

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

Monday, May 8, 2023

The meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in person on Monday, May 8, 2023 at Mt. Hope High School in the Cafeteria located at 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI 02809.

Present: Nicky Piper, Chairperson; Jessica Almeida, Treasurer; Tara Thibaudeau, Secretary; Kyle Jackson, Marjorie McBride, Carly Reich, Adam McGovern, and Sarah Bullard; Ana Riley, Superintendent of Schools; Diane Sanna, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent; Frank Caliri, Facilities Director; Lisa Colwell, PhD., Director of Student Support Services; Mary Ann Carroll, Esq., District Solicitor.

Absent: Karen Cabral

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. ACCOLADES

Chairperson Piper invited Principal Dennis Morrell to read a statement regarding the KMS Science Olympiad Team and mentioned that the team members should come up when they hear their names to be given a commendation from the School Committee and Superintendent.

Principal Morrell read the following statement:

The School Committee, Superintendent Riley, and Principal Dennis Morrell commend and congratulate Kickemuit Middle School Science Olympiad Team members, Staff Advisor and Community Volunteer Mentors for their recent success.

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, 19 KMS students participated in the 2023 Rhode Island Science Olympiad State Championship at Rhode Island College. The team earned 5 gold, 5 silver and 1 bronze medal and they had 3 events in which they placed 4th. Only 3 schools, including KMS, entered in every single event, a total of 18 events. This means students had to cross train in up to 3 events each.

Overall, KMS placed 1st out of 11 schools and are the state champions! They have been invited to represent Rhode Island at the National Tournament at Wichita State University

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next month.

Team members are as follows: Rowen Mark, Nathan James, Leo Willner, Parker Oliver, Marissa Cabral, Kenny Dunning, Alex Barowy, Avery Walsh, Samantha Campbell, Lex Medeiros, Lily Parisi, Ellie Donovan, Elise Lanoie, Evan Vallante, Hazel Bradley, Emma Quigley, Jack Godbout, Imogen Miller and Desmond Blackbeard.

The Staff Advisor is Kerri Krawczyk and the two community volunteer mentors are Selwyn Sharp and Anthony Merryman.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Piper opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting by inviting Mrs. Patricia Hawkins to the podium.

Mrs. Hawkins, Bristol resident and parent of a MHHS student, made a public comment.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

I. Minutes of 4-17-23 School Committee Meeting

Chairperson Piper asked if any member of the School Committee wanted to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Chairperson Piper asked for a motion to approve all items under the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Ms. McBride.

VOTE: The motion was approved with a vote of 8-0.

VI. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve and Seal the minutes of the Executive Session

Chairperson Piper mentioned that this item was being removed from the agenda.

B. Approve the Second Reading of Policy GCE - Substitute Teacher Policy

MOTION: Ms. Bullard made a motion to approve the Policy GCE - Substitute Teacher Policy for the Second Reading; seconded by Ms. Reich.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

C. Approve the Second Reading Policy HF - School Committee Negotiating Agents

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve Policy HF - School Committee Negotiating Agents for the Second Reading; seconded by Ms. Bullard.

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VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

- D. Approve the Second Reading of Policy JHC - Student Health Services and Requirements

MOTION: Ms. Bullard made a motion to approve Policy JHC - Student Health Services for the Second Reading; seconded by Ms. Reich.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

- E. Approve the Second Reading of Policy GD - Support Staff

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve Policy GD - Support Staff for the Second Reading; seconded by Mr. McGovern.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

- F. Approve the First Reading of revised and recoded Policy LC - Relations with Educational Research Agencies to Policy ILD - Educational Surveys and Research/Effective Schools, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee

MOTION: Ms. Bullard made a motion to approve the first reading of the revised and recoded Policy LC - Relations with Educational Research Agencies to Policy ILD - Educational Surveys and Research/Effective Schools; seconded by Ms. Reich.

MOTION: Ms. McBride made a motion to amend the policy to include a timeline set of one week in the "Notice to Parents Regarding Surveys" section, seconded by Ms. Almeida.

VOTE: The amended motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

- G. Approve the First Reading of revised and recoded Policy JFCA - Student Dress Code to Policy JICA - Student Dress Code, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee

MOTION: Ms. Bullard made a motion to approve the first reading of the revised and recoded Policy JFCA - Student Dress Code to Policy JICA - Student Dress Code; seconded by Ms. Reich.

DISCUSSION: Discussion ensued about Non-allowable Dress & Grooming section, specifically letter e).

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AMENDED MOTION:

Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to amend the policy to move section e) from Non-Allowable Dress & Grooming to Allowable, seconded by Ms. McBride.

VOTE: The amended motion was denied with a vote of 2-5, as Mr. McGovern, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Reich, Ms. Bullard, and Ms. Piper voted in dissent and Ms. Almeida abstained.

VOTE: The original motion was approved with a vote of 5-2, Ms. Thibaudeau and Ms. McBride voted in dissent and Ms. Almeida abstained.

- H. Approve the First Reading of revised Policy CCA - Organizational Chart, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee

MOTION: Ms. Bullard made a motion to approve the first reading of the revised Policy CCA - Organizational Chart; seconded by Ms. Reich.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

- I. Approve the First Reading of revised and recoded Policy BBFA - School Committee Member Conflict of Interest to Policy BCB - School Committee Member Conflict of Interest, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee

MOTION: Ms. Bullard made a motion to approve the first reading of the revised Policy recoded Policy BBFA - School Committee Member Conflict of Interest to Policy BCB - School Committee Member Conflict of Interest; seconded by Ms. Reich.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Thibaudeau stated that she was not in support of the changing of the pronouns to “their” in the revised policy as this was politicizing the issue.

VOTE: The motion was approved with a vote of 6-1, Ms. Thibaudeau voted in dissent and Ms. Almeida abstained.

- J. Approve the removal of Policy GC-Professional Staff, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve the removal of Policy GC - Professional Staff; seconded by Ms. Bullard.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

- K. Approve the Architectural/Engineering Services Bid, as recommended by the

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MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve the Architectural/Engineering Services Bid to Perkins Eastman.

VOTE: The motion was approved with a vote of 7-1, Ms. McBride voted in dissent.

L. NSBA Conference Update

Chairperson Piper stated that in April, Ms. Almeida, Superintendent Riley and herself attended the National School Board Association Conference. They all gathered materials and notes from the conference and they can be accessed via a link on the School Committee secure website. However, if there is any topic a member is interested in discussing more, they should feel free to reach out to her directly.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms Bullard made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Reich. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 8-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Thibaudeau, Secretary

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