

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, June 22, 2015

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, June 22, 2015, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Chairman Bento called the meeting to order at approximately 7:09 PM.

Present: John Bento, Chairman; Paul Silva, Vice-Chairman; Karen Lynch, Secretary; Marjorie McBride, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reyn Ferris, Colt Andrews Student Government President, commented that the students of Colt Andrews School would appreciate the School Committee's support in approving the

installation of turf at Colt Andrews School.

Tracy Ramos shared the following statement:

My comments are in regard to the Comprehensive Assessment Policy. I am not going to spend my time reiterating the many reasons I've previously outlined to explain this policy in its current form is bad for our district. I do want to take this time to address one particular aspect of this conversation, and that is the school rating system employed by RIDE. It has been argued to me that we need to require kids to take state assessments because our schools' commended status depends in part on participation in these exams.

Last week I provided you all a copy of the RIDE policy on school rating, and I have a copy here should anyone like to see it. The rating system proposed by RIDE is outlined on Slide 7. You'll note that school rating depends, almost exclusively, on performance and participation on the state assessments in Math and ELA. These two tests alone determine our schools' rating status. Let me say that again – our schools' rating depends almost entirely on how our children perform on state assessments. This is bad policy from RIDE.

One thing we teach children at a very young age is that two wrongs do not make a right. Passing a local policy to conform to a bad state policy is just wrong. By passing this policy as it exists, we are tacitly agreeing to let our schools be judged based on these two tests. Our administrators deserve more, our teachers deserve more, and most importantly, our students deserve more than to have our schools be

rated by two tests.

You will hear conversation that this rating system is subject to change. That is true. It is also true that testing in our state is in flux. I sent you all a link to a recording of a hearing on this issue at the state house. The legislature is clear – they intend to rid our state of PARCC and to specifically not require our kids to participate in state assessments.

Why should our district require participation in state tests when testing and rating systems are so clearly in flux? While very smart people are working hard to figure out what's best, real kids and real families in real time are struggling with these state level fluctuations. It simply doesn't make sense to require kids to participate at this point.

I respect that you all are working to find the right solution. Vote this policy down tonight and revise it to remove the word 'required' in the third paragraph of the policy statement. Direct district leadership to speak out publicly about the punitive nature of RIDE's rating system. Your district looks to you to represent us and rather than passing one bad policy to conform to another, I ask you to be publicly vocal with your dissatisfaction with RIDE's rating system to advocate on the district's behalf.

I look forward to hearing your discussion tonight on this issue. I was at the hearing at the state house on June 11 and can speak about what happened there. I am also happy to reiterate many of my prior points on the policy and why it should not be passed if you have any questions.

Thank you

Amy Bratsos & Sheila Ellsworth, Colt Andrews Parents Group, acknowledged those parents and students present, in the audience, to show their support for the installation of turf at Colt Andrews School. Mrs. Bratsos added that over the years, many surfacing options have been tried on Colt Andrews field to no avail. Hours of time and research have been spent for the purpose of finding the best surfacing solution for Colt Andrews Field. Mrs. Bratsos stated that the Colt Andrews Parents Group believes the playground turf is the best option. Mrs. Bratsos and Mrs. Ellsworth requested the support of the School Committee in approving the bid to install turf at Colt Andrews School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:18 PM

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

1. Personnel Recommendations #S2015-37

Chairman Bento stated that the Executive Session will be held for discussion purposes only. No action will be taken. The Open Session will reconvene to continue with the regular order of business.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

CONSENT AGENDA #S2015-37

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 item B1 & E3 will be pulled from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

MOTION: Mrs. Lynch 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 May 26, 2015 School Committee Meeting; seconded by Mr. Saviano.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Silva made a motion to accept B1 of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. O'Dell.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McBride commented that she would be voting no citing that she does not believe another Assistant Principal is necessary at Colt Andrews School.

Mrs. Wainwright stated that she is supporting the Superintendent's recommendation for an additional Assistant Principal at Colt Andrews School citing the fact that both school buildings have multiple levels.

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

Dr. Andrade introduced Ms. Deborah Kearns as the new Assistant Principal at Colt Andrews School. He commended Ms. Kearns and the Hugh Cole Administration team for pushing student achievement forward over the last three years making Hugh Cole one of the leading schools in the District.

