

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**Minutes Approved
Monday, January 22, 2024**

The meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in person on Monday, January 22, 2024 at Mt. Hope High School, Cafeteria located at 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI 02809. The meeting link can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGwFTM0kxwY>

Present: Nicky Piper- Chairperson, Adam McGovern- Vice-Chairperson, Kyle Jackson, Jessica Almeida- Treasurer, Karen Cabral, Tara Thibaudeau, Ana Riley- Superintendent of Schools, Danielle Carey- Director of Finance & Administration, Diane Sanna- Assistant Superintendent, Mary Ann Carroll- Legal Council and Frank Caliri- Facilities Director

Absent: Sarah Bullard, Marjorie Mc Bride and Carly Reich

I. OPEN SESSION

Chairperson Nicky Piper called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 pm

II. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Piper invited all present to stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. ACCOLADES

The KMS student was recognized for being part of the Jr. All-State Orchestra for Cello.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Piper asked if any member of the School Committee wanted to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. No items were removed and Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve all the items under the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion was approved (6-0).

A. Approval of Minutes

a. 1/8/24 School Committee Meeting

B. Standardized Monthly Financial Reports

- Cash Disbursements
- Monthly Financial Report with Variance Analysis

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- Budget Transfer Report
- C. Homeschool Requests (2)
- D. Perkins Eastman Amendment as recommended by the Budget Subcommittee
- E. School Property Disposal

VI. PRESENTATION

Chairperson Piper stated that on the agenda there are two presentations but PMA/Perkins Eastman do not have any further update from the last presentation two weeks ago, they will give an update after the next School Building Committee Meeting. The next presentation will be on the District Report Card presented by Superintendent Riley. Please see the meeting video for discussion at 12:22.

VII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution to Change Transportation Region

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve the Resolution to Change Transportation Region.

Motion: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve the Resolution to Change Transportation Region, seconded by Ms. Cabral. Please see the meeting video for discussion at 39:55. This motion passed (4-1-1) with Ms. Thibaudeau voting in descent and Ms. Almeida abstaining.

B. School Year 24-25 Calendar

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve the School Year 24-25 Calendar.

Please see the meeting video for discussion by the Superintendent at 42:15.

Motion: Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the School Year 24-25 Calendar with Ms. Almeida's proposed changes "adding back the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and January 2&3 to make the last day of school June 18, seconded by Ms. Thibaudeau. Please see the meeting video for discussion at 46:01. This motion passed (4-2) with Chairperson Piper and Mr. McGovern voting in descent.

Chairperson Piper asked the committee to vote on items C-Q in one motion as they are all second reads unless any member wanted to pull anything out. Ms. Thibaudeau asked to pull item H. Chairperson Piper then asked for a motion to approve all of the policies listed in items C-Q with the exception of item H for a second read.

- C. **DDA- Funding Sources outside the School System (New)- Second Read**
- D. **IGAE/AGAF/IGAG- Health Education/Physical Education/ Teaching about**

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- Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco (Removal)- Second Read**
- E. **IIAB/IIAC- Supplementary/Library Materials Selection and Adoption (Removal)- Second Read**
 - F. **JLD-Guidance Program (Revision)- Second Read**
 - G. **IKACA- Parent Conferences (Revision)- Second Read**
 - I. **IKFB- Graduation Exercises (Removal)- Second Read**
 - J. **JFAA/JFAB- Admission of Resident/Nonresident Students (Renewal)- Second Read**
 - K. **JECB-R- Admission of Nonresident Students (Removal)- Second Read**
 - L. **JECD- Assignments of Students to Classes (Removal)- Second Read**
 - M. **JFCE- Secret Societies (Removal)- Second Read**
 - N. **JFI- Student Demonstrations and Strikes (Removal)- Second Read**
 - O. **JI- Student Awards and Scholarships (Removal)- Second Read**
 - P. **JI-R- Student Awards and Scholarships (Removal)- Second Read**
 - Q. **JL- Student Gifts and Solicitations (Removal)- Second Read**

Motion: Mr. McGovern made a motion to approve all of the policies listed in items C-Q with the exception of item H for a second read, seconded by Mr. Jackson. This motion passed (6-0).

H. IKFA- Early Graduation (Removal)- Second Read

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to accept the removal of policy IKFA- Early Graduation- for a Second Read

Motion: Mr. McGovern made a motion to accept the removal of policy IKFA- Early Graduation- for a Second Read, seconded by Ms. Thibaudeau. This motion passed (5-1) with Ms. Thibaudeau voting in descent.

**R. GBOB- Reporting Known or Suspected Child Abuse And/Or Neglect (Review)-
Second Read**

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to accept policy GBOB- Reporting Known or Suspected Child Abuse And/Or Neglect (Review)- First Read

Motion: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to accept policy GBOB- Reporting Known or Suspected Child Abuse And/Or Neglect (Review)- First Read, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Please see the meeting video for discussion at 52:23. There are two suggested edits which will be voted on separately.

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Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to accept policy GBOB- Reporting Known or Suspected Child Abuse And/Or Neglect (Review)- First Read with the suggested edits from Attorney Carroll adding the words “together the parties” in step 2.

Motion: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to accept policy GBOB- Reporting Known or Suspected Child Abuse And/Or Neglect (Review)- First Read with the suggested edits from Attorney Carroll adding the words “together the parties” in step 2, seconded by Mr. Jackson. This motion passed (6-0).

Chairperson Piper then asked for a motion to accept policy GBOB- Reporting Known or Suspected Child Abuse And/Or Neglect (Review)- First Read with changing the word their to “the” where appropriate before designee and the other changes as explained by Ms. Thibaudeau.

Motion: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to accept policy GBOB- Reporting Known or Suspected Child Abuse And/Or Neglect (Review)- First Read with changing the word their to “the” where appropriate before designee and the other changes as explained by Ms. Thibaudeau, seconded by Ms. Cabral. This motion failed (3-3) with Mr. Jackson, Mr. McGovern and Chairperson Piper voting in descent.

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve the amended motion with the accepted edits from Legal Council Attorney Carroll for policy GBOB- Reporting Known or Suspected Child Abuse And/Or Neglect (Review)- First Read adding the words “together the parties” in step 2.

Motion: Ms. Cabral made a motion to approve the amended motion with the accepted edits from Legal Council Attorney Carroll for policy GBOB- Reporting Known or Suspected Child Abuse And/Or Neglect (Review)- First Read adding the words “together the parties” in step 2, seconded by Mr. Jackson. This motion passed (5-1) with Ms. Thibaudeau voting in descent.

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jackson. The motion passed (6-0). The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM