
Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: For the 2013-14 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**C. ATTENDANCE OFFICER: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to re-appoint the following individual to the position of Attendance Officer as listed below:**

**1. Manuel T. Vierra Attendance Officer**

**Effective: July 1, 2013 through  
June 30, 2014**

**Reason: In accordance with the**

**Rhode Island General Laws Relating  
To Education (Ch. 16-19-3)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**D. 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. Cassandra M. Haas Child Care Intern (Part Time)**

**Effective: Immediately, for the  
remainder of the 2012-13 school year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient**

**2. Dylan R. Mitchell Child Care Intern (Part Time)**

**Effective: Immediately, for the  
remainder of the 2012-13 school year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient**

**E. MIDDLE 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 Kickemuit Middle School Extended Day Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

**Name Position**

- 1. Susan Cardente Credit Recovery Science Teacher**
- 2. Jennifer Harrigan Credit Recovery Special Educator**
- 3. Marianne McGonagle Credit Recovery Science Teacher**
- 4. Frank Patalano Credit Recovery Social Studies Teacher**
- 5. Lisa Scagos Credit Recovery English/Language Arts Teacher**

**F. ELEMENTARY SUMMER PROGRAM:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2013 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Elementary Summer Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

**Name Position**

- 1. Linda Bruno Site Coordinator (Colt Andrews)**

- 2. Margaret DeFelice Site Coordinator (Hugh Cole)**
- 3. Meredith Astrologo Teacher**
- 4. Dorothy Benevides Teacher**
- 5. Michael Bento Teacher**
- 6. Diane DaSilva Teacher**
- 7. Denise DeFanti Teacher**
- 8. Vanessa Estrella Teacher**
- 9. Melissa Gendreau Teacher**
- 10. Valerie Herman Teacher**
- 11. Donna Larson Teacher**
- 12. Tara Mollo Teacher**
- 13. Mary Murphy \* Teacher**
- 14. Jane Oliver-Farnsworth Teacher**
- 15. Paula Richards-Sousa Teacher**
- 16. Elise Saccoccio Teacher**
- 17. Kathryn Swanson \* Teacher**
- 18. Eric Urban Teacher**

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

**G. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) SERVICES PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2013 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Extended School Year (ESY) Services Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:**

**Name Position**

- 1. Karen McCanna Coordinator**
- 2. Ashley Armstrong Special Educator**
- 3. Amanda Berard Special Educator**
- 4. Erica Collamore Special Educator**
- 5. Kristin Correia Special Educator**
- 6. Holly DaSilveira Special Educator**
- 7. Erin Gill Special Educator**
- 8. Amanda Giorgi Special Educator**
- 9. Madlyn McArdle Special Educator**
- 10. Katelyn McCanna Special Educator**
- 11. Kristen Silvia Special Educator**
- 12. Jasmin Desmarais Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant  
(COTA)**
- 13. Jonathan Packer \* Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant  
(COTA)**
- 14. Ellen Estrella School Nurse/Teacher**
- 15. Deborah Allen Speech/Language**
- 16. Kristen Burke Speech/Language**
- 17. Margaret Alegria Teacher Assistant**
- 18. Joann Bernard Teacher Assistant**
- 19. Cheryl Cabral Teacher Assistant**
- 20. Kristen Castriotta Teacher Assistant**
- 21. Nancy D'Addio Teacher Assistant**
- 22. Virginia DePasquale Teacher Assistant**
- 23. Bonnie Dion Teacher Assistant**

- 24. Paula Gabriele Teacher Assistant**
- 25. Denise Goodman Teacher Assistant**
- 26. Debra Lopes Teacher Assistant**
- 27. Cecelia Mellor Teacher Assistant**
- 28. Christa Resendes Teacher Assistant**
- 29. Lynda Squillante Teacher Assistant**
- 30. Linda Staudinger Teacher Assistant**
- 31. Tami Stallings Teacher Assistant**
- 32. Corinne St. Pierre Teacher Assistant**
- 33. Michele Tanner Teacher Assistant**
- 34. Joanne Vales Teacher Assistant**
- 35. Whitney Ruggeri Substitute Special Educator**
- 36 Lorie Kauffman Substitute Teacher Assistant`**
- 37. Pamela Simmons Substitute Teacher Assistant**

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

**H. SUMMER SCHOOL: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2013 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Summer School contingent upon sufficient enrollment:**

