

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

**Monday, May 16, 2022**

The meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in person on Monday, May 16, 2022 at Mt. Hope High School in the Cafeteria located at 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI 02809.

Present: Marjorie McBride, Chairperson; Tara Thibaudeau, Vice Chair, Sheila Ellsworth, Treasurer; Victor Cabral, Secretary; and Carly Reich, Karen Cabral, Sarah Bullard; Ana C. Riley, Superintendent of Schools; Diane Sanna, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent; Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Financial Officer; Mary Ann Carroll, Esq., District Solicitor; Diana Campbell, Recording Secretary.

**I. OPEN SESSION**

Chairperson Marjorie McBride called the meeting to order at approximately 6:46PM

- II. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed to the Public)** Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) (1) for the purpose of discussion of the job performance , character, or physical or mental health or a person, said person has been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Cabral made a motion for the Committee to go into Executive Session Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a) (1) for the purpose of discussion of the job performance , character, or physical or mental health or a person, said person has been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thibaudeau. The motion was approved unanimously

The Committee went into Executive Session at 6:46PM.

**III. Re-OPEN SESSION**

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

**IV. OPENING BUSINESS**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

**V. ACCOLADES**

- A. Eva White - Rhode Island Interscholastic League Student Athlete of the Year for Rhode Island  
B. Aditi Mehta - National Merit Scholarship

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Superintendent Ana, Chairperson McBride, and Mr. Cabral presented School Committee citations to Eva White and Aditi Mehta for their recent public achievements, RI Athlete of the Year and National Merit Scholarship winner, respectively.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*Public Comment is limited to not more than 15 minutes; Individuals are asked to limit remarks to three (3) minutes*)

Mr. Hewett made a public comment on his opinion of Social Emotional Learning and its impact on the students' academic schedules.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairperson McBride corrected the date on the draft Minutes of April 15, 2022. Ms. Thibaudeau requested the removal of Item E. Director of Student Support Services Contract.

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the corrected Minutes and removal of Item E; seconded by Ms. Ellsworth. The Motion was approved unanimously.

All items under the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine by the School Committee and were approved with one motion.

- A. Minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting (corrected)
- B. Monthly Financial Report
- C. Homeschool Requests (2)
- D. Non-renewals
- ~~E. Director of Student Support Services Contract~~

**VIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approve and seal the Minutes of the Executive Session.

MOTION: Mr. Cabral made a motion to approve and seal the Minutes of the Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

- B. Approval of Policy FF - Naming of School District Facilities for a First Reading, as recommended by the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee.

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve Policy FF for a First Reading; seconded by Ms. Thibaudeau.

Ms. Reich explained that the Policy better defines the District's procedures re: naming of school facilities and provides a timeline for the process.

VOTE: The Motion was approved unanimously

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- C. Approval of the Budget Transfer Request, as recommended by the Superintendent and the Budget Facilities Subcommittee.

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve the Budget Transfer Request; seconded by Ms. Ellsworth. The motion was approved unanimously without discussion or comment.

- D. Approval of the Colt Andrews Drainage bid, as recommended by the Budget Facilities Subcommittee.

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve the Colt Andrews Drainage bid; seconded by Ms. Ellsworth. The motion was approved unanimously without discussion or comment.

- E. Approval of the Kickemuit Middle School Rooftop HVAC system, as recommended by the Budget Facilities Subcommittee.

MOTION: Ms Thibaudeau made a motion to approve the Kickemuit Middle School Rooftop HVAC system bid; seconded by Ms. Reich. The motion was approved unanimously without discussion or comment.

- F. Approval of the Copier Solution bid, as recommended by the Budget Facilities Subcommittee.

MOTION: Mr. Cabral made a motion to approve the Copier Solution bid; seconded by Ms. Thibaudeau. The motion was approved unanimously without discussion or comment.

- G. Approval of the purchase of additional Security Upgrades (Blue Light Emergency Towers), as recommended by the Budget Facilities Subcommittee.

Superintendent Riley explained that the purchase will provide solar powered safety lights. She stated that the District is working in partnership with the Bristol and Warren Police Departments, along with the District's Security Committee, to place the lights in appropriate places at the sports fields at Mt Hope High School (2), Kickemuit Middle School (1), and Guiteras Field (1).

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve the purchase of solar powered safety lights; seconded by Ms. Bullard. The motion was approved unanimously.

- H. Approval of the bid for contractor to develop a 5-Year Capital Plan, as recommended by the Budget Facilities Subcommittee.

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Superintendent Riley explained that the Contractor, Colliers, is ready to start assisting the District with Stage 1 of the preparing a 5-year Facilities Master Plan, which includes an assessment of all the buildings in the School District.

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve the contract with Colliers to develop the District's 5-Year Capital Plan; seconded by Ms. Ellsworth.

VOTE: The motion was approved with a vote of 6-1, with Chairperson McBride voting in dissent.

- I. Approval of the COZ Program Budget, as recommended by the Budget Facilities Subcommittee.

MOTION: Ms. Ellsworth made a motion to approve the proposed COZ Program Budget; seconded by Ms. Cabral. The motion was approved unanimously without comment or discussion.

- J. Approval of the proposed FY23 Tuition Rates for out-of-district students attending Bristol Warren schools, as recommended by the Budget Facilities Subcommittee.

Mr. Ferrucci explained how he calculated the tuition rates for out-of-district students based on the costs at the elementary and high school levels. He further explained that this sets the stage for the future and that this information will be included in future Budget proposals for the District.

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve the FY23 Tuition Rates; seconded by Ms. Ellsworth. The motion was approved unanimously.

- K. Approval of the purchase of additional Security Upgrades as recommended by the Superintendent.

Superintendent Riley explained that the additional 5 solar-powered lights are to help with the darkness in the Guiteras parking lot.

MOTION: Mr. Cabral made a motion to approve the purchase of additional security lights; seconded by Ms. Thibaudeau. The motion was approved unanimously.

- L. Approval of School Property Disposal (Senior Chromebooks) as recommended by the Superintendent.

Superintendent Riley explained that normally old computers and chromebooks are kept by the district and used for parts and repairs. In this instance, the chromebooks are so old they do not have any value to the District. She is proposing to allow the seniors to keep their chromebooks, which will no longer

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be supported by the District. She added that this is not the usual practice for the District, but that in this case, it makes the most sense as the District has no need for this equipment due to its age.

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to approve the proposed property disposal plan for Senior Chromebooks; seconded by Ms. Cabral. The motion was approved unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Ellsworth. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.

Respectfully submitted, Victor Cabral, Secretary /dbc