Dr. Andrade introduced and welcomed Ms. Julie Pirri, the new School Nurse at Colt Andrews School.

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell made a motion to approve item E3 of the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Silva.

The motion failed to pass with a 3-5 vote; Mrs. McBride, Mr. Silva,

Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Saviano dissenting.

S2015-37 A-O: CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL

A. ATTENDANCE OFFICER: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to re-appoint the following individual to the position of Attendance Officer as listed below:

1. Manuel T. Vierra Attendance Officer

**Effective: July 1, 2015 through
June 30, 2016**

**Reason: In accordance with the
Rhode Island General Laws
Relating to Education
(Ch. 16-19-3)**

Funding: Operational Budget

B. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of Elementary Assistant Principal and School Nurse/Teacher as listed below:

1. Deborah A. Kearns Assistant Principal – Colt Andrews

Effective: July 1, 2015

Reason: To fill a new position

Funding: Operational Budget

2. Julie A. Pirri School Nurse/Teacher – Colt Andrews

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year, pending receipt of
certification and
satisfactory completion of
pre-employment
requirements**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy
(Retirement – M. Lero)**

**Funding: Operational Budget
(1st Step)**

C. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of four Secondary Department Chairs,

Secondary/Middle School Special Services Department Head, six Secondary Teacher Leaders, three Middle School Curriculum Coordinators and one Middle School Lead Teacher as listed below:

**1. Robert Arsenault Arts and Applied Arts Department
Chair – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**2. Patrick Jackson Humanities Department Chair –
Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**3. Thomas J. DelSanto Physical Education and Health
Department Chair – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**4. Wayne R. Lima Science, Technology/Engineering and
Mathematics (STEM) Department
Chair – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

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

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

6. Lauren Enjeti Arts and Applied Arts Teacher Leader

- Mt. Hope High

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

7. Maureen Gauthier Arts and Applied Arts Teacher Leader

– Mt. Hope High

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

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

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

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

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**10. John J. Castriotta Science, Technology/Engineering and
Mathematics (STEM) Teacher
Leader – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**11. Joseph Koger Science, Technology/Engineering and
Mathematics (STEM) Teacher**

Leader – Mt. Hope High

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**12. Melissa Bernard Curriculum Coordinator (Humanities)
- Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**13. Michelle Way DaSilva Curriculum Coordinator
(Mathematics) - Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**14. Susan Cardente Curriculum Coordinator (Science) -
Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: For the 2015-16 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**15. Jeffrey L. Grifka Lead Teacher (Social Studies) –
Kickemuit Middle**

**Effective: Immediately, for the
remainder of the 2015-16 school year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

D. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants 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. Mary-Ellen Savickas Senior Child Care Provider (Part Time)

Effective: Immediately, for the 2015-16 school year, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

2. Vanessa Ferreira Child Care Garden Nutrition Educator (Part Time)

Effective: July 1, 2015, for the 2015-16 school year, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment

requirements

Reason: To fill a new position

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

**3. Virginia DePasquale Child Care School Community
Gardener (Part Time)**

**Effective: July 1, 2015, for the 2015-
16 school year, pending satisfactory
completion of pre-employment
requirements**

Reason: To fill a new position

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

**4. Barbara A. Sweeney Child Care Technical Support
Specialist (Part Time)**

**Effective: Immediately, for the 2015-
16 school year, pending satisfactory
completion of pre-employment
requirements**

Reason: To fill a new position

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

5. Annika N. Creton Child Care Intern (Part Time)

Effective: Immediately, for the 2015-16 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

E. EVENT SUPERVISORS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the 2015-16 school year only as Event Supervisors for the Bristol Warren Regional School District contingent upon sufficient activities:

Name

- 1. Lisa Bruce**
- 2. Bernadette Emery**

F. ATHLETIC EVENT SUPERVISORS/TIME CLOCK KEEPERS/TICKET TAKERS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the

2015-16 school year only as Athletic Event Supervisors, Time Clock Keepers or Ticket Takers for the Bristol Warren Regional School District (pending certification, funding and sufficient activities):

