

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP MINUTES**

Monday, April 25, 2022

The meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in person on Monday, April 25, 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; Nicky Piper, and Sarah Bullard; Ana C. Riley, Superintendent of Schools; Diane Sanna, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent; Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Financial Officer; Thomas Wood, Director of Facilities; Rose O'Connor, Director of Technology; Mary Ann Carroll, Esq., District Solicitor; Diana Campbell, Recording Secretary.

I. OPEN SESSION

Chairperson Marjorie McBride called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m.

II. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Pledge of Allegiance

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

A. Subcommittee Reports

i. Policy and Curriculum Subcommittee

There was no report from Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee Chair Reich.

ii. Budget and Facilities Subcommittee

Budget Facilities Subcommittee Chair Ellsworth reported that the next Budget Subcommittee meeting will be on May 18 and the Agenda will be posted when it's available

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

Mr. Peter Hewitt, Bristol resident, asked a question on the number of students attending the East Bay Collaborative and the associated cost. Chairperson McBride stated that someone will get that information to him.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the School Committee and will be enacted by one motion.

A. Minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting

B. Contract - Guiteras Elementary Principal

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MOTION: Mr. Cabral made a motion to approve all items in the Consent Agenda; seconded by Ms. Ellsworth. The motion was approved unanimously.

Superintendent Riley announced that with the School Committee's approval, Christine Hughes has been appointed as the Principal of Guiteras Elementary School. She is very excited to have her as a part of the Administrative team.

V. PRESENTATION

A. District Strategic Plan Presentation

Superintendent Riley presented her proposed Strategic Plan to the School Committee. She noted that most of the work was already complete when she became Superintendent, but she was able to apply the State's required format to the information. The presentation kicks off a 30-day Public Comment period. Superintendent Riley also stated that she will be presenting the Plan to the Bristol and Warren Town Councils on May 11 and May 10, respectively.

Building off the District's Mission, Superintendent Riley's presentation highlighted the District's priorities: Climate & Culture, Teaching & Learning, Professional Learning, Career & Technical Education, and Communications. For each priority she described the strengths, the action steps, and measurement strategies for determining success.

Superintendent Riley stated that the proposed Strategic Plan will be posted on the District's website and that she will be collecting feedback through surveys and public meetings throughout the Public Comment period.

VI. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. FY22 Financial Update

Mr. Ferrucci provided an update on the FY22 Finances for the District. He projects that the District will be reducing its need for use of the Fund Balance.

B. Security Upgrades

Superintendent Riley explained the Security Upgrade project for the District. She explained that her goal was to prioritize the use of the funds before June 30, 2022. She explained that with the School Committee's approval of her recommended contracts, the District will have cameras, a panic/duress alarm system, and security door alarm systems in all the schools before June 30, 2022. She also noted that she will have another proposal for the balance of the available funds for 911 Blue Light Stands (solar) at the fields at Mt Hope High School, Kickemuit Middle School, and Guiteras Elementary School.

MOTION: Ms. Bullard made a motion to approve the recommended contracts for Security installations; seconded by Mr. Cabral. The motion was approved unanimously.

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C. Roof Replacement Bid - Guiteras Elementary School

Mr. Wood explained that the roof at Guiteras is 45 years old and needs replacing. He recommends that the School Committee approve a contract with Commercial Roofing & Contracting. The work will start after July 4 and be completed by August 30.

MOTION: Ms. Bullard made a motion to approve the contracts for the Guiteras Roof Replacement project; seconded by Mr. Cabral. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Little Compton Request For Proposal

Superintendent Riley introduced a request for proposal from Little Compton to send their High School students to attend Mt Hope High School. She explained that Little Compton does not have its own high school and contracts with area towns to accommodate their students. She noted that this is a good way for Bristol Warren to grow their student body. She also explained that transportation will be provided by the Town of Little Compton.

MOTION: Mr. Cabral made a motion to approve the request to respond to the Little Compton's request for proposal to provide high school instructional programs to their students; seconded by Ms. Piper. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Policy DFD Gate Receipts and Admissions for a Second Reading

MOTION: Ms. Thibaudeau made a motion to adopt the second reading of the Policy DFD Gate Receipts and Admissions; seconded by Mr. Cabral. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. High School Graduation Requirements Resolution

Superintendent Riley introduced a template of a High School Resolution provided by the RI Association of School Committees (RIASC). RIASC is concerned that there is not enough financial support included in the new regulations.

MOTION: Ms. Piper made a motion to approve the Resolution; seconded by Ms. Bullard.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Thibaudeau requested that the School Committee consider a separate resolution, in addition to this one, that will address her concerns that there is not enough time in the school day to meet the new regulations.

The Committee agreed to approve this Resolution at this meeting and to draft a separate Resolution for the next meeting to address how to fit the new academic requirements within the school day.

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VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted, Victor Cabral, Secretary /dbc