

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

The Organizational Meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in the Cafeteria of the Mt. Hope High School on Monday, November 17, 2014. The meeting was opened by Mr. Paul Silva at approximately 6:22 p.m.

Present: Paul Silva, Chair; John C. Bento, Vice-Chair; Karen Lynch, Secretary; Diana B. Campbell, Marjorie J. McBride, John P. Saviano and Erin Schofield; Mario J. Andrade, Superintendent; Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, Director of Administration and Finance; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; Leslie J. Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: William M. O'Dell, Lynn Wainwright

Mr. Silva stated, for the record, that Mr. O'Dell was not available due to a work commitment. Mr. Silva also stated that Mrs. Wainwright was out of state and would not be in attendance.

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

Mr. Silva thanked all those present for attending the Organizational Meeting of the School Committee. He then thanked the School Committee members for the honor and pleasure of serving as chair of the body for the last two years.

Mr. Silva introduced and welcomed newly elected School Committee member, Erin Schofield.

Mr. Silva introduced Judge Patricia Hurst stating it was an honor to have her preside over the swearing in of the School Committee members for the fourth consecutive year.

Judge Hurst said it was an honor to be present for the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee Organizational Meeting. She thanked the School Committee members for their dedication to the Bristol Warren Schools. Judge Hurst spoke about the far reaching responsibilities of the School Committee. She thanked the School Committee for their past efforts and future endeavors.

Judge Hurst asked the School Committee members to raise their right hand and recite the Oath of Office after which she offered her congratulations.

Mr. Silva then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Andrade.

Dr. Andrade thanked Judge Hurst.

Dr. Andrade introduced each of the town officials, state officials, school administrators, PTO presidents, BWEA presidents and BWEF representative who were present at the meeting thanking all for joining with the School Committee and the Bristol Warren Regional School District for the evening's ceremony.

Dr. Andrade thanked Mr. Silva for his leadership of the School Committee for the past two years. Dr. Andrade expressed appreciation for Mr. Silva's dedication and service to the children and adults of the Bristol Warren Regional School District. He commended his communication style and accessibility. As a token of appreciation, Dr. Andrade presented Mr. Silva with an inscribed gavel commemorating Mr. Silva's 2012-2014 term as chairperson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson

Dr. Andrade requested nominations for the position of Chairperson. Mr. Silva nominated Mr. Bento.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to cast one unanimous vote for the position of Chairperson and to close nominations; Mr. Silva seconded.

The nomination of Mr. Bento to the position of Chairperson passed with a unanimous vote.

Vice-Chairperson

Dr. Andrade turned control of the meeting over to the new Chairperson, Mr. Bento. Chairperson Bento then opened the floor for nominations to the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Mrs. Lynch nominated Mr. Silva for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Schofield requested an opportunity to explain why she would be dissenting on this vote. She stated that her decision to cast a dissenting vote was not personal against the nominee, but due to her belief that leadership should change in order to allow for fresh ideas. She believes this approach is more productive.

Hearing no further nominations, Chairperson Bento closed nominations requesting one unanimous vote for the position of vice-chairperson.

The nomination of Mr. Silva to the position of Vice-Chairperson passed with a 5-1 vote with Mr. Silva abstaining and Mrs. Schofield opposed.

Secretary

Mr. Bento requested nominations for the position of Secretary. Mrs. McBride nominated Mrs. Lynch.

Hearing no further nominations, Chairperson Bento closed nominations requesting one unanimous vote for the position of Secretary.

The nomination of Mrs. Lynch to the position of Secretary passed with a vote of 4-2 with Mrs. Lynch abstaining, and Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Schofield opposed.

Treasurer

Mr. Bento requested nominations for the position of Treasurer. Mrs. Campbell nominated Mrs. McBride for the position of Treasurer.

Hearing no further nominations, Chairperson Bento closed nominations requesting one unanimous vote for the position of Treasurer.

The nomination of Mrs. McBride to the position of Treasurer passed with a vote of 4 to 2 with Mrs. McBride abstaining, and Mr. Saviano and Mrs. Schofield opposed.

Chairperson Bento thanked the School Committee members for their vote of confidence and support to lead the School Committee for the next two years. He also thanked Mr. Silva for his service during the 2012-2014 term of office.

Chairperson Bento requested that School Committee members submit to him, by December 1st , their first and second choices for subcommittee service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Saviano motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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