**Name Course**

- 1. Paula Faria H.S. Digital Portfolio/Substitute**
- 2. Patrick Merrigan H.S. English**
- 3. Kathleen Michko \* H.S. English**

- 4. Theresa Brodd H.S. Guidance/Substitute**
- 5. Diane Nappi H.S. Guidance/Substitute**
- 6. Randy Forst \* H.S. Mathematics**
- 7. Alexandra Armstrong \* H.S. Mathematics/Science**
- 8. Colleen Powers H.S. Mt. Hope Plus/Substitute**
- 9. Brian Camara H.S. Physical Education/Health**
- 10. Kevin Murphy H.S. Science**
- 11. Shara Norton H.S. Science**
- 12. Greg Arruda H.S. Social Studies**
- 13. Brad Rodrigues H.S. Social Studies**
- 14. Emily McCaffrey M.S. Language Arts**
- 15. Lisa Scagos M.S. Language Arts**
- 16. Kayla Testa \* M.S. Language Arts**
- 17. Jessica Carlson M.S. Mathematics**
- 18. Kristen Pacheco \* M.S. Mathematics**
- 19. Michelle Way DaSilva M.S. Mathematics**
- 20. Rebecca Heidel \* M.S. Special Educator**
- 21. Melodie Chase \* M.S. Special Educator**

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

**I. 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 2013-14 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):**

## **FALL COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH**

### **Sport Position Coach**

- 1. Football Head Coach Brian Cote**
- 2. Football Asst. Coach George Andrade**
- 3. Football Asst. Coach Wayne Gardner**
- 4. Football Asst. Coach Ryan McCormack**
- 5. Football Asst. Coach Carlon Brietzke \***
- 6. Soccer (Boys) Head Coach Oscar DeLemos**
- 7. Soccer (Boys) Asst. Coach Greg Cirillo**
- 8. Soccer (Boys) Asst. Coach Dennis Matos**
- 9. Soccer (Girls) Head Coach Kerri A. Ferreira**
- 10. Tennis (Girls) Head Coach Geoffrey Keegan**
- 11. Volleyball (Girls) Head Coach Warren Rensehausen**

## **WINTER COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH**

### **Sport Position Coach**

- 12. Cheerleading (Competition) Head Coach Debra Marshall**
- 13. Hockey Head Coach Matthew Grieve**
- 14. Special Olympics Co-Head Coach Susan Carlson**
- 15. Special Olympics Co-Head Coach Wanda Lukas**
- 16. Track (Indoor) (Girls) Head Coach Andrew Sabourin**

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

**J. 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 2013-14 school year only (pending adequate Federal, State and local funding and contingent upon adequate enrollment and program renewal):**

**Name Program Assignment**

- 1. Jacob Abenante Child Care Intern**
- 2. Nicole Abendroth Senior Child Care Provider**
- 3. Michael Almeida Senior Child Care Provider**
- 4. Melissa Avery Senior Child Care Provider**
- 5. Gina Bernier Senior Child Care Provider**
- 6. Laura Callahan Child Care Bookkeeper**
- 7. Meghan Callahan Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 8. Abigail Casey Child Care Provider**
- 9. Shemseddine Chabane Child Care Intern**
- 10. Kathleen Coccio Child Care Provider**
- 11. Erica Collamore Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 12. Brittany Conley Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 13. Jillian Costa Child Care Intern**
- 14. Sally DaLuz Child Care Provider**
- 15. Nicholas DaSilva Senior Child Care Provider**
- 16. Benjamin DeFelice Child Care Intern**
- 17. Virginia DePasquale Senior Child Care Provider**
- 18. Hailie Dion Child Care Intern**
- 19. Alicia Dugan Child Care Intern**