Name Position

- 1. Debra Costa Event Supervisor**
- 2. N. Diane Davis Event Supervisor**
- 3. Bernadette Emery Event Supervisor**
- 4. Kerri Ferreira Event Supervisor/Time Clock Keeper/Ticket Taker**
- 5. Thomas Fullen Event Supervisor/Time Clock Keeper/Ticket Taker**
- 6. Geoffrey Keegan Event Supervisor/Time Clock Keeper/Ticket Taker**
- 7. Christopher Lambert Event Supervisor**
- 8. Ryan McCormack Event Supervisor/Time Clock Keeper/Ticket Taker**
- 9. Lisa Medeiros Event Supervisor**
- 10. Arthur Pellerin Time Clock Keeper/Ticket Taker**
- 11. Marilyn Pellerin Event Supervisor/Time Clock Keeper/Ticket Taker**
- 12. Warren Rensehausen Event Supervisor/Time Clock Keeper/Ticket Taker**
- 13. Roland Rodrigues Event Supervisor/Time Clock Keeper/Ticket Taker**

14. Janice Silvia Time Clock Keeper/Ticket Taker

15. Albert Sweet Time Clock Keeper/Ticket Taker

G. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) SERVICES PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2015 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Extended School Year (ESY) Services Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

1. Lynne Abendroth Teacher Assistant

2. Lori Acciardo Teacher Assistant

3. Margaret Alegria Teacher Assistant

4. Jillian Amato Teacher Assistant

5. Joann Bernard Teacher Assistant

6. Cheryl Cabral Teacher Assistant

7. Deborah Dwyer Teacher Assistant

8. Denise Goodman Teacher Assistant

9. Debra Lopes Teacher Assistant

10. Christa Resendes Teacher Assistant

11. Linda Staudinger Teacher Assistant

13. Joanne Vales Teacher Assistant

14. Melanie Michaud Teacher Assistant

H. SUMMER SCHOOL: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following

individuals for the Summer 2015 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Summer School contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Course

- 1. Kerry Mastriano H.S. English**
- 2. Rebecca Nelson H.S. English/Substitute**
- 3. Theresa Brodd H.S. Guidance / Substitute**
- 4. Caitlin Booth H.S. Mathematics**
- 5. M. Jessica Mulvena * H.S. Mathematics**
- 6. Colleen Powers H.S. Mt. Hope Plus/Substitute**
- 7. Allison Lewis H.S. Physical Education/Health**
- 8. Joseph DiStefano * H.S. Science**
- 9. Ericka O'Connell * H.S. Science**
- 10. Gregg Burke H.S. Social Studies**
- 11. Caroline Cleary * M.S. Language Arts**
- 12. Kayla Testa M.S. Language Arts**
- 13. Rebecca Katzanek * M.S. Mathematics**
- 14. Michelle Way DaSilva M.S. Mathematics**
- 15. Stephen Piette M.S. Science**
- 16. Erika Paiva * M.S. Science/Social Studies**
- 17. Hollie Silva M.S. Social Studies**
- 18. Stephen Buonfiglio M.S. Substitute**

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

I. 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):

WINTER COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Swimming Asst. Coach Maria Brown ***

ADVISORS – MT. HOPE HIGH

- 2. Class of 2019 (Co-Advisor) Lisa Medeiros**
- 3. Student Council Brian Latessa**

HEALTHY HUSKIES WELLNESS CENTER/GYM AREA SUPERVISORS

- 4. Wellness Supervisor (Summer) Lisa Medeiros**

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

J. 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 2015-16 school year only (pending adequate Federal, State and local funding and contingent upon adequate enrollment and program renewal):

Name Program Assignment

- 1. Megan Keeler Child Care Provider**
- 2. JoAnne Waite Senior Child Care Provider**

K. 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 2015-16 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. John J. Keegan Security Systems Technician-KMS**

