

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014
Oliver Administration Building**

A special meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, August 4, 2014, at the Oliver Administration Building, 151 State Street, Bristol, RI. Vice-Chairman Bento called the meeting to order at approximately 6:07 PM.

Present: John Bento, Vice-Chairman; Karen Lynch, Secretary; Diana Campbell, Marjorie McBride, William O'Dell, John Saviano (6:18 p.m.), Lynn Wainwright, Mario J. Andrade, Superintendent; Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; and Pauline Silva, Director of Finance and Administration

Absent: Paul Silva, Chairman; Susan Rancourt, Treasurer

Vice-Chairman Bento called the meeting to order at approximately 6:07 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES:

Recommendation #S2014-47: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the bid award for resurfacing the MHHS tennis courts.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve the bid award recommendation of J.G. Coffey Company to complete repair work and resurfacing of the MHHS tennis courts; seconded by Mrs. Lynch.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McBride, by way of review, explained what caused the initial problem with the tennis courts.

Mr. O'Dell questioned why the lowest bidder was not chosen to complete the work. Mrs. Silva stated that Mr. Simmons, Facilities Director, is very familiar with J.G. Coffey Company which serves locally. He has viewed J.G. Coffey's completed work at the Town Beach and was very happy with the finished product. Due to the time sensitivity of this project, Mrs. Silva reported that J.G. Coffey's readiness to begin work as soon as possible and the availability of materials to complete the work deemed them the best choice.

There was further discussion on the color choice of purple for the tennis courts. Vice-Chairman Bento stated that a request will be made to have an administrator from the high school address the

School Committee at a future date to explain the reasoning behind choosing the color purple for the tennis courts.

The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S2014-48: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the bid award for the purchase of 290 laptops, 40 USB docking stations and 15 laptop carts.

MOTION: Mrs. Lynch made a motion to approve the bid award recommendation of OM Office Supply for the purchase of 290 laptops, 40 USB docking stations and 15 laptop carts; seconded by Mr. O'Dell.

DISCUSSION: A concern was expressed regarding the current trend whereby many teachers are not utilizing the laptops for the classroom.

(Mr. Saviano entered the meeting at 6:18 p.m.)

Dr. Andrade responded by sharing several initiatives planned for the near future to educate teachers on applications for use of laptops in the classroom 180 days of the year.

Mrs. Silva reviewed details of the laptops/netbooks bid. Questions

were asked and answered.

Mr. Saviano raised a question on why Hewlett Packard was chosen over Google Chrome which is half the cost. Dr. Andrade responded that Google Chrome was not a satisfactory product for use in PARCC testing. He also cited other issues with the use of Google Chrome which could be problematic for the application intended.

The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S2014-49: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the bid award for the Guiteras Baseball Field Work.

MOTION: Mrs. Lynch made a motion to approve the bid award for the Guiteras Baseball Field Work; seconded by Mrs. Wainwright.

DISCUSSION: A consensus was reached that the Guiteras Field bid award vote should be postponed to the next School Committee meeting when the Facilities Director will be present.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell made a motion to table the Guiteras Field Bid Award action item until the next Regular Business meeting of the School Committee; seconded by Mrs. McBride.

The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to Open Meetings Laws 42-46-5(a)(4) for the following:

1. Investigation/Update – Boosters Club

Vice-Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that no action will be taken in the Executive Session. The open session will only be reconvened to adjourn.

MOTION: At 6:34 p.m., Mrs. Lynch made a motion to enter into Executive Session; seconded by Mrs. Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: At 6:46 p.m. Mrs. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:47 PM

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Campbell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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