

**BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Louis Borges, Jr., Chair; Estele C. Borges, James W. Clark, Mark A. Dangoia, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph Zinni (non-voting member)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kelsie Farrah, Student Representative

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Dr. Alexandre Magalhaes, Superintendent-Director; Karen Guenette, Assistant Director/Principal; Denise Murphy, Treasurer

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mark Lebeda, Athletic Director

**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.

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

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that February 19 is Presidents' Day and school offices are closed, Winter recess is February 19-23, March 6 is the Budget Public Hearing before the School Committee meeting, March 13 is a full professional development day for staff, and March 29 is Good Friday and school offices are closed.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES****Action, Minutes: A. Regular & Reorganization Meeting - January 3, 2024**

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular and reorganization meeting of January 3, 2024.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**4. AUDIENCES AND COMMUNICATIONS****Information: A. 2023 Annual Report**

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that the 2023 Annual Report has been sent to all the towns and the City.

**Information: B. Cosmetology Donation**

A thank you letter was sent to Lynne Jorge for donating an ultrasonic facial machine, an airbrush make-up kit, a micro-needling kit, an eyelash extension kit, and skin care products to the Cosmetology Program.

**Information: C. Teacher Resignation**

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that Cynthia Stone, a Community Health Instructor, will be resigning at the end of this school year.

**5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****Information, Report: A. Warrant Subcommittee**

Mr. Borges noted that eight (8) warrants have been signed for the month of January.

### **Information: B. Personnel Subcommittee - February 7, 2024**

Mr. Holick reported that the Personnel Subcommittee met tonight to discuss the Superintendent vacancy and authorized the Superintendent to work with the School Committee Chair to post the position.

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

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

Dr. Magalhaes reported that Kelsie Farrah was unable to attend tonight but she submitted her report. Dr. Magalhaes read her report which discussed winter sports, DECA, SkillsUSA, HOSA, Student Council, and Hungry Hippos.

### **Information: B. Athletic Director's Report**

Mr. Lebeda reported about boys basketball, girls basketball, wrestling, girls ice hockey, boys ice hockey, cheerleading, and the locations for Spring sports.

A question was asked and answered regarding Hopewell Park for football practice.

Miss Borges added that the City of Taunton just acquired Coyle Cassidy which may be turned over to the Taunton Public Schools.

Mr. Dutra stated Mr. Lebeda is doing a great job.

### **Information: C. DECA District Conference 2024**

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that the DECA District Conference was held on January 4-5 in Hyannis, stated the number of winners from first to sixth place, and mentioned the additional awards and recognitions.

### **Information: D. Freshmen Placement**

Dr. Magalhaes reported to the Committee the numbers for Freshmen exploratory choices and final choices for shops. He stated there is a concern for a couple of shops, and they are looking into how to increase the numbers.

A question was asked and answered regarding the percentage of students getting their first or second choice.

### **Information: E. Student Achievement Award Program**

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that DESE notified us that we had 14 students that will be receiving the Student Achievement Award for MCAS; last year we had 7. This award honors high-achieving, high needs students and they are given awards packets. Last year we had the students and their parents at B-P for lunch, but we are doing something else this year to recognize the students for their hard work.

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

Dr. Magalhaes mentioned articles in the Taunton Gazette regarding a podium Carpentry built for the Dighton Police, golf all-scholastics, boys and girls cross country all-scholastics, and volleyball all-scholastics.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Action: A. READS Agreement - VOTE**

Dr. Magalhaes reported that the School Committee voted in December to approve Brockton and Whitman-Hanson to join READS. Now READS needs a vote amending the Collaborative Agreement.

Motion to approve the READS Collaborative Agreement as presented.

Motion by Timothy J. Holick, second by Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

**Action: A. Bond - VOTE**

Mrs. Murphy stated this is the third BAN to borrow money, explained the amount we are borrowing and the rate we received, why we are doing this BAN, and indicated we will borrow the full amount this time next year.

Dr. Magalhaes stated this BAN will cover expenses to date.

Motion to approve the votes prepared by Bond Counsel to the District, in the form presented to this meeting, which votes, among other things, make the formal award of the notes to the purchaser, Wells Fargo Bank, and approve the 4% coupon interest rate on the notes plus the \$638,250 premium, as determined in the competitive sale held on January 31, 2024, and shall be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**9. ADJOURNMENT****Action: A. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

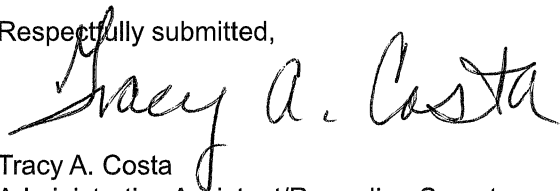
Motion by George L. Randall, III, second by Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy A. Costa  
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Documents referenced during the meeting:

Calendar

1/3/2024 Regular & Reorganization Meeting Minutes

2023 Annual Report

1/11/2024 Thank You Letter

1/29/2024 Resignation Letter

Warrant Report

2/7/2024 Student Representative Report

2024 DECA District Conference Results

Exploratory Choices Chart

Final Choices Chart

Taunton Gazette article "Proud to Stand Behind"

Taunton Gazette article "The 2023 Taunton Daily Gazette Golf All-Scholastics"

Taunton Gazette article "The 2023 Taunton Daily Gazette Boys Cross Country All-Scholastics"

Taunton Gazette article "2023 Taunton Daily Gazette All-Scholastics" (Girls Cross Country)

Taunton Gazette article "2023 Taunton Daily Gazette All Scholastics" (Volleyball)

Amended READS Collaborative Agreement

Bond Votes