L. 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. Adrienne S. Connors Elementary**

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

1. Jodi-Lee Neves English Teacher – Mt. Hope High

**Effective: July 10, 2015, for up to
13 weeks**

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

2. Adrienne Burke Secretary – Mt. Hope High

**Effective: June 22, 2015, up to one
year, pending release from physician**

**Reason: Leave in accordance with
Article 20 of the Master Agreement**

N. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Judith L. Vincent, Judith I. Rowe and Cassandra A. Corcoran from the positions of Elementary Teacher, Carol A. Schlink from the position of Secondary Drama Teacher, Elizabeth Salzillo

from the position of Reading Specialist/Consultant, and Meghan E. Rainville and Jillian M. Costa from the positions of Child Care Provider as listed below:

1. Judith L. Vincent Grade Four Teacher - Rockwell

Effective: June 22, 2015

Reason: Retirement

2. Judith I. Rowe Grade Five Teacher – Hugh Cole

Effective: June 22, 2015

Reason: Retirement

3. Cassandra A. Corcoran Grade Four Teacher – Guiteras

Effective: June 23, 2015

Reason: Personal

4. Carol A. Schlink Drama Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: June 22, 2015

Reason: Retirement

**5. Elizabeth Salzillo Reading Specialist/Consultant –
Hugh Cole**

Effective: June 22, 2015

Reason: Retirement

6. Meghan E. Rainville Child Care Provider

Effective: June 30, 2015

Reason: Personal

7. Jillian Costa Child Care Provider

Effective: June 30, 2015

Reason: Personal

O. SUSPENSION, NONRENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote(s) of May 11, 2015 as to the following listed teacher and appoint the listed

teacher to the position indicated:

Name Anticipated Assignment

1. Caroline Anderson Elementary Special Educator

Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that in order to accommodate guests, he was moving one item to the top of the order of business.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-44

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the bid for installation of Field Turf at Colt Andrews School.

MOTION: Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the bid for installation of Field Turf at Colt Andrews School; seconded by Mrs. McBride.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Bento acknowledged Mr. Nathan Calouro, Bristol Town Council Chair; Mr. Walter Burke, Director Bristol Parks & Recreation; and Mr. George Simmons, Bristol Warren Regional School District Facilities Director, who present to answer questions if necessary.

Mr. Burke and Mr. Simmons shared the benefits of the astro-turf

being considered for a vote this evening.

Mrs. McBride stated, for the record, that the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee is recommending Childscapes for the turf installation project at Colt Andrews School. The alternate bid, which will address drainage issues, will also be included.

Several School Committee members asked questions of Mr. Simmons which were answered.

Mrs. McBride commended Mr. Simmons for his hard work in completing the research for the Colt Andrews field turf project.

Mrs. Campbell stated that she understands and agrees with the reasons for installing turf at Colt Andrews, but explained that on principle she believes in parity throughout the schools. She is concerned about those schools that still have asphalt play areas.

Mr. Silva responded that he looks at the monies received from the Colt Fund for the Colt Andrews field project as a grant. If the School Committee were to turn down the Colt Fund monies for the sake of parity, that would mean, moving forward, every grant that was offered to the School District would be turned down due to lack of parity.

A discussion ensued regarding how to move forward to fund the alternate bid amount of \$4600.

Mr. Calouro, Bristol Town Council Chair, stated that the Town Council was very happy to approve allocation of monies from the Colt Fund for installation of turf at Colt Andrews School. He commented that no tax dollars are being used to fund this project. He added that preservation of the Colt Fund has been maintained with the monies for the Colt Andrews field project coming from dividends. Mr. Calouro also stated that he would be happy to include the alternate bid amount of \$4600 on the next Town Council agenda, which amount, if approved, would be added to the existing Colt Fund allocation for the Colt Field Project.

Mr. Calouro shared that in the future, conversations will be held with Mrs. Silva, Director of Administration & Finance and Mrs. McBride, Budget Subcommittee Chair, about the best way to approach the Town Council for dollars.

Mrs. Lynch requested that the Town Council consider permanently closing off Bradford Street for the entire school year to allow more play space for students. Mr. Calouro stated that he would be agreeable to have a conversation regarding Bradford Street.

Mr. Bento thanked Mr. Calouro, Mr. Burke, Mr. Simmons and the Colt Andrews PTO for being present for tonight's discussion.

