

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, April 27, 2015

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, April 27, 2015, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Chairman Bento called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 PM.

Present: John Bento, Chairman; Paul Silva, Vice-Chairman; Karen Lynch, Secretary; Marjorie McBride (arrived 7:24 p.m.), Treasurer; Diana Campbell, William O'Dell, Erin Schofield, John Saviano and Lynn Wainwright; Mario J. Andrade, Superintendent; Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; Leslie Anderson, Director of Pupil Services; Pauline Silva, Director of Administration and Finance, and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

OPENING BUSINESS

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

ACCOLADES

Congratulations to Amanda Giorgi, Special Educator at Hugh Cole School, for being unanimously selected to receive the 2015 Division for Learning Disabilities Outstanding Educator Award. Amanda was

nominated for this national award by Dr. Devin Kearns, Associate Professor of Special Education at UConn, through the District's work with the National Center for Intensive Intervention and selected by the Committee because of her "commitment to providing students high-quality, data-driven, individualized intervention".

Congratulations to Leslie Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services for being selected as a panel discussant at the National Center for Intensive Intervention and the American Institute for Research's Intensive Intervention Summit in Washington DC. The panel included some of the most preeminent scholars and researchers in the field of special education research.

Leslie has also been invited to present to the National Council for Administrators of Special Education in October in Atlanta, GA.

Congratulations to Carol Schlink, Theater Teacher & Director, Mt. Hope High School Performing Arts for being selected as the Genocide Educator of the Year by the Rhode Island Branch of The Genocide Education Project! Carol has been recognized for her work educating students and the Rhode Island community about the horrors of the Armenian Genocide through her timely work *We Survived*, which she wrote, directed and produced.

Congratulations to Paul Morris, Director of Technology, for being inducted into the Warren Athletic Hall of Fame!

Mt. Hope High School students received many outstanding accolades at the 2015 Rhode Island Science and Engineering Fair, including three of only ten Best in Fair designations awarded in the state. Best in Fair winners will compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburg, PA in May. Congratulations to the following students for their remarkable achievements:

Sabrina DaSilva Best in Fair

URI College of Pharmacy Award

The Surgeon General's Regional Award

US Naval Science Award

\$1,000.00 Renewable Scholarship to URI

Morgan Kane Best in Fair

The Narragansett Watershed Cash Award

US Stockholm Junior Water Prize Regional Award

RI Water Works Association Traveling Trophy

RI Water Works First Place Cash Award \$100.00

Bristol County Water Authority First Place Cash Award \$200.00

The Project Oceanology Award

\$1,000.00 Renewable Scholarship to RIC
RI Water Works First Place Trophy
Narragansett Bay Commission Cash Prize
Genius Olympiad Award
American Meteorological Society Award
National Atmospheric and Meteorological Award

Gabrielle Donecker Best in Fair

\$1,000 Renewable Scholarship to URI

Sarina Olson 1st Place Ribbon

**Lily Ramsay 1st Place Ribbon & \$1,000.00 Renewable
Scholarship to CCRI**

**Olivia Borgia 2nd Place Ribbon & The Toxic Information Project
Award**

Rebecca Cunha 2nd Place Ribbon

Margaret O'Brien 2nd Place Ribbon

Alexander Ramos 2nd Place Ribbon

Samantha Eddy 2nd Place Ribbon

KICKEMUIT MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL SPORTS 2014-2015

**Congratulations to the Kickemuit Middle School Cross Country Team
for winning the Eastern Division Championship. We congratulate:**

**Keldon Ahl Aidan Bennett Jon Cloutier
Ryder Ferris Charles Garcia Jack Guertin
Hanley Keegan Nicholas Januario Benjamin Jarvis
Max Kutter Daniel Leger Devon Loiselle
Mark Orban Adam Orwiler Nicholas Proto
Cameron Rancourt Joshua Roy Robert Smith
Andrew Squatrito Nayden Braga Nicholas Calenda
Robert DaCosta Joseph Fox Eddy Kutter
Austen LaRue Dylan Loiselle Joshua Moore
Gabriel Randall Tyler Savinon Jake Beaton
David Benevides Seth Cloutier Jacob DesRoches
Garrett DeViveiros Benjamin DiChiappari Benjamin Harley
Hunter Heyden Nathan Januario Ethan Leary
Carter McCausland Jared Rego Jalon Roberson
Joseph Souza Jameson Vitullo**

KICKEMUIT MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS 2014-2015

Congratulations to the Kickemuit Middle School Wrestling Team for winning the Southern Division Championship. We congratulate:

**John Cordeiro Tyler Curria Isaiah Ferro
Shane Hollands Adam Orwiler Joshua Roy
Scott Silva Zachary Silva Zackary Sullivan**

**Devin Torgeson Bryan Dupras Eddy Kutter
Joeseeph LeBrun Dylan Loiselle Richard Amaral
Joshua Andrade Cameron Connor Dominic
Depasqual
Cory Grifka Amanda Marshall Connor Medeiros
Jordan Pompey Dylan Rego**

