

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

Monday, February 27, 2023

The meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in person on Monday, February 27, 2023 at Mt. Hope High School in the Cafeteria located at 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI 02809.

Present: Nicky Piper, Chairperson; Adam McGovern, Vice Chairperson; Jessica Almeida, Treasurer; Tara Thibaudeau, Secretary; Kyle Jackson, Marjorie McBride, Carly Reich, Karen Cabral, and Sarah Bullard; Ana Riley, Superintendent of Schools; Diane Sanna, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent; Frank Caliri, Facilities Director; Rose O'Connor, Director of Technology; Mary Ann Carroll, Esq., District Solicitor.

I. OPEN SESSION

Chairperson Nicky Piper called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion for the Committee to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1) and 42-46-5(a)(5) for discussion of job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person and legal advice. The motion was seconded by Ms. McBride. The motion was approved unanimously. The Committee went into Executive Session at 6:00PM.

III. RE-OPEN SESSION

Chairperson Piper re-opened the Open Session of the School Committee at 7:00 PM

IV. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Piper invited all present to stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, Chairperson Piper asked everyone to continue standing for a moment of silence in honor of a member of the Facilities Department who passed away.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Walsh, Bristol, spoke to the Committee opposing its recent resolution to move the District from Transportation Region from Region #3 to Region #5.

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VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Piper asked if any member of the School Committee wanted to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Thibaudeau requested that the Minutes of 2-9-23 be tabled for a correction. Chairperson Piper pulled the 2-9-23 School Committee Minutes and then asked for a motion to approve all the remaining items under the Consent Agenda.

- A. Minutes of 2-13-23 School Committee Business Meeting
- B. Minutes of the 2-8-23 School Committee Building Tours
- C. Homeschool Requests - 4 families (4 children)

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Ms. McBride. The motion was approved unanimously.

I. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve and Seal the minutes of the Executive Session

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve and seal the minutes of the Executive Session; seconded by Ms. Reich. The Motion was approved unanimously.

- B. Approve FY24 District Budget Proposal

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve the FY24 District Budget Proposal; seconded by Ms. McBride.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Almeida asked about the CFO salary. Superintendent Riley responded that the CFO salary would be voted on when there is a contract.

VOTE: The motion was approved with a vote of 8-1. Ms. Thibaudeau voted in dissent.

- C. BWEA Grievance Decision

MOTION: Mr. McGovern made a motion to deny the grievance; seconded by Ms. McBride. The motion was approved with a vote of 8-0. Ms. Thibaudeau abstained.

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D. Approve RIDOH/RIDE Youth Risk Behavior Survey

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve the RIDOH/RIDE Youth Risk Behavior Survey; second by Ms. Bullard.

Superintendent Riley explained that the survey is typically done every year. This year, 4-6 classes will be chosen randomly and students will have the option to opt-out from participating in the survey. Ms. Bullard also pointed out that students can also skip any questions that make them uncomfortable.

Superintendent Riley stated that a notice will go out to parents.

VOTE: The motion was approved with a vote of 8-1. Ms. McBride voted in dissent.

E. Approve Policy KH - Public Gifts to the Schools, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee, for a second Reading.

MOTION: Ms. Bullard made a motion to approve Policy KH for a second reading; seconded by Ms. Reich.

Ms. Almeida made a motion to amend the motion to change the amount to \$500.

After some discussion, Ms. Almeida withdrew her amendment and Ms. Bullard withdrew the original motion.

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to table Policy KH; seconded by Ms. Almeida. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Approve New Policy DKC - Travel Expense Authorization Reimbursement Policy, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee, for a second Reading.

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve Policy DKC for a second Reading; seconded by Ms. Bullard. The motion was approved unanimously.

G. Approve Policy CB School Superintendent, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee, for a second Reading.

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve Policy CB for a second reading; seconded by Ms. Cabral. The motion was approved unanimously.

H. Approve the title change and re-coding of Policy DLA Payday Schedules to DKA Payroll Schedules, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee, for

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a second Reading.

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve the title change and re-coding of Policy DLA Payday Schedules to Policy DKA Payroll Schedules; seconded by Ms. Cabral. The motion was approved unanimously.

- I. Approve the review and re-coding of Policy DBG Budget Hearings and Reviews to Policy DBF Budget Hearings and Reviews, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee for a second reading.

MOTION: Ms. Cabral made a motion to approve the re-coding of Policy DBG to Policy DBF for a second reading; seconded by Ms. Almeida. The motion was approved unanimously.

- J. Approve the revision and re-coding of Policy DBH Budget Adoption Procedures to Policy DBG Budget Adoption Procedures, as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee for a second reading.

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve the revision and re-coding of Policy DBH to Policy DBG for a second reading; seconded by Ms. Cabral. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms Bullard. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Thibaudeau. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Thibaudeau, Secretary