

**BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Louis Borges, Jr., Chair; Estele C. Borges, James W. Clark, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Joseph M. Zinni, Jr. (non-voting member), Kelsie Farrah, Student Representative

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mark A. Dangoia, Richard J. Spada, Jr.

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Dr. Alexandre Magalhaes, Superintendent-Director; Nadine Rose, School Business Administrator; Denise Murphy, Treasurer

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Attorney Joseph Emerson; Tasha Cordero, BPTA President; Tina Bennett, Guidance/Adjustment Counselor; Jerilyn Karam-Kozak, English Teacher; Elizabeth O'Brien, Bridgewater Parent; Melanie Shaw, Pupil Services Administrator; Jennifer Karamanian, DECA Advisor; Student Alexis Frye; Student Madison Gilbert; Brianna Guaraldi, BPA Advisor; Alyssa Ekstrom, BPA Advisor; Student Rylie Hamblin; Student Xavier Melo

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mr. Borges leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Borges informed everyone that the meeting is being recorded.

**Information: A. Public Comment**

Mr. Borges read the rules for public input.

Ms. Cordero discussed her concerns for the Superintendent search.

Ms. Bennett discussed her concerns for the Superintendent search and the position of Guidance & Career Center Coordinator being eliminated.

Ms. Karam-Kozak discussed her concerns for the Superintendent search.

Ms. O'Brien discussed her concerns for the Superintendent search.

Attorney Emerson discussed the legal obligations for hiring a new Superintendent.

Miss Borges stated she is taking offense to the comment that the School Committee is not working collaboratively and there is no transparency. She prides herself on being transparent and indicated the Committee has just posted the Superintendent position. When they get to the point where they figure out what they are going to do next, they will outline what the process is going to be.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS****Information: A. Calendar**

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that April 15 is Patriots' Day and school offices are closed; April 15-19 is Spring recess; May 1 is the School Choice Public Hearing followed by the regular School Committee meeting; May 6 is MASC Day on the Hill; May 27 is Memorial Day and school offices are closed; and June 1 is graduation.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Action, Minutes: A. Regular Meeting - March 6, 2024**

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2024.

Motion by Estele C. Borges, second by Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Estele C. Borges, James W. Clark, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III

#### **Action, Minutes: B. Budget Public Hearing - March 6, 2024**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Public Hearing of March 6, 2024.

Motion by Timothy J. Holick, second by George L. Randall, III

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Estele C. Borges, James W. Clark, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III

#### **Action, Minutes: C. Personnel Subcommittee - March 28, 2024**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Personnel Subcommittee meeting of March 28, 2024.

Motion by Estele C. Borges, second by George L. Randall, III

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Estele C. Borges, James W. Clark, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III

### **4. AUDIENCES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Information: A. Collision Technology Appreciation**

A letter was received from Marc Dorschied, Berkley Animal Control Officer, thanking Collision for a solution to a pedestal obstructing the hatch back of his vehicle.

### **5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **Information, Report: A. Warrant Subcommittee**

Mr. Borges reported that nine (9) warrants have been signed since the last meeting.

#### **Information: B. Personnel Subcommittee**

Mr. Holick reported that they met last Thursday to review the approved MASC new Superintendent survey for stakeholder input. The survey is open from April 1-5.

### **6. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

#### **Information: A. Student Representative Report**

Kelsie Farrah reported on HOSA, BPA, DECA, winter sports, spring sports, fundraisers, Student Council, and prom.

#### **Information: B. Admissions**

Mrs. Shaw gave the Committee members a handout and discussed the selection process for students applying to B-P.

Questions were asked and answered regarding the admission process, the interview process, the wait list, inaccurate information reported from sending schools, fixing errors on second round of acceptances, and the appeal process.

#### **Information: D. DECA State Conference 2024 Results**

Ms. Karamanian gave the Committee members a handout.

Alexis Frye discussed the Thrive Campaign, reported that DECA was invited to the State Capital in February where they received an official citation from the House of Representatives recognizing DECA, the State Competition in Boston, and the International Conference in California.

Madison Gilbert discussed the District Conference in January, reported the number of medals and trophies received, and fundraising events.

Dr. Magalhaes stated we also received an acknowledgement from the State Senators and Representatives recognizing DECA.

Ms. Karamanian added there is now a brand new Taunton flag at the State House given in collaboration with Taunton High.

### **Information: C. 2024 BPA State Leadership Conference Results**

Ms. Guaraldi stated she is a first year advisor of BPA, congratulated the winners at States, and gave some background on BPA.

Ms. Ekstrom stated she is also a first year advisor and is confident that the BPA chapter will thrive and produce winners.

Rylie Hamblin and Xavier Melo took turns reporting the winners of the BPA State Conference, thanked the Committee for their support, and discussed the torch award cup and the National Leadership Conference.

Dr. Magalhaes thanked both Brianna and Alyssa on taking the initiative with the BPA program in their first year and inspiring students to join.

### **Information: E. HOSA State Leadership Conference 2024 Results**

Dr. Magalhaes reported that 46 students from Biotechnology, Community Health, and Dental Assisting participated in the HOSA State Conference on March 2, and 15 students will be going to Houston in June for the International Conference.

### **Information: F. 2024 SkillsUSA District 2 Competition Results**

Dr. Magalhaes reported the Skills District 2 Competition was held on February 29 at B-P, 125 students from all 19 shops participated, and 20 students will be competing at the State Competition in Marlboro on April 25-27.

### **Information: G. B-P News**

Dr. Magalhaes mentioned articles in the Taunton Gazette regarding the cheerleaders winning the State Championship and Baseball and Softball players to watch this Spring.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Action: A. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

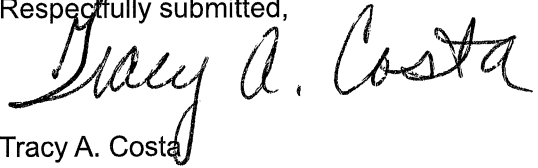
Motion by George L. Randall, III, second by Estele C. Borges

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Estele C. Borges, James W. Clark, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy A. Costa  
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Documents referenced during the meeting:

Public Input Rules

Public Input Sign In Sheet

Calendar

3/6/24 Regular Meeting Minutes

3/6/24 Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

3/28/24 Personnel Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

3/25/24 Collision Appreciation Letter

Warrant Report

Admissions Information

DECA Handout from Jennifer Karamanian

DECA State Conference 2024 Results

Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference 2024 Results

HOSA State Leadership Conference 2024 Results

SkillsUSA District 2 Competition 2024 Results

Taunton Gazette article "B-P captures 4th MSAA title in 3 years"

Taunton Gazette article "Look out for these 15 Greater Taunton baseball players this spring"

Taunton Gazette article "15 Greater Taunton players to watch" (softball)