

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

**Minutes Approved
Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

The meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in person on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at Mt. Hope High School, Cafeteria located at 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI 02809.

Present: Nicky Piper- Chairperson, Adam McGovern- Vice-Chairperson, Kyle Jackson, Carly Reich, Jessica Almeida- Treasurer, Karen Cabral, Ana Riley- Superintendent of Schools, Danielle Carey- Director of Finance & Administration, Diane Sanna- Assistant Superintendent and Frank Caliri- Facilities Director

Absent: Sarah Bullard, Marjorie McBride and Tara Thibaudeau

I. OPEN SESSION

Chairperson Nicky Piper called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm

II. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two people signed up for Public Comment: Melinda Allaire and Wendy Sheridan.

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

A. Approval of Minutes

a. 10/23/23 School Committee Meeting

B. Standardized Monthly Financial Reports

- Cash Disbursements
- Monthly Financial Report with Variance Analysis
- Budget Transfer Report

C. Homeschool Requests (2)

D. School Property Disposal

E. Letter to the Editor about School Bond

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V. PRESENTATION

Chairperson Piper stated that the first presentation is the PMA/Perkins Eastman Update, which is focused on the necessity of school construction and the Update of the Stage II Progress. Chairperson Piper allowed for comments/questions from the committee and the public.

Chairperson Piper stated that the second presentation was presented by Mt. Hope High School regarding Cellphone-Free Schools. Chairperson Piper allowed for comments/questions from the committee and the public.

VI. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. GDI- Support Staff Assignments and Transfers (Removal- Final Read).

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve the removal of policy GDI- Support Staff Assignments and Transfers for a Final Read.

Motion: Ms. Reich made a motion to remove policy GDI- Support Staff Assignments and Transfers, seconded by Mr. Jackson. This motion passed (6-0).

B. HA- Negotiation Goals- (Removal- Final Read)

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve the removal of policy HA- Negotiation Goals for a Final Read.

Motion: Ms. Reich made a motion to remove policy HA- Negotiation Goals, seconded by Mr. Jackson. This motion passed (6-0).

C. HE- School Committee Negotiating Powers and Duties- (Removal-Final Read)

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve the removal of policy HE- School Committee Negotiating Powers and Duties to be combined with policy HB for a Final Read.

Motion: Ms. Reich made a motion to remove policy HE- School Committee Negotiating Powers and Duties, seconded by Mr. Jackson. This motion passed (6-0).

D. HB- Negotiations Legal Status- (Renewal-Combined with HE- Final Read)

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve the renewal of policy HB- Negotiations Legal Status combined with policy HE for a Final Read.

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Motion: Ms. Reich made a motion to renew policy HB- Negotiations Legal Status, seconded by Mr. McGovern. This motion passed (6-0).

E. ID- School Day- (Removal- Final Read)

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve the removal of policy ID- School Day for a Final Read.

Motion: Ms. Reich made a motion to remove policy ID- School Day, seconded by Mr. McGovern. This motion passed (6-0).

F. IHAL- Teaching about Religion- (Revision- Final Read)

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve the revision of policy IHAL- Teaching about Religion for a Final Read.

Motion: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve the revision policy IHAL- Teaching about Religion, seconded by Mr. McGovern. This motion passed (6-0).

G. FY25 Budget Timeline

This item was discussion only by the Director of Finance. No votes were taken.

H. New Rates for HCL legal services

Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve the New Rates for HCL Legal Services.

Motion: Ms. Almeida made a motion to move item G. New Rates for HCL Legal Services to the Budget Subcommittee for review, seconded by Ms. Cabral. This motion did not pass with a (2-4) vote.

Motion: Chairperson Piper made a motion to move item G. New Rates for HCL Legal Services to RFP, seconded by Ms. Reich. This motion passed (5-1) with Mr. McGovern voting in decent.

I. Legislative Priorities

This item was discussion only by Superintendent Riley. No votes were taken.

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Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Motion: Ms. Reich made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Almeida. The motion passed (6-0). This concluded the public portion of the meeting at approximately 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Tara Thibaudeau Secretary