- 20. Sherry Emrich Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 21. Brenda Ferreira Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 22. Haley Ferreira Child Care Intern**
- 23. Regina Flatley Senior Child Care Provider**
- 24. Paula Gabriele Senior Child Care Provider**
- 25. Kate Gannon Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 26. Cassandra Haas Child Care Intern**
- 27. Thomas Hanson Child Care Provider**
- 28. Jennifer Heroux Senior Child Care Provider**
- 29. Nikki Jannitto Child Care Provider**
- 30. Shana Lapre Child Care Provider**
- 31. Katelyn Larisa Child Care Intern**
- 32. Haley Lefebvre Child Care Intern**
- 33. Emily Lorenzi Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 34. Brendan McKenna Child Care Intern**
- 35. Samantha Medeiros Senior Child Care Provider**
- 36. Francine Michelletti Child Care Site Coordinator/Sr. Provider**
- 37. Dylan Mitchell Child Care Intern**
- 38. Heather Morreo Senior Child Care Provider**
- 39. Kevin Oliveira Child Care Provider**
- 40. Rhiannon Palmieri Child Care Provider**
- 41. Chelsea Rainville Child Care Site Coordinator/Sr. Provider**
- 42. Meghan Saunders Child Care Provider**
- 43. Crystal Silva Senior Child Care Provider**
- 44. Amy Sousa Senior Child Care Provider**
- 45. Kate Sweeney Child Care Curriculum Specialist**

- 46. Ashley Sylvia Child Care Provider**
- 47. Isaac Taylor Child Care Intern**
- 48. Matthew Wilson Child Care Intern**
- 49. Nancy Keyworth Parents as Teachers Educator**
- 50. Emily Pearce-Spence Parents as Teachers Program  
Manager**

**K. 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. Thomas A. Alger Music**
  
- 2. Megan Almeida English**
  
- 3. Taylor L. Anderson Early Childhood**
  
- 4. James J. Gauch Technology Education**

**5. Shauna L. Harrington English**

**6. Michael L. Ippolito General Subject Matter**

**7. Kimberly Reynolds Elementary**

**8. Elaine K. Robichaux General Subject Matter**

**9. Kayla M. Testa Elementary/M.S. English**

**10. Ricki L. Wokoun Elementary**

**L. 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. Donna M. Amaral**

**2. Erin R. Tavares**

**CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE**

**3. Michael J. Ramos**

**M. LEAVES OF ABSENCE:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for an Early Childhood Teacher as follows:

**1. Kristen A. Kirwin Kindergarten Teacher – Guiteras**

**Effective: June 28, 2013, for 6-8 weeks**

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

**N. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Donna M. Amaral from the position of Teacher Assistant, Jessica I. Rowe from the position of Elementary Teacher,

**Beth A. McConnell from the position of Security Systems Technician and Jason M. Santo and Allison Callahan from the position of Child Care Provider as listed below:**

**1. Donna M. Amaral Teacher Assistant – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: End of 2012-13 School  
Year**

**Reason: Retirement**

**2. Jessica I. Rowe Grade Five Teacher – Guiteras**

**Effective: End of the 2012-13 School  
Year**

**Reason: Personal**

**3. Beth A. McConnell Security Systems Technician –  
Kickemuit**

**Effective: May 10, 2013**

**Reason: Personal**

**4. Jason M. Santo Child Care Provider**

**Effective: May 9, 2013**

**Reason: Personal**

**5. Allison Callahan Child Care Provider**

**Effective: May 17, 2013**

**Reason: Personal**

**O. 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 20, 2013 as to the following listed teachers and appoint the listed teachers to the positions indicated:

**Name Anticipated Assignment**

- 1. Caitlin Booth Secondary Mathematics**
- 2. Siobhan Brosnan Secondary Science**
- 3. Augusta Costa Secondary Foreign Language**
- 4. Carrie Devine Secondary English**
- 5. Maureen Gauthier Secondary Business**
- 6. Sarah Richards Secondary Foreign Language**
- 7. Carol Schlink Secondary Drama (3/5 time)**

**MOTION:** Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve the consent agenda;

**seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **SUBCOMMITTEE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INITIATIVES**

**Budget/Facilities Subcommittee:** Mrs. Rancourt reported that this evening the School Committee will be voting on two bids; one for landscaping in Warren and the other for cargo utility vans. Next month's meeting will be Monday, June 17th where the subcommittee will be following up on security measures. There will also be a discussion on the new outdoor play space at Kickemuit Middle School.

**Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee:** Mr. O'Dell reported that the next Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. A majority of the items to be discussed at Monday night's meeting are related to School Committee functions.

**Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee:** Mr. Silva reported that other than the action taken earlier this evening, there was nothing new to report at this time.

**Wellness Committee:** Mrs. Wainwright reported that the Wellness Committee sent out a questionnaire to the District requesting feedback on the recent Wellness Week and encouraging thoughts about ideas for next year. She stated that there were over 100

responses. The Wellness Committee will be meeting next week, on June 5th, where the committee will be reviewing the questionnaire responses to aid in directing next year's activities.