AMENDED MOTION: Mr. Silva made a motion to approve Childscape's bid of \$64,500, with the alternate bid amount of \$4600 to

be paid out of the District's General Fund, unless request to Town Council for their consideration to allocate an additional \$4600 from the Colt Fund is approved; Mr. Saviano seconded.

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

Mrs. McBride thanked the Colt Andrews PTO for all their efforts commenting that their tenacity was commendable.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-38

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee, approve the second reading of the Comprehensive Assessment System Policy (IKG).

MOTION: Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the second reading of the Comprehensive Assessment System Policy (IKG); seconded by Mrs. McBride.

Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that due to a School Committee Policy regarding Policy Adoption, it is necessary to have two consecutive readings of a policy at the School Committee level. The first reading of the Comprehensive Assessment System Policy originally occurred in March. Due to the Policy Adoption mandate, the Comprehensive Assessment System Policy will be approved as a first reading this evening.

AMENDED MOTION: Mr. Silva made a motion to approve the first reading of the Comprehensive Assessment System Policy (IKG); seconded by Mrs. Wainwright.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Dell stated that section V of the policy states that the Comprehensive Assessment System Policy will be "automatically amended". He expressed concern regarding how the public would be kept abreast of automatic changes made to the policy.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED MOTION: Mr. O'Dell made a motion to send the Comprehensive Assessment System Policy to the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee for further consideration of section V of the policy; seconded by Mrs. Lynch.

DISCUSSION: Several School Committee members stated that they believed changes to the wording of section V could be amended at the full School Committee level.

Mrs. Schofield supported Mr. O'Dell's amendment to the amended motion.

Mr. O'Dell stated, for the record, that he was withdrawing his amendment to the amended motion for the purpose of amending section V of the CAS Policy at the full School Committee level.

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell made a motion to strike the phrase "shall be automatically amended" from the CAS Policy; seconded by Mrs. McBride.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Silva asked Mr. Henneous, Legal Counsel, why "shall be automatically amended" was included in the CAS Policy. Mr. Henneous explained the legal rationale. Mr. Henneous suggested adding a sentence to the end of section V which would require public notice if an automatic amendment to the policy were to occur.

Mr. O'Dell agreed with Mr. Henneous recommendation for section V of the CAS Policy. Mr. Henneous stated that he would provide wording for the additional qualifying statement to the secretary to the School Committee.

Mr. O'Dell withdrew his motion to strike the phrase, "shall be automatically amended".

MOTION: Mrs. Schofield made a motion to strike the word "parents" from the first sentence of the CAS policy; seconded by Mr. O'Dell.

DISCUSSION: For clarity's sake, Mr. Silva stated that the CAS Policy currently indicates that parents have an obligation to comply with state standards, not their own. A discussion ensued.

The motion failed to pass with a 3-5 vote; Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Lynch,

Mrs. Wainwright, Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Saviano dissenting.

The initial amended motion to approve the first reading of the CAS Policy passed with a 6-2 vote; Mr. O'Dell and Mrs. Schofield dissenting.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-39

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee, approve the second reading of the Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug Policy (JFCH).

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve the second reading of the Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Drug Policy (JFCH); seconded by Mr. Saviano. The motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-40

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee, approve the second reading of the Board-Staff Communications Policy (GBD).

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve the second reading of the Board-Staff Communications Policy (GBD); seconded by Mrs.

Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-41

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee, approve the first reading of the Bring Your Own Device Policy.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve the first reading of the Bring Your Own Device Policy; seconded by Mr. O'Dell.

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

Mrs. McBride clarified that she dissented because she does not believe there are enough safeguards in place for student phone usage.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-42

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the 2015-2016 Per Diem Substitute Pay Rate Schedule.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Per Diem Substitute Pay Rate Schedule; seconded by Mr. Saviano.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McBride stated that the Per Diem Substitute Pay Rate Schedule was presented and agreed upon at the June Budget/Facilities Subcommittee meeting.

Mrs. Lynch questioned why “2015-2016” is included as part of the schedule. Mr. Silva added that it should read, “commencing 2015-2016”.