In addition to winning the Southern Division Championship the following students also received individual accolades:

**Aidan Bennett 6th Team All State
Patrick McGovern 6th Team All State
Liam Mallon 5th Team All State
Max Kutter 3rd Team All State
Nayden Braga 3rd Team All State
Trey Coroa 3rd Team All State
Nicholas Gomes 3rd Team All State
Noah Mallon 1st Team All State & 119 lb.**

Class State Champion

MT. HOPE HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS 2014-2015

Congratulations to the Mt. Hope High School Wrestling Team for winning the RI Interscholastic League Division 1B Championship. We

congratulate:

**Fredrick Belham Andrew Braga Shaun Wilson Nathaniel
Braga Noah Braga David Torres
Brenden Church Dylan DiFrenna AlexanderTanish
Jevin Fortin Joel Gonzalez Baily Taft
Trevor King Devon Lancaster Stephen Riendeau
Jose Lima Brendan McCombs Daniel Proulx
Daniel McDonough Aaron Myers Scott Primiano
Matthew Oliveira**

In addition to winning the Division 1B Championship the following students also received individual accolades:

**Collin Cardoso 2nd Team All Division, 1st Team All State &
120 lb. Class State Champion**

**Tylor Fenwick 1st Team All Division, 1st Team All State,
All New England & 220 lb. Class State Champion**

Christian Torres 2nd Team All Division & 2nd Team All State

Nathan Pimental 1st Team All Division

Sean Thibaudeau 1st Team All Division

Dominic Lombardo 2nd Team All Division

Neil Thibaudeau 2nd Team All Division

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tyler Barbosa 2nd Team All Division

Alexander Francis 2nd Team All Division

COMPETITION CHEERLEADING

Alexis Goodwin 1st Team All State

Amanda Gomes 1st Team All State

Kimberly Mendes 1st Team All State

Kyle Dumkuski 1st Team All State

GYMNASTICS

Victoria Gendreau 1st Team All State

Jordan Masaitis 1st Team All Division

Ashley Heald 2nd Team All Division

Brianna Gendreau 3rd Team All Division

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that only one Executive Session would be held, occurring at the end of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

CONSENT AGENDA #S2015-20

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. Hearing none, Chairman Bento requested a motion.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mrs. Lynch.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to seal the executive session minutes of the March 23, 2015 and April 13, 2015 School Committee Meetings; seconded by Mr. Silva

The motion passed unanimously.

S2015-20 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 Middle School Principal as listed below:

- 1. Jared B. Vance Middle School Principal – Kickemuit
Middle**

**Effective: July 1, 2015, pending
Satisfactory completion of pre-
Employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy
(Resignation – B. Hayes)**

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. Andrea D. LaRue Child Opportunity Zone (COZ)
Program
Bookkeeper (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

(Resignation – L. Jennings)

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

C. KINDERGARTEN SCREENING TEACHERS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals as Kindergarten Screening Teachers for the 2014-15 school year only:

Name

- 1. Maria Grace Arruda**
- 2. Diane Gallison**
- 3. Angela Hawkins**
- 4. Jamie Hawkins**
- 5. Paula Richards-Sousa**
- 6. Theresa Silva**
- 7. Emily Spinard**
- 8. Jacqueline Taylor**

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 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. Track (Outdoor) Head Coach Dennis Welch ***
- 2. Track (Outdoor) Asst. Coach Josienne Heer ***
- 3. Track (Outdoor)-Throwing Asst. Coach Nicholas Rocha**

CLUB COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 4. Tennis Head Coach Tristan Lewis ***

INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

Sport Position Coach

- 5. Track (Outdoor) Asst. Coach Emily McCaffrey**

ADVISORS – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE

- 6. Lego Robotics Kristin Carbone**

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

E. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the extracurricular position 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 (Boys) Head Coach Dennis Welch *

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

F. 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:

SECRETARIAL

1. Andra J. Renzi

CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE

2. Stephen J. Brodd

3. Ralph L. Guerriero

G. LEAVES OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant leaves of absence for an Elementary Teacher and Secondary English Teacher as follows:

1. Tina Hyllested Grade Two Teacher – Guiteras

Effective: June 11, 2015, for up to

13 weeks

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

2. Rebecca L. Moore English Teacher – Mt. Hope High

**Effective: July 1, 2015, for up to 13
weeks**

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

H. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Mary S. Lero from the position of Elementary School Nurse, Michael J. Moran from the position of Middle School Social Worker, Jane Oliver-Farnsworth from the position of Elementary Teacher, Gilda Cordeiro from the position of Custodian and Laura Evinger from the position of Literacy Team Leader as listed below:

1. Mary S. Lero School Nurse – Colt Andrews

**Effective: End of the 2014-15 School
Year**

Reason: Retirement

2. Michael J. Moran Social Worker – Kickemuit Middle

Effective: August 31, 2015

Reason: Retirement

3. Jane Oliver-Farnsworth Grade Two Teacher – Guiteras

Effective: June 22, 2015

Reason: Retirement

4. Gilda Cordeiro Custodian – Mt. Hope High

Effective: May 5, 2015

Reason: Retirement

5. Laura Evinger Literacy Team Leader – Colt Andrews

Effective: End of the 2014-15 School

Year

Reason: Personal

Dr. Andrade introduced Mr. Jared Vance, the newly appointed Kickemuit Middle School principal. Dr. Andrade shared highlights from Mr. Vance's extensive work history in the field of academics. Dr. Andrade welcomed Mr. Vance to the Bristol Warren Regional School District.