**Chairperson's Initiatives:**

Mr. Silva stated there were no Chairperson's Initiatives to report.

**Superintendent Recommendation #S2013-22:** That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the second reading of the Entrance Age Policy (JEB).

**MOTION:** Mrs. Campbell made a motion to accept the second reading of the Entrance Age Policy (JEB); seconded by Mr. O'Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

**Superintendent Recommendation #S2013-23:** That the School Committee upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/Facilities Focus Subcommittee, approve awarding of the Warren landscaping bid to M.J. Construction.

**MOTION:** Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve awarding the Warren landscaping bid to M.J. Construction; seconded by Mr. O'Dell.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Saviano asked if the District has any history with M.J. Construction. Chairman Silva responded that this company

worked for the District last year. Mrs. Silva added that the current amount of the bid is \$185 per week which is down \$65 from last year which was \$250 a week. Chairman Silva acknowledged Mr. Simmons for working toward negotiating the best prices coming in for bid. Mrs. Campbell asked if the landscaping will include the field at Kickemuit Middle School. Mr. Simmons responded, “no, just around the schools”.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Superintendent Recommendation #S2013-24:** That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve awarding of the Utility Cargo Van bid to Liberty Chevrolet.

**MOTION:** Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve awarding the Utility Cargo Van bid to Liberty Chevrolet; seconded by Mr. Bento.

**DISCUSSION:** Mrs. Wainwright asked for clarification on how many vans were being purchased. Mr. Simmons responded, “three”. She asked who would be using these vans. Mr. Simmons responded that one van is used by the mail courier and the other two are used by the Maintenance Department for travel back and forth between the schools. Mr. Simmons stated that the vehicles being purchased are 2014 models. Mrs. Silva added that two of the vans being replaced were purchased in the year 2000; the third van being replaced was

**purchased in 1996. Mr. Simmons stated that the District will still have the same number of vehicles as we do currently, totaling six. Mrs. Silva stated that moving forward the District will replace one vehicle every year so that instead of replacing a 13 year old vehicle, the vehicle will be six years old. The older the vehicles get, the more expensive they are to repair. Mr. O'Dell commented on one of the other bids proposing transit vans which are significantly different than a full size van. Mr. Simmons responded that those bids came in much higher. General Motors does not offer a transit vehicle in the size the District would need or that offered the miles per gallon that would be more economical. Mr. O'Dell asked whether the vans have rear windows. Mr. Simmons responded that rear windows were not requested since these vehicles are kept in a garage. Mr. O'Dell commented from a safety standpoint, he would want to see a rear window included. Chairman Silva responded that he owns a full size van and the rear window does not afford visibility if a person were standing behind the van. Mr. Simmons stated these vehicles do not have a rear facing camera, but he would look into adding that feature to the vans being purchased. Mrs. Wainwright asked what the District will do with the old vans that are being replaced. Mr. Simmons responded the vans will be advertised in the paper with a request for sealed bids.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Chairman Silva stated there was no need to go into the second Executive Session listed on the agenda.**

**Mrs. Thies stated that all School Committee members received a copy of the Mental Note, a professional looking literary magazine which includes a compilation of Mt. Hope High School students writing, artwork and photography. The District is hoping to distribute the Mental Note to local shops and businesses so the public can enjoy. Mrs. Thies feels this literary magazine is a great showcase of the superior work done by the students in the District. Mrs. Thies stated she is anxious to hear the School Committee's thoughts on the magazine.**

**Chairman Silva reminded the School Committee members of the many end of year events taking place and how important it is for the members of the school committee to take an interest in what the children do. Chairman Silva highlighted a few upcoming events. He also congratulated Mrs. Wainwright for her accomplishment recognized earlier in the meeting. He then acknowledged Mr. Bento who will be deploying soon and that this will be the last meeting he will attend. Mr. Bento will be taking a leave of absence from the Budget/ Facilities Focus Subcommittee that he sits on. Chairman Silva said he will be more than welcome to rejoin once he has returned from deployment. Chairman Silva said on behalf of everyone present that he wished Mr. Bento safety while deployed and that he would be missed. Mr. Bento responded that he appreciated the sentiment.**

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:23 PM**

**MOTION:** There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Lynch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM; seconded by Mrs. Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen A. Lynch, Secretary**

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