

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013**

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, June 24, 2013, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Present: Paul Silva, Chairman; Susan Rancourt Treasurer; Diana Campbell, Marjorie McBride, William O'Dell (7:04 p.m.), and John Saviano, Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, Director of Administration and Finance; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: John Bento, Vice-Chair; Karen Lynch, Secretary; and Lynn Wainwright

OPENING BUSINESS

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

ACCOLADES

Congratulations to the following Rockwell students for being winners of the 2013 Rockwell School Science Fair:

2nd Grade Winners

Chase Jackson – Honorable Mention

Hallie Swift – Honorable Mention

4th Grade Winners

Jacob Cloutier –Third Place

Seth Cloutier – Third Place

Emily Waite – Third Place

Tristan Tamulaites – Second Place

Danica Moore – Second Place

Hope Tyska – Second Place

Jacob Evans – Second Place

Zoe Fournier-Swire – First Place

Jake Beaton – First Place

Mackenzie Swift – First Place

Adam Banasiewicz – First Place

5th Grade Winner

Brian Francis – Third place

Mrs. Thies stated that she very much enjoyed being a judge at the science fair learning a lot during the process. She said how exciting it is for students to experiment and find answers. Mrs. Thies congratulated the students on a wonderful job.

Congratulations to the following Colt Andrews students for being

winners of the 2013 Colt Andrews Science Fair:

Maggie Cromwell – Overall Winner

Hunter Rodriguez – 5TH Grade Winner

Aria Coutu – 4th Grade Winner

Congratulations to the following Guiteras students for being winners of the 2013 Guiteras Science Fair:

Leah Tanner – 1st Place

Katherine Barker – 2nd Place

Peyton Perroni – 3rd Place

Congratulations to the following Hugh Cole students for being winners of the 2013 Hugh Cole Science Fair:

4th Grade Winners

Livia Dion –1st Place

Ashley Simonds – 2nd Place

Crickett Fisher –3rd Place

5th Grade Winners

Meaghan Dolan –1st Place

Joshua Bartoszuk – 2nd Place

Joshua Moore 3rd Place

Mackenzie Meaders – 4th Place

Lauren MacDonald – 5th Place

Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for being winners of the 2013 Mt. Hope High School Science Fair

Victoria Gendreau – The Principals Award

Adam Hamel – Best of Fair & First Grant

Jeremiah Alves – First Grant

Lauren Boisvert – First Grant

Sabrina DaSilva – First Grant

Tyler Gilbert – First Grant

Elysha Grant – First Grant

Kaitlyn Oullette – First Grant

Kayla Placido – First Grant

Jeremy Spence – First Grant

Renee Tremblay – First Grant

Tess Alexandre – Second Grant

Devon Drolet – Second Grant

Julia Hill – Second Grant

Dylan Murphy – Second Grant

Bryce O'Brien – Second Grant

Kaitlyn Barros – Third Grant

Daniel Brogan – Third Grant

Cailin Burke – Third Grant

Maegan Medeiros – Third Grant

Rebecca Millard – Third Grant

Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for winning awards in Girls Outdoor Track:

Hazel Baldwin-Kress – 2nd Team All State 4x400m, 3rd Team All Class B 4x400m, 1st Team All Eastern Division 4x400m and 2nd Team All Eastern Division 4x800m

Aly Dion – 3rd Team All Class B 4x400m, 2nd Team All Eastern Division 4x800m

Katarina Heyden – 3rd Team All Class B 3000m, 2nd Team All Eastern Division 4x800m

Kylie McPherson – 2nd Team All State 4x400m, 1st Team All Eastern Division 100mHH and 4x400m, 2nd Team All Eastern Division 300mH and High Jump

Emma Pattie – 2nd Team All Class B High Jump, 1st Team All Eastern Division High Jump

Nicole Rusin – 2nd Team All State 4x400m, 3rd Team All Class B 4x400m, 1st Team All Eastern Division 4x400m

Marisa Silva – 1st Team All Class B Discus

Lucy Spence – 3rd Team All Class B Long Jump

Karina Tavares – 1st Team All Eastern Division 3000m, 2nd Team All Eastern Division 4x800m

Megan Vento – 2nd Team All State 4x400m, 3rd Team All Class B 100m and 4x400m, 1st Team All Eastern Division 4x400m, 3rd Team All Eastern Division 100m and 200m

Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for winning awards in Boys Outdoor Track:

Nick Murgo – 2nd Team All Eastern Division Discus and Javelin

Jacob Silva – 1st Team All Eastern Division 110mHH

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Rhonda Fortin came forward to speak about the Boys Tennis Team. She requested feedback from the School Committee on the recent article in the Warren Times regarding the District no longer having a Boys Tennis Team. Mr. Silva responded that this question was raised at a recent subcommittee meeting where they were informed by the Athletic Director of dwindling participation in boys tennis to the point where there were not enough members to fill the

team. However, there was an increased interest in Boys Volleyball. Due to Title 9, the District would be in violation if they ran both programs. As a result, due to the circumstances stated above, it was felt that a varsity volleyball team would be more feasible. Mrs. Campbell commented that she was under the impression that Boys Tennis would be run as a club sport. Mrs. Thies added that the Boys Tennis Club would be under the advisership of Mr. Noble. Mrs. Thies reiterated that due to Title 9, they could not move forward with both a Boys Volleyball Team and Boys Tennis Team without offering a female team. Mrs. Fortin asked if boys are allowed to play on the girls team as she has seen other district teams that were mixed. Mr. Silva responded there are many boys sports where females can participate.

