

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
October 28, 2019 Minutes**

A meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on October 28, 2019, at Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Chairperson Erin Schofield, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 PM.

Present: Erin Schofield, Chairperson; Adam Ramos, Vice-Chairperson; Brian Bradshaw, Treasurer; John P. Saviano, Secretary; John C. Bento, Victor Cabral, Sheila O. Ellsworth, Marjorie J. McBride, and Carly N. Reich; and Mary Ann Carroll, Esq., District Solicitor

Administrators: Jonathan Brice, Ed D, Interim Superintendent; Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; Raquel Pellerin, Finance Director; Kimberly Aguiar, HR Director

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5 (a)(1) for the following:

1. **42-46-5(a)(1)** Job Performance of Individuals - Said persons have been notified in advance, in writing, and advised that they may require that the discussion be held in open session.
2. **42-46-5(a)(2)** Collective Bargaining
3. **42-46-5(a)(2)** Litigation Updates

MOTION: Mr. Ramos made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Bradshaw. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: At 7:34pm, Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to recess the executive session to enter into open session but to return afterwards; seconded by Mr. Ramos. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED AT 7:40 p.m.

Motion to seal the executive session minutes was not made due to reconvening after completion of Open Session.

OPEN SESSION:

Public Comment:

Daryl Gould, 91 Main Street, Warren RI

Subject: Dr. Brice

Having had several conversations with Dr. Brice, he found him to be honest and genuine. He has the students best interests at heart.

Father of 3 students at KMS

OPENING BUSINESS:

All present were invited to join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of October 15, 2019 SC Workshop meeting minutes.
2. Recommendation #S2019-66 - Personnel

MOTION: A motion was made by J. Saviano to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by M. McBride. The motion passed with an 8 - 0 vote.
The motion passed unanimously.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

- A. Recommendation #S2019-67: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the Necessity of Construction Amendments.

MOTION: A motion was made by M. McBride to approve the Necessity of Construction Amendments, seconded by V. Cabral. The motion passed in a unanimous vote.

Discussion:

Dr. Brice discussed wanting to cover items FY 2019 Budget that need funding and focus on writing an Educational Facilities Master Plan. This is a new requirement from RIDE and the District received a Grant of \$150,000 from RIDE to fund the costs.

R. Pellerin gave more information on RIDE requirements.

Motion passed unanimously

- B. Recommendation #S2019-68: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the disposal of outdated and obsolete texts and materials.

MOTION: A motion was made by M. McBride to approve the disposal of outdated and obsolete texts and materials, seconded by V. Cabral. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion:

D. Sanna clarified that the books being disposed of are the old Social Studies books.

Dr. Brice- as discussed at Budget Subcommittee: proposed that obsolete books/material being stored in PODs to the School Committee attention for disposal more frequently.

- C. Recommendation #S2019-69: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve \$14,170 for the purchase of Grade 1 and Grade 2 Literacy Kits/Guided Reading Collections.

MOTION: A motion was made by M. McBride to approve the homeschool requests, seconded by B. Bradshaw. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

D. Sanna described the purpose and intended use of these materials.

- D. Recommendation #S2019-70: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of (12) twelve families to homeschool their children for the 2019-20 school year, adhering to all requirements as set forth by the Bristol Warren Regional School District.

MOTION: A motion was made by V. Cabral to approve the request of (12) twelve families to homeschool their children, seconded by B. Bradshaw. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

D. Sanna clarified that all but 1 student was homeschooled last year.

- E. Recommendation #S2019-71: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the BWRSD School Committee Resolution on Field Trip Funding.

MOTION: A motion was made by M. McBride to approve the BWRSD School Committee Resolution on Field Trip Funding, seconded by B. Bradshaw. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mary Ann Carroll, Esq., District Solicitor restated legislation and clarified for SC. The resolution will be submitted to the General Assembly, Council has mailed several Senator amended language to General Law.

E. Schofield reviewed other school's policy, and explained how they were incorporated.

- F. Recommendation #S2019-72: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Human Resources Contract Proposal.

MOTION: A motion was made by B. Bradshaw to approve the Human Resources Contract Proposal, seconded by A. Ramos. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

- A. School Safety Plans/Crisis Plans Directive Update
Dr. Brice discussed purpose of Plan. Dr. Brice will meet with WPD & BPD.

- B. Teaching and Learning Fellows
Dr. Brice would like to incorporate a pilot, Teaching & Learning Fellows.

- C. Analysis of Substitute Salaries

Dr. Brice discussed the salaries paid to substitutes.

Dr. Brice proposed to hire four (4) full time substitutes. Two (2) will be assigned KMS and two (2) at Hugh Cole. These substitutes will cover for teacher and TA vacancies for the rest of the school year. The benefit of this process is to stabilizing who is in the building and will help with continuity and coverage. It will also reduce the cost of substitutes throughout the year.

A. Ramos appreciated Dr. Brice's creative solutions. What can be done to guarantee these Substitutes will remain in place until the year ends.

Discussion ensued.

III. SUBCOMMITTEE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS & INITIATIVES

Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee

Reich: Next meeting is November 4th @6:00pm Oliver School
Code of Conduct & Wellness Policy

Budget/Facilities Subcommittee

Bradshaw: November 18th @ 6:30pm at MHHS
Audit and Budget Amendments

Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee

Ramos: BWEA is ready to discuss teacher
Teacher Union contract

Wellness Subcommittee

Reich: Wed, December 4th at 4:00pm at Oliver School
There will be student representation.

Chairperson's Initiatives

Scholfield: Revisit student Rep to the School Committee Position.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

OPEN ADJOURNMENT ENDED at 8:14 PM

There being no further business to discuss, a MOTION was made at 8:17 PM to reconvene to Executive Session, by B. Bradshaw; seconded by Mr. John Saviano. The motion passed unanimously.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Return to Executive Session

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to seal the executive session minutes; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

Erin Schofield recused herself from the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:43 PM

There being no further business to discuss, a MOTION was made at 8:43 PM by Mrs. McBride to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. John Saviano. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Saviano, Secretary
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