

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, March 23, 2015

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, March 23, 2015, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Chairman Bento called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Present: John Bento, Chairman; Paul Silva, Vice-Chairman; Karen Lynch, Secretary; Marjorie McBride, Treasurer; Diana Campbell, William O'Dell and Erin Schofield; Mario J. Andrade, Superintendent; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; Pauline Silva, Director of Administration and Finance, and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: John Saviano and Lynn Wainwright

OPENING BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that the Executive Session

would be held as the last order of business.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Personnel Recommendation #S2015-17

All items listed with an asterisk on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the School Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a committee member requests, in which event the items will be withdrawn from the general order of business and considered in the normal sequence of the agenda.

Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that section D would be pulled from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Silva.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Silva made a motion to seal the executive session minutes of the February 23, 2015 School Committee Regular Business Meeting; seconded by Mrs. McBride

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Silva made a motion to approve section D of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Campbell.

The motion passed with a 5-1 vote; Mrs. McBride Dissenting

S2015-17 A-F: CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the position of PC Technician/ Analyst as listed below:

1. George Whitehead PC Technician/Analyst

Effective: March 24, 2015

Reason: To fill a new position

Funding: Operational Budget

B. 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. Amanda Reposa Senior Child Care Provider (Part Time)

Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

C. 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 2014-15 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

SPRING COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Baseball (Boys) Asst. Coach Bruce Marshall ***
- 2. Softball (Girls) Asst. Coach Kristin Furtado**

CLUB COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

3. Tennis Head Coach Caroline McCarthy *

INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

Sport Position Coach

4. Baseball Head Coach Joseph G. Simeone *

5. Baseball Asst. Coach Joshua F. Hunt *

6. Fast-Pitch Softball (Girls) Head Coach Andra Renzi *

**7. Fast-Pitch Softball (Girls) Asst. Coach James R.
Boulanger, Jr. ***

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

D. 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 2015-16 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

FALL COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

1. Cross Country Head Coach Emily McCaffrey

2. Football Head Coach Thomas J. DelSanto

3. Football Asst. Coach George Andrade

4. Football Asst. Coach Henry Cabral

5. Football Asst. Coach Ralph L. Guerriero

- 6. Football Asst. Coach James Olson**
- 7. Soccer (Boys) Head Coach Oscar DeLemos**
- 8. Soccer (Boys) Asst. Coach Greg Cirillo**
- 9. Soccer (Boys) Asst. Coach Dennis Matos**
- 10. Soccer (Girls) Head Coach Kerri Ferreira**
- 11. Soccer (Girls) Asst. Coach Andrea Nogueira**
- 12. Tennis (Girls) Head Coach Geoffrey Keegan**

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 application for a certified substitute pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CERTIFIED

Name Area/Level

- 1. Ryan S. Pina General Subject Matter**

F. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Lauren M. Jennings from the position of Child Care Program Bookkeeper as listed below:

- 1. Lauren M. Jennings Child Care Program Bookkeeper**

Effective: March 11, 2015

Reason: Personal

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-18

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee, approve the second reading of the School Committee Powers and Duties Policy (BBA).

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell made a motion to approve the second reading of the School Committee Powers and Duties Policy (BBA); seconded by Mr. Silva.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-19

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee, approve the first reading of the Subcommittees of the School Committee Policy (BCE-R)

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell made a motion to approve the first reading of the Subcommittees of the School Committee Policy (BCE-R); seconded by Mr. Silva.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McBride stated that she will be voting no on the revision to the Subcommittees of the School Committee Policy regarding the addition of a Student Discipline Subcommittee. She explained that she fulfilled the role of arranging and facilitating student discipline hearings without any issues related to lack of quorum. She does not believe an established subcommittee for Student Discipline Hearings is necessary.

Mr. Silva, by way of history, stated that the legal timeframe requirement for scheduling a student discipline hearing was very rigid. With the responsibility for student discipline hearings falling on the entire School Committee, the difficulty in obtaining a quorum of 5 in a very short time period could be problematic. Mr. Silva stated that the attorney for the District advised the creation of a sub-committee whereby a quorum would consist of the sitting chair of the Student Discipline Subcommittee and two additional School Committee members. An established Student Discipline Subcommittee would make gathering a quorum on short notice easier if a student discipline hearing were warranted. Mr. Henneous shared additional history supporting the recommendation to create a subcommittee for student discipline hearings.