MOTION: Mrs. Lynch made a motion to add “commencing” before 2015-2016 in paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 of the Per Diem Substitutes Pay Rate Schedule; seconded by Mr. Silva. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to approve the Per Diem Substitute Pay Rate Schedule commencing 2015-2016 passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-43

That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, and contingent upon the approval of the Auditor General’s office, approve the Audit Bid.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve the Audit Bid contingent upon the approval of the Auditor General’s office; seconded by Mrs. Campbell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Saviano stated that he will be abstaining from the vote.

Mr. Silva shared issues he has with the audit bid evaluation system. He added that he would like a comment sent to the Auditor General's office regarding the issues the ranking system creates.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Silva introduced Ms. Mary Sahady, Esq. CPA, Hague, Sahady & Co., CPA's, P.C. Ms. Sahady stated that she is happy to be Bristol Warren Regional School District's new auditor. She shared her work history and the background of her firm.

School Committee members welcomed Ms. Sahady.

AGENDA FOCUS

Guiteras Project

Mr. Simmons, Facilities Director, stated that the equipment is already on Guiteras field in preparation for the work to begin. Heavy construction will commence on July 5th. A determination was made that the front stairs of Guiteras should also be repaired. Mr. Simmons spoke to DaPonte who will repair the blue stone and all the landings on the stairs this summer. Next year, the stairs will be renovated and the support structures rebuilt.

Mr. Simmons also described the details of the DEM grant project for the watershed area. The design plan covers the exterior parking and driving areas of Guiteras.

Subcommittee/School Committee Reports & Initiatives

Budget/Facilities Subcommittee

Mrs. McBride stated that a summer project timeline is being developed.

She also reported that the Building Committee for Guiteras School has met. Mrs. McBride invited the public to attend the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee meeting to offer their input.

Mrs. Campbell inquired about the oversight of the Guiteras project. Dr. Andrade responded that the DEM grant was actually received 18 months ago. The Building Committee has been meeting quarterly. All the plans have gone out to bid and have been approved. Dr. Andrade stated that some of the money for the Guiteras project is coming out of the Guiteras Fund. Dr. Andrade emphasized that no tax payer money or School Department money is being used to fund this project. All funding is through grants and an endowment.

Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee

Mrs. Schofield stated that the next Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday, July 6th where the Fundraising Policy will be reviewed and updated.

Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee

Mr. Silva turned the Subcommittee report over to Mrs. Lynch, C94 Negotiations Team Chair, to provide an update on the recent C94 negotiations.

Mrs. Lynch stated that she was excited to report that at July's School Committee meeting, the Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee will be coming before the School Committee for approval of the C94 contract. She added that it is a great contract. Mrs. Lynch stated that the experience of working with the Negotiations Team, C94, School District and Administration was a great one.

Wellness Subcommittee

Mrs. Wainwright reported that the Wellness Committee met to assess the recent Wellness Week held at the schools in May. She shared those findings with the School Committee.

Mrs. Wainwright stated that the Wellness Committee is looking to initiate activities regarding bullying, nutrition and fitness throughout the academic year.

Mrs. Wainwright shared information regarding health and wellness initiatives of the Bristol Warren Family Resource Center.

Mrs. Wainwright shared information regarding Chartwells health initiatives.

Mrs. Wainwright reported that on Thursday, September 24th, the RI Healthy Schools Coalition Breakfast for School Leaders Symposium will take place at Crowne Plaza.

Mrs. Wainwright publically thanked each member of the Wellness Committee.

Chairperson's Initiatives

Chairman Bento stated that during the August School Committee meeting he would like a discussion held in open session regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Board.

Chairman Bento made a recommendation to the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee to revise the Policy Adoption Policy to not require consecutive School Committee meetings for a first and second reading.

Chairman Bento reported that today was the last day of school. He thanked all the Administrators, teachers, and support staff wishing the children a happy and healthy summer. He commended the Superintendent for visiting every school and classroom during the last day of school.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 9:07 PM

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

- 1. Legal Advice re: Town of Warren Litigation**
- 2. Superintendent's Contract**

Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that no action would be taken during the Executive Session and that the Open Session would only reconvene to adjourn.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:27 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Saviano. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:27 PM

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Silva motioned to adjourn the Open Session at 9:27 PM; seconded by Mr. Saviano. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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