BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Louis Borges, Jr., Chair; Estele C. Borges, James W. Clark (6:02), Edward F. Dutra, Jr., George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph Zinni (6:02) (non-voting member), Kelsie Farrah, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark A. Dangoia, Timothy J. Holick

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Alexandre Magalhaes, Superintendent-Director; Nadine Rose, School Business Administrator; Karen Guenette, Assistant Director/Principal; Denise Murphy, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gregory Shuman, Cooperative Education Coordinator

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 on Christmas Day school offices are closed, Winter recess is December 25-29, on New Year's Day school offices are closed, January 3 is the School Committee Reorganization meeting, and January 15 is MLK Day and school offices are closed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action, Minutes: A. Regular Meeting - November 1, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 1, 2023.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., Estele C. Borges, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr.

4. AUDIENCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. Retirements

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that three staff members and three administrators, including himself, will be retiring in 2025.

Information: B. MCAS Assessment Development Committee

Dr. Magalhaes reported that we received a letter from DESE indicating Teacher Lisa Lacombe had been selected to serve on the MCAS Assessment Development Committee for Grade 10. This is an honor for Ms. Lacombe and it is a three year commitment.

Information: C. Approaches to Address Student Cellphone Use Pilot Grant

Dr. Magalhaes reported we received a \$25,000 grant to address student cell phone use.

A question was asked and answered regarding pouches.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Information, Report: A. Warrant Subcommittee

Mr. Borges noted that thirteen (13) warrants have been signed for the month of November.

6. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Information: A. Student Representative Report

Kelsie Farrah reported on spirit weeks, pep rally, homecoming dance, Powderpuff football, Student Council giving tree, end of Fall sports, Career Fair projects, National Honor Society, and BSU instant decision day.

A question was asked and answered regarding who benefits from the giving tree.

Information: B. Co-op Data

Mr. Shuman discussed the number of seniors on co-op, the number of juniors on co-op starting in January, current employers, hourly rate range, comparison of co-op numbers over the last four years, new employers, new co-op advisory board member, Job Board, and electronic timecards.

Questions were asked and answered regarding the popular shops for co-op and feedback from employers.

Dr. Magalhaes added that when they first started the BioTech program, the advisory board members indicated they would have a hard time getting co-op jobs, but he is glad to see a lot of opportunities for our students in that area.

Miss Borges stated the co-op numbers are impressive.

Information: C. National Honor Society

Dr. Magalhaes stated that on November 14, twenty-seven students were inducted into the National Honor Society: 5 seniors, 9 juniors, and 13 sophomores.

Information: D. John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

Dr. Magalhaes reported 80 students received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship and explained the criteria to receive the award.

Information: E. SkillsUSA Fall 2023 Leadership Conference

Dr. Magalhaes reported the Skills Fall Leadership Conference was held on November 19-20 in Marlborough. He explained the test criteria for how to earn the Leadership pin, which 10 B-P students took.

Information: F. B-P News

Dr. Magalhaes mentioned two articles in the Taunton Gazette regarding B-P: cheer and football.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Action: A. New READS Member Districts - VOTE

Dr. Magalhaes explained that two new members want to join READS, Brockton and Whitman-Hanson, and READS requires a School Committee vote.

Motion to approve the admittance of the Brockton Public Schools District and the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District as new READS Collaborative Member Districts effective July 1, 2024.

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., George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr.

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Before adjourning, Dr. Magalhaes relayed a message from DECA that they are looking for judges for the January 4 District Conference down the Cape.

Mr. Borges added that the girls cheer team did a great job at the Taunton Lights On Festival.

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, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy A. Costa

Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Documents referenced during the meeting:

Calendar

11/1/2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Six Retirement Letters

Warrant Report

12/6/2023 Co-Op PowerPoint

Taunton Gazette article "... B-P cheer wins state title"

Taunton Gazette article "Blue Hills backfield leads the way in win over B-P"