A discussion ensued regarding the content of the Student Discipline Subcommittee section which was added to the Subcommittees of the School Committee Policy.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell made a motion to remove the first bullet of the Student Discipline Subcommittee section of the Subcommittees of the School Committee Policy (BCE-R); Mr. Silva seconded.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Dell suggested sending the Subcommittees of the School Committee Policy back to the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee for their review. Mrs. Schofield added that two of the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee members were not present for their input this evening.

Chairman Bento stated that removing the first bullet of the Student Discipline Subcommittee section of the Subcommittees of the School Committee Policy brings it into alignment with the other subcommittee sections contained with that policy. For that reason, Chairman Bento felt it would not be necessary to send the Subcommittees of the School Committee Policy back to the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee for their review. He made the recommendation that the Subcommittees of the School Committee Policy go on to a second reading.

The motion to remove the first bullet of the Student Discipline Subcommittee section of the Subcommittees of the School Committee Policy (BCE-R) passed with a 5-1 vote; Mrs. McBride dissenting.

The motion to approve the first reading of the Subcommittees of the

School Committee Policy (BCE-R) passed with a 5-1 vote; Mrs. McBride dissenting.

2006 SENATE BILL 3050 PRESENTATION

Attorney Henneous provided insight into Senate Bill 3050 for the purpose of answering questions that were recently raised by the individual town councils regarding how the 4% tax levy would be applied and how it would affect the individual towns overall contribution to the District.

Mr. Henneous read language from SB3050 regarding the 4% tax levy and explained how the tax levy would be applied.

Subcommittee/School Committee Reports & Initiatives

Budget/Facilities Subcommittee

Mrs. McBride reported that the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee meeting scheduled for April will be held in the Mt. Hope High School Cafeteria. PARE Engineering will be presenting drawings for the MHHS fields project. Mrs. McBride added that the DEM has approved moving forward with the MHHS fields project.

Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee

Mrs. Schofield reported that the next meeting of the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015. One of the topics of discussion will be the Comprehensive Assessment System Policy (PARCC) and whether all students should be required

to participate or whether a procedure should be developed to provide parents the ability to opt out.

Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee

Mr. Silva stated there was nothing new overall to report other than the ongoing C94 Negotiations.

Mrs. Lynch reported that the C94 negotiations are progressing very smoothly.

Wellness Subcommittee

Mrs. Wainwright was not available to provide an update.

Chairperson's Initiatives

Shout Out Successes

Dr. Andrade reported that the Science Department received 2 first place ribbons, 5 second place ribbons, and 3 "Best in Fair". There were only ten Best in Fair awards for the entire state and Mt. Hope High School received three of them. Dr. Andrade stated the winners will be acknowledged with accolades at a future School Committee Meeting.

Mr. Silva reported that the MHHS robotics team travelled to the University of Vermont where one of the MHHS teams won the championship receiving a ticket to participate in the Super Regional

Competitions.

Mrs. Campbell praised both Shout Out Successes commenting on the importance of the STEM programs and the great student achievements which result. Mrs. Campbell expressed her hope that the budget request to be voted upon this Thursday, March 26th by the Joint Finance Committee will allow for programs like these to continue.

Mrs. Lynch reported that 24 students qualified at the DECA State Competition and will move on to compete at the International Competition in Orlando, Florida. MHHS had the best showing of any of the high schools. Mrs. Lynch looks forward to commending the students with accolades at a School Committee meeting in the near future.

Mr. Bento commended the All Band Concert and their fantastic performance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:33 PM

Pursuant to Open Meetings Laws 42-46-5 (a)(1)(2) an Executive Session will be held to discuss the following:

- 1. Council 94 Negotiations**
- 2. BWEA Grievance #S3-13-14 Arbitration**
- 3. Superintendent's Evaluation**

Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that no action would be taken during the executive session. The Open Session will only reconvene to adjourn.

MOTION: Mrs. Lynch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 PM

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Silva motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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