

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, August 11, 2015

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, August 11, 2015, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Vice-Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 PM.

Present: Paul Silva, Vice-Chairperson; Karen Lynch, Secretary; Marjorie McBride, Treasurer; Diana Campbell, William O'Dell, John Saviano, Erin Schofield and Lynn Wainwright; Mario J. Andrade, Superintendent; Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Almeida, Director of Literacy & Title 1; Leslie Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and Pauline Silva, Director of Administration & Finance

Absent: John Bento, Chairperson

OPENING BUSINESS

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

Vice-Chairperson Silva asked everyone to participate in a moment of silence to honor the memory of Bristol native and MHHS alumnus

Master Sgt. Andrew McKenna who was killed in the line of duty overseas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment.

AGENDA FOCUS:

Superintendent Presentation: 2015-2016 Focus

Dr. Andrade shared highlights from two national PARCC Testing Conferences he recently attended. PowerPoint presentations from the PARCC Testing Conferences were provided to the School Committee. The presentations focused on the technical challenges and aspects of PARCC, and understanding PARCC's performance level setting process.

Dr. Andrade entertained questions from the School Committee in regards to the above mentioned PowerPoint presentations, and provided answers.

Dr. Andrade commented that another webinar will take place in two weeks regarding PARCC testing where more information will be provided, specifically related to test score results and reporting.

Dr. Andrade shared his vision for the 2015-2016 academic year.

The following points of the Superintendent's vision were expanded upon:

- **Students first**
- **Educators are the greatest resource for continuous improvement**
- **Four essential questions:**
 1. **What should the students know?**
 2. **How will educators measure student learning?**
 3. **How will educators intervene when students have not reached their learning targets?**
 4. **How will educators proceed when a student has reached their learning targets?**
- **Clear learning targets for students and educators alike**
- **Descriptive feedback to aid in continuous improvement**
- **Ability to self-assess**
- **Acceleration of student achievement**
- **Action research**
- **Measurable, attainable, reasonable and timely goals**
- **Educator and Student Ownership**
- **Positive school culture**
- **Open dialogue**
- **Empowerment of educators and administrators**
- **Crystal clear expectations**

Dr. Andrade stated that last year's budget, which was approved by the Joint Finance Committee, provided support to educators through

Professional Development; a clear investment into our current resources. Dr. Andrade thanked Mrs. Pauline Silva, Director of Administration and Finance and the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee for investing in the students of the Bristol Warren Regional School District.

Dr. Andrade stated that he will be meeting with building administrators to discuss the importance of a results oriented climate.

Dr. Andrade closed by stating that he is looking forward to a great school year. He praised the fabulous team of administrators and educators within the BWRSD. Dr. Andrade thanked the School Committee for their support.

At the conclusion of Dr. Andrade's presentation, several school committee members asked questions which were answered by the Superintendent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no need for an executive session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-50 – Personnel

Vice-Chairperson Silva clarified that the School Committee will be voting on the revised version of the Personnel Recommendations

which was disseminated to the School Committee prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations; seconded by Mr. O'Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION #S2015-51 – That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the Rockwell Playground Bid.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve the Rockwell Playground Bid; seconded by Mrs. Campbell.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McBride stated that the recommendation for the bid award is MJ Construction in the amount of \$12,495.46.

Mrs. McBride stated that if the Rockwell Playground Bid is approved this evening, work will begin on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Mrs. McBride added that the bid included a provision for work to be completed before school starts.

Dr. Andrade commented that Rockwell's building principal was notified that the Rockwell Playground would be resurfaced. The

building principal relayed this information to the PTO.

Dr. Andrade clarified that resurfacing Rockwell's Playground is not an enhancement, but serves to maintain the quality of the playing surface by replacing the degraded rubber surface with new asphalt. Dr. Andrade reiterated that the onus of maintaining outdoor classrooms falls under the jurisdiction of the School Department.

The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Shout Out Successes

Mrs. Campbell congratulated Mrs. Silva and Mr. Simmons and the facilities staff on the beautiful remodel of the KMS auditorium. She stated that the KMS Auditorium remodel was a good investment and something to be proud of going forward.

Mrs. Wainwright stated that the KMS auditorium looks fabulous. Mrs. Wainwright commented that she is excited about the future use of KMS auditorium for enrichment programs and cultural arts programs which will bring much joy to students, teachers, parents and the towns. She commended Mrs. Silva, Mr. Simmons and the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee for supporting the KMS auditorium project.

Mrs. Schofield seconded the sentiments shared about the KMS

auditorium remodel.

Mrs. Schofield congratulated Santino DePasquale who participated and completed his first Save the Bay Swim, where he raised \$4000 for the cause. Santino also became an Eagle Scout, the Boy Scouts highest honor, by building protective cages for turtle eggs.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mrs. McBride requested action and a report out by the Superintendent to address the issue of bullying to include a better definition of bullying, and accurate reporting of incidences.**
- Guidance Presentation**

Vice-Chairperson Silva charged Mrs. Schofield and the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee with establishing a protocol policy related to the requirement of an election in the event both the School Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are not in attendance for a School Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 P.M.

MOTION: At 8:00 PM Mrs. Campbell motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Saviano.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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