

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
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Monday, May 15, 2023

The meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in person on Monday, May 15, 2023 at Reynolds School in the 1st Floor Conference Room located at 235 High Street, Bristol, RI 02809.

Present: Nicky Piper, Chairperson; Jessica Almeida, Treasurer; Tara Thibaudeau, Secretary; Karen Cabral, Kyle Jackson, Carly Reich, Adam McGovern, and Sarah Bullard; Ana Riley, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Caliri, Facilities Director

Absent: Marjorie McBride

Guests: Attorney Sandra Mack, Bond Counsel; Chad Crittenden, PMA; Joseph Drown, Lisa Pecora, Robert Bell & Robert Santos from Perkins Eastman

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

There was no public comment.

IV. PRESENTATION

I. BWRSD Upcoming Construction Projects

Chad Crittenden, Project Manager from PMA, introduced the team from PMA and Perkins Eastman team and presented on the BWRSD Upcoming Construction Projects for the Stage II Necessity of Construction for the Rhode Island Department of Education that BWRSD has begun. Robert Bell & Lisa Pecora from Perkins Eastman discussed the various projects and process including the upcoming Visioning Sessions scheduled in May & June to receive feedback from community members.

Discussion ensued about the various projects and the process.

V. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to authorize the preparation of legislation by Mack Law Associates LLC, bond counsel, pursuant to which the Bristol Warren Regional School District would be authorized to borrow up to \$200,000,000 in Bonds, and Notes in anticipation thereof, to finance the construction of a new Mt. Hope High School to be located in Bristol RI or a major renovation, and renovations to the following

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existing District Schools: Kickemuit Middle School, Colt Andrews Elementary School, Guiteras Elementary School, Hugh Cole Elementary School and Rockwell Elementary school, and that the legislation be introduced as soon as possible into the current session of the General Assembly for passage; seconded by Ms. Bullard.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued about the various projects and the process.

Attorney Mack answered questions about the proposed legislation that she drafted and the joint resolution that needs to be signed by the School Committee Chair and the Joint Finance Committee Chair.

Superintendent Riley explained and answered questions about the proposed bond scenarios and tax implications for the residents of Bristol and Warren.

AMENDED MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made an amendment to the motion to authorize the preparation of legislation by Mack Law Associates LLC, bond counsel, pursuant to which the Bristol Warren Regional School District would be authorized to borrow up to \$200,000,000 in Bonds, and Notes in anticipation thereof, to finance the construction of a new Mt. Hope High School to be located in the district or a major renovation, and renovations to the following existing District Schools: Kickemuit Middle School, Colt Andrews Elementary School, Guiteras Elementary School, Hugh Cole Elementary School and Rockwell Elementary school, and that the legislation be introduced as soon as possible into the current session of the General Assembly for passage; seconded by Ms. Bullard.

VOTE: The amended motion was approved unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms Bullard made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Reich. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Thibaudeau, Secretary