

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, June 13, 2016

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, June 13, 2016, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. Chairman John Bento called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

Present: John C. Bento, Chairman; Paul Silva, Vice-Chairman; 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

OPENING BUSINESS

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

ACCOLADES

RETIREEES

TEACHERS

Susan E. Abilheira – Reading Specialist, Colt Andrews School

Robert J. Arsenault, Music Teacher, Mt. Hope High School (unable to attend)

Deborah J. Leonard – Social Studies Teacher, Mt. Hope High School

Christine A. Mullen – Art Teacher, Mt. Hope High School

Kathleen A. Podraza – Science Teacher, Kickemuit Middle School (unable to attend)

Elizabeth Salzillo – Reading Specialist, Hugh Cole School (unable to attend)

Elisabeth G. Vincze – Music Teacher, Colt Andrews School & Hugh Cole School

Sally K. Caruso – English Teacher, Kickemuit Middle School (unable to attend)

ADMINISTRATION

Donald J. Rebello – Principal, Mt. Hope High School

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

John R. Cirillo – Custodian, Mt. Hope High School

Dolores Nunes – Custodian, Mt. Hope High School

James E. Russo – Custodian, Kickemuit Middle School

Linda Gerjets – Secretary, Hugh Cole School

Marlene M. Medeiros, Secretary, Kickemuit Middle School

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Colt Andrews Lisa Travassos

Guiteras Vanessa Cronan

Hugh Cole Daria Champlin & Amy Kneath

Kickemuit Nicole Daniello

Mt. Hope Ryan Garrity

Rockwell Amy McKenna

DISTRICT Lisa Travassos

SUPPORT STAFF PERSON OF THE YEAR

Colt Andrews Dennis Gaulin - Custodian

Guiteras Francisco Aguiar - Custodian

Hugh Cole Linda Gerjets - Secretary

Kickemuit Bethany Maduro-Antonio - Secretary

Mt. Hope Virginia (Ginny) DePasquale – Teacher Assistant

Rockwell Meredith DePalma – Secretary

Oliver Administration Alicia Pereira – Administrative Assistant

At 7:50 p.m., Chairman Bento recessed the meeting for 10 minutes to allow for departing retiree and teacher of the year reception guests.

Chairman Bento reconvened the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that the order of business would be rearranged, and would lead with the Superintendent's Recommendations, followed by the Agenda Focus and the Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment.

Chairman Bento stated, for the record, that the Information Technology Student Equipment Policy draft and the BWRSD Technology Resources Responsible Use Policy draft have been revised per legal counsel. The motions will be taken on the newly revised documents.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS & ISSUES:

Recommendation #S2016-33: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee, approve the first reading of the Information Technology Student Equipment Policy.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve the first reading of the Information Technology Student Equipment Policy; seconded by Mrs. Lynch.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Silva raised a concern regarding lack of equity involving rules and regulations for students vs. staff within the Information Technology policies.

A lengthy discussion ensued on student responsibility vs. staff responsibility within the context of the Information Technology policies.

Mrs. McBride raised a concern regarding the allowance for students to keep the Chromebooks over the summer. She believes that the students should turn in their devices at the end of the school year in the same way that textbooks are returned.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to amend the Information Technology Student Equipment Policy, at least for the first year of the program, to remove the allowance for keeping the Chromebooks over the summer and to replace with a requirement the return the Chromebooks at the end of the school year; Mrs. Lynch seconded.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Wainwright asked the Superintendent and Administrators their thoughts on turning in student devices at the end of the school year. Both the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent believe it is appropriate to require that the Chromebooks be returned at the end of the school year with any allowances considered on a case by case basis, especially for the first year of implementation.

Dr. Andrade stated that students will be re-issued the same Chromebook upon their return the following fall. Students will have access to the same Chromebook for three years in order to foster “ownership” by the students in the care and use of their device.

The motion to amend the Information Technology Student Equipment Policy passed unanimously.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S2016-34: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee, approve the second reading of the Information Technology Equipment Policy.

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell made a motion to approve the second reading of the Information Technology Equipment Policy; seconded by Mrs. Campbell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Dell raised a concern that students are being held financially responsible for their devices in case of damage, but teachers and staff are not.

Dr. Andrade responded that a report is required from teachers in the event their device is damaged at which time an assessment is made regarding the District's insurance deductible. Dr. Andrade added that teachers and staff have been issued electronic devices for the past 15 years with no instance of abuse. He reiterated that protocols are in place for teachers and staff.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Dr. Andrade stated that it is important for the policy to convey clear expectations to families regarding care and upkeep of the Chromebooks.

The second reading of the Information Technology Equipment Policy passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S2016-35: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee, approve the first reading of the BWRSD Technology Resources Responsible Use Policy.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve the first reading of the BWRSD Technology Resources Responsible Use Policy; seconded by Mrs. McBride.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S2016-36: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee, approve the first reading of the Budget Deadlines & Schedules Policy (DBC)

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve the first reading of

the Budget Deadlines & Schedules Policy (DBC); seconded by Mrs. McBride.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McBride thanked Mrs. Schofield for the clear manner in which she edited the policy to reflect the addition of School Committee approval of the preliminary budget by June 30th to the budget timeline.

Mrs. McBride stated that the Budget Process Timeline mentioned having the preliminary budget approved by June 30th, but the Budget Deadlines & Schedules Policy did not include a preliminary budget School Committee approval date in the timeline. The revision to the existing School Committee Policy was to ensure equity between the two documents.

Mrs. McBride stated that the Town Councils will be made aware of this change once they receive the final approved policy change.

The motion to approve the first reading of the Budget Deadlines & Schedules Policy (DBC) passed unanimously.

AGENDA FOCUS

MHHS Apprenticeship/Internship

Dr. Andrade shared the history regarding the inception of the MHHS Apprenticeship/Internship Program. Dr. Andrade spoke about the selection process for the pilot year interns. Dr. Andrade stated that

the internship pilot program was fortunate to have four local businesses partner with MHHS.

Dr. Andrade stated that the goals for year two of the Apprenticeship/Internship program include seeking funding through grants, actively seeking a coordinator, and expanding to 25 partnerships. Meetings will be held with the Bristol EDC and the Chamber of Commerce to recruit 25 partnerships.

Dr. Andrade stated that the goals for year three include expansion and review of high school schedule.

Dr. Andrade asked the School Committee members for their input regarding goals and areas they would like to see covered through the Apprenticeship/Internship Program.

School Committee members shared their thoughts regarding goals and areas of focus for the Apprenticeship/Internship Program including emphasis of “soft skills”, and developing apprenticeships/internships for at-risk children.

School Committee members applauded the program and thanked Dr. Andrade for his vision to reach out to the community in order to enhance the education of MHHS students through apprenticeships and internships.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Chairman Bento stated that the purpose of the open session discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation is to go over any questions regarding the evaluation tool itself. The closed session will be held to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation.

School Committee members shared their views of the new Superintendent's Rubric.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

A general consensus was reached to use all aspects of the new Superintendent's Rubric for year one as a baseline and then moving forward to concentrate on one or two domains.

Mrs. Campbell requested that a decision be made concerning the meaning of the rubric term "is able to model this element" when the evaluation tool is refined.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 9:19 p.m.

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

1. Superintendent's Evaluation

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

to adjourn.

MOTION: Mrs. Lynch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:19 p.m.; seconded by Mr. O'Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:58 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:59 P.M.

MOTION: At 9:59 p.m. Mr. Saviano motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Campbell.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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