Mrs. Fortin gave some statistics stating that 14 players had signed up for volleyball with only 11 remaining on the roster, but in the end only 8 were left on the team. She stated that there were 16 boys interested in the Boys Tennis Team, five of which graduated. Assuming the 11 remaining would return to the tennis team the following year that would be more than the volleyball team. Mr. Silva told Mrs. Fortin that she is more than welcome to speak with the Athletic Director. Mrs. Fortin responded that she has already done that. Mr. Silva asked Mrs. Thies to speak with the Athletic Director to confirm the exact numbers related to these two boys teams and to provide the School Committee with more information. Mrs. McBride commented that she is grateful for Title 9 which creates more opportunities for women. Mrs. Fortin quoted from the Title 9 legislature that “no person in the United States shall on the basis of

sex be denied...” Mr. Silva clarified that Title 9 legislature refers to opportunities not specific sports which means it doesn’t have to be the same sport for each sex. Mr. Silva closed by stating the School Committee will verify the rationale behind the decision and get information on the exact numbers to give a better understanding why the Athletic Director is making those recommendations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Silva stated that an Executive Session is being called pursuant to Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5 (a)(1)(2) to discuss Administrator Contracts and Possible Litigation. No action will be taken during this meeting.

MOTION: At 7:26 p.m., Mrs. McBride made a motion to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mrs. Rancourt. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: At 7:34 p.m., Mrs. McBride made a motion to adjourn the executive session; seconded by Mrs. Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

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 unless a School Committee Member would like an item pulled for a separate vote. Hearing no requests to do so,

Chairman Silva asked for a vote.

S2013-26 A-H: CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the position of School Nurse/ Teacher (2/5 time) as listed below:

- 1. Phyllis M. Glavin School Nurse/Teacher (2/5 time) –
Colt Andrews**

**Effective: For the 2013-14 School ‘
Year Only**

**Reason: To fill a job share vacancy
(Job Share – M. Lero)**

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

B. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of Secondary/Middle School Special Services Department Head, five Secondary Teacher Leaders and four

Elementary Head Teachers as listed below:

**1. Lisa M. Martin Special Services Department Head –
Mt. Hope High/Kickemuit Middle**

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

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**2. Lauren Enjeti Arts and Applied Arts Teacher Leader
- Mt. Hope High**

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

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**3. Maureen Gauthier Arts and Applied Arts Teacher Leader
– Mt. Hope High**

Effective: For the 2013-14 school

year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**4. Jodi-Lee Neves Humanities Teacher Leader–Mt. Hope
High**

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

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**5. Gregg Burke Humanities Teacher Leader–Mt. Hope
High**

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

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**6. Joseph Koger Science, Technology/Engineering and
Mathematics (STEM) Teacher
Leader – Mt. Hope High**

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

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

7. Susan D. Jones Head Teacher – Colt Andrews

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

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

8. Tina Hyllested Head Teacher – Guiteras

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

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

9. Jamie L. Greene Head Teacher – Hugh Cole

Effective: For the 2013-14 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

10. Kelly A. Brum Head Teacher – Rockwell

Effective: For the 2013-14 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

C. EVENT SUPERVISORS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the 2013-14 school year only as Event Supervisors for the Bristol Warren Regional School District contingent upon sufficient activities:

Name

- 1. Kimberly Aguiar**
- 2. Lisa Bruce**
- 3. Debra Costa**
- 4. Meredith DePalma**
- 5. Virginia DePasquale**
- 6. Bernadette Emery**
- 7. Debra Lopes**
- 8. Elizabeth Saviano**

D. 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. Dorothy Benevides Teacher**
- 2. Eric Urban Teacher**

E. 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. Caitlin Booth H.S. Mathematics**
- 2. Victoria Guthlein H.S. Special Educator**
- 3. Robin Csanadi * M.S. Science**

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

F. 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):

WINTER COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Basketball (Boys) Head Coach John McDonough**
- 2. Cheerleading (Competition) Asst. Coach Kristin Carbone**

INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

Sport Position Coach

- 3. Basketball (Boys) Head Coach Jeffrey Grifka ***
- 4. Basketball (Girls) Head Coach Kerri Ferreira**
- 5. Cheerleading Head Coach Lynn DePasquale**
- 6. Wrestling Head Coach Jason Grifka ***

