

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

Monday, November 28, 2022

The organizational meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in person on Monday, November 28, 2022 at Mt. Hope High School in the Cafeteria located at 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI 02809.

Present: Marjorie McBride, Chairperson; Tara Thibaudeau, Nicky Piper, Carly Reich, Jessica Almeida, Adam McGovern, Karen Cabral, Kyle Jackson, and Sarah Bullard; Ana Riley, Superintendent of Schools; Diane Sanna, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent; Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Financial Officer; Frank Caliri, Director of Facilities; Lisa Colwell, Director of Student Support Services; Rose O'Connor, Director of Technology; Mary Ann Carroll, Esq., District Solicitor.

Guest: Christine Hughes, Principal, Kickemuit Middle School.

I. OPEN SESSION

Chairperson Marjorie McBride called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

II. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson McBride invited all present to join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ACCOLADES

A. Robert Santos, Custodian - Heroic Efforts at Guiteras School

Superintendent Riley invited Principal Hughes to introduce Robert Santos. Principal Hughes read a statement explaining the heroic efforts of the Guiteras School Custodian who used the Heimlich Method to save a young student who was choking. She declared Mr. Santos as a District Superstar and thanked him for being a part of the Guiteras Community. Superintendent Riley gave him a gift of appreciation.

IV. ORGANIZATION MEETING

A. Introduction of School Committee Members

At Chairperson McBride's request, each of the 2022-20234 School Committee members introduced themselves.

B. Swearing in of School Committee Members

Attorney Carroll called upon the newly elected members of the School Committee to rise and recite the Oath of Office. When they were done, she offered congratulations to the new members.

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C. Election of School Committee Officers

Chairperson: Superintendent Riley asked for nominations for Chair. Ms. Bullard nominated Ms. Piper; seconded by Ms. Thibaudeau.

There were no other nominations.

Discussion:

Ms. Bullard explained that she will be supporting the nomination of Ms. Piper because she thinks that Ms. Piper has the experience in education and educational support to be a good leader. She also noted her many years of established leadership. Ms. Reich agreed and also endorsed Ms. Piper.

Ms. Piper thanked the committee for their support and stated that she is excited about the future.

Superintendent Riley closed the discussion and asked the Clerk to call the Roll Call vote for Ms. Piper for the Chairperson position. The nomination was approved with a vote of 7-2; Ms. Cabral and Ms. McBride voted in dissent.

Superintendent congratulated Ms. Piper and then turned the meeting over to her to continue with the election of officers.

Vice-Chair: Chairperson Piper asked for nominations for the Vice-Chair position. Ms. Thibaudeau nominated Mr. McGovern; seconded by Ms. McBride. Ms. Bullard nominated Ms. Reich. There was no second.

There was no discussion.

The Clerk called the vote for Mr. McGovern for Vice-Chair. The nomination was approved with a vote of 7-2; Ms. Bullard and Ms. Reich voted in dissent.

Treasurer: Chairperson Piper asked for nominations for the Treasurer position. Ms. Thibaudeau nominated Ms. Almeida; seconded by Ms. McBride.

There was no discussion.

The Clerk called the vote for Ms. Almeida for Treasurer. The nomination was approved by a vote of 7-2; there were two abstentions.

Secretary: Chairperson Piper asked for nominations for the Secretary position. Ms.

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McBride nominated Ms. Thibaudeau; seconded by Ms. Cabral. Ms. Bullard nominated Mr. Jackson; seconded by Ms. Reich.

There was no discussion.

The Clerk called the vote for Ms. Thibaudeau for the Secretary position. The nomination was approved by a vote of 5-4; Ms. Bullard, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Piper, and Ms Reich voted in dissent. There was no need for a vote on the second nominee.

Ms. Piper congratulated all the officers and expressed optimism for the future. She also thanked all the candidates who ran for School Committee for their efforts and commitment to the School District.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. McBride made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Thibaudeau. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Tara Thibaudeau, Secretary /dbc