Mr. Vance extended a thank you to Dr. Andrade, the School Committee and the interview team saying that he is excited to be joining an excellent team.

Dr. Andrade also recognized the retirees, thanking them for their years of service to the Bristol Warren Regional School District.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-21

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

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

The motion passed with a 7-1 vote; Mrs. McBride dissenting.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-22

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee, approve the first reading of the Bidding Requirements Policy (DJC)

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve the first reading of the Bidding Requirements Policy (DJC); seconded by Mr. Saviano.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McBride thanked the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee for revising the Bidding Requirements Policy (DJC).

Mrs. Schofield informed the School Committee that there will be a few copy editing changes made to the policy prior to the second reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-23

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve PARE Engineering's MHHS Field Project Design.

Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that "and supported by the Budget/ Facilities Subcommittee" should be stricken from the above

recommendation.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell made a motion to approve PARE Engineering's MHHS Field Project Design; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-24

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve awarding the bid for two stationary kettles at MHHS.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve awarding the bid for two stationary kettles at MHHS; seconded by Mrs. McBride.

DISCUSSION: George Simmons clarified that stationary kettles are used in the kitchen, and are beneficial for boiling large quantities of food. He added that the lifespan of a stationary kettle is 15-20 years. The new stationary kettles will be replacing the old kettles.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-25

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2015-2016 Academic Year Calendar.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Academic Year Calendar; seconded by Mrs. McBride.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McBride clarified that Draft #1 of the 2015-2016 Academic Year Calendar is being considered for approval.

Mrs. Wainwright asked for an explanation of the rationale behind starting school before Labor Day. Dr. Andrade responded that the past practice of the Bristol Warren Regional School District has been to schedule the first day of school on the Wednesday prior to Labor Day. The intent of an earlier first day of school is to ensure that students are not ending school later in June. Dr. Andrade also added that Labor Day falls on September 8th for the upcoming academic calendar year further supporting the decision to continue with a school start date scheduled prior to Labor Day.

Dr. Andrade further commented on the rationale for eliminating February vacation which was part of a proposal that was initiated by RISSA. He added that parents are supportive of eliminating February vacation.

Mr. O'Dell stated, for the record, that he has "waited ten years for this moment" and was thankful for the change.

Subcommittee/School Committee Reports & Initiatives

Budget/Facilities Subcommittee

Mrs. McBride stated there was nothing new to report

Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee

Mrs. Schofield reported that the next meeting of the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee

Mr. Silva stated there was nothing substantive to report at this time.

Wellness Subcommittee

Mrs. Wainwright shared information regarding activities that will be conducted during this year's Annual Wellness Week.

Mrs. Wainwright also shared information regarding the upcoming Take Charge of Your Child's Digital Life presentation.

Chairperson's Initiatives

Chairman Bento reported that the School Committee Goals will be reviewed during the May Workshop.

The first reading of the CAS Policy will be conducted at the June Business Meeting. Chairman Bento stated that there will be one more CAS Policy forum scheduled which will be held prior to the first reading of the policy in June.

Shout Out Successes:

Mrs. Wainwright shared highlights from the recent student tours of Boston

Colleges sponsored by the Guidance Department. Mrs. Wainwright thanked the Guidance Department for running the tour.

Mrs. McBride shared highlights from the recent MHHS math skills demonstration. She thanked all the presenters who participated.

Mr. Saviano thanked Mrs. Wainwright for the many initiatives she has undertaken.

Dr. Andrade encouraged everyone to tune in to Channel 10 over the next

two Thursdays to watch a broadcast highlighting two Bristol Warren Regional educators, Sarina Lake, STEM instructor, and Trisha Minnella,

Hugh Cole educator, receive the Golden Apple Award. Dr. Andrade commended both educators.

Dr. Andrade thanked the entire Bristol Warren School Community for the

incredible support shown after the passing of a MHHS student. Dr.

Andrade and the School Committee offered their heartfelt thoughts to the

family in their loss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:08 PM

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

- 1. Town of Warren Litigation**
- 2. Superintendent's Evaluation**

Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that some decisions could be made during the executive session. The Open Session will reconvene to adjourn.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Wainwright. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:31 PM

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. O'Dell motioned to adjourn the Open Session at 9:31 PM; seconded by Mrs. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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