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

G. 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. Joseph E. Bailey Security Systems Technician-HS**
- 2. Gail M. DeCosta Security Systems Technician-HS**
- 3. Michael A. Salcone Security Systems Technician-HS**
- 4. Christopher D. Csanadi Security Systems Technician-KMS**
- 5. Christopher DeTatto Security Systems Technician-KMS**
- 6. Steven M. Hamel Security Systems Technician-KMS**

H. CERTIFIED 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 certified substitute pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CERTIFIED

Name Area/Level

- 1. Allison E. Allen School Nurse**

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Rancourt. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell made a motion to seal the Executive Session Minutes; Mrs. Rancourt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SUBCOMMITTEE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND INITIATIVES

Budget/Facilities Subcommittee: Mrs. Rancourt reported that at the last subcommittee meeting, Lane Sparkman presented a proposal for Kickemuit Middle School's outdoor space which would provide a picnic area and playground. Hugh Cole has received a donation of a sign and monies to maintain it from the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation. Mrs. Rancourt stated that she met with Mrs. Silva, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Gordon and several others to discuss the middle school and high school fields. She stated it was a good discussion. This evening the School Committee will be voting on several bids which were approved at the last subcommittee meeting. The next meeting will be July 8th.

Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee: Mr. O'Dell stated there was nothing to report. The subcommittee is still working on the same policies related to Roles and Responsibilities of the School Committee. He is hoping to have some policy change

recommendations move forward to the full committee soon.

Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee: Mr. Silva reported this is a quiet time for the subcommittee with nothing to report.

Wellness Committee: Mrs. Wainwright was not present this evening to report.

Chairperson's Initiatives:

Mr. Silva suggested carrying over the School Committee Goals Discussion and the Class of 2013 Post-Secondary Plans Discussion to the next School Committee meeting since several school committee members are not present. Mrs. Campbell brought up the point that since the School Committee's goals are tied into Mrs. Thies goals, would she have enough time to work on her own. Mrs. Thies responded that would not be a problem.

Superintendent Recommendation #S2013-27: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee, approve Administrator Contracts.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve Administrator Contracts; seconded by Mr. O'Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Recommendation #S2013-28: That the School

Committee upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve placement of a donated sign from Alan Shawn Feinstein at Hugh Cole School contingent upon Mr. Simmons approval of location and size.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve placement of donated sign from Alan Shawn Feinstein at Hugh Cole School contingent upon Mr. Simmons approval of location and size; seconded by Mrs. Campbell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Dell asked what the sign will say. Mrs. Rancourt responded, "Alan Shawn Feinstein Leadership School". She added that the District received \$10,000 from Alan Shawn Feinstein which will include maintenance of the sign. It will be installed on the front door of the school. Mr. O'Dell was concerned since there was an uproar about a sign that was to be placed at Kickemuit Middle School in the past and whether the sign at Hugh Cole could raise an issue.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Recommendation #S2013-29: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve awarding of the Food Services bid to Chartwells.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve awarding the Food

Services bid to Chartwells; seconded by Mr. O'Dell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Dell asked if there was only one bid. Mrs. Silva responded that the contract was done in conjunction with East Bay Business Managers. The contract must go through RIDE before it can be approved by the School Committee. Mrs. Campbell clarified by asking if there is a different bid process for a collaborative type activity. Mrs. Silva responded, "Yes, it was done as a consortium." All bids must be approved by RIDE.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Recommendation #S2013-30: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve awarding of the School Refuse Collection Services bid to MGT Disposal contingent upon reference check.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve awarding of the School Refuse Collection Services bid to MGT Disposal contingent upon reference check; seconded by Mr. O'Dell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Saviano asked why the reference checks were not done prior to the vote. Chairman Silva responded that they were, but a question was raised by a member during the subcommittee meeting about a concern related to a local provider and whether it was the one

the School Committee was recommending. After researching, it was determined they were not the same.

With no more discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Recommendation #S2013-31:

That the School Committee upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee approve awarding of the Permeating Grouting bid to Maron Construction.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to award the Permeating Grouting bid to Maron Construction; seconded by Mr. O'Dell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Saviano asked what the amount of the bid was. Mrs. Silva responded, \$1,171,000. Mr. O'Dell questioned why there appeared to be only one bid. Mr. Silva responded this is a specialty area of service and there are very few companies that deal with this. The District has used this company before and was extremely satisfied with their work. Mr. O'Dell asked what assurance the District has that this was the best bid. Mrs. Silva responded that the District is working with an SMMA architect and utilized a cost estimator to calculate the amount for a project like this. Using that figure, the bid came in at \$200,000 less. Mrs. Silva added that SMMA Architects will be overseeing the whole project.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:52 PM

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McBride motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM; seconded by Mr. O'Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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