

**BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Estele C. Borges, Timothy J. Holick, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Kelsie Farrah, Student Representative

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Margaret MacLean, Unibank

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. Freetown Representative**

Dr. Magalhaes welcomed and introduced Joseph Zinni, the non-voting member from Freetown.

Mr. Borges noted that Mr. Zinni is also a B-P alumni.

Information: B. Calendar

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that the Advisory Board Meeting Dinner is tonight after the School Committee meeting, the MASC/MASS Joint Conference is November 8-10, Veterans' Day is observed on November 10 and school is closed, Thanksgiving recess is November 23-24, and there are three early releases this month: November 8, 16, and 22.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**Action, Minutes: A. Regular Meeting - October 4, 2023**

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 4, 2023.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., James W. Clark, Mark A. Dangoia, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., George L. Randall, III

4. AUDIENCES AND COMMUNICATIONS**5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****Information, Report: A. Warrant Subcommittee**

Mr. Borges noted that nine (9) warrants have been signed for the month of October.

6. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**Information: A. State Qualified Bonds**

Dr. Magalhaes introduced Margaret MacLean from Unibank to discuss borrowing of money.

Ms. MacLean discussed monies previously borrowed, bond ratings, outstanding debt, interest rates, issuing bonds through the State qualified bond program versus borrowing money directly, and in order to proceed in either direction, the School Committee will vote tonight.

Questions were asked and answered regarding bond research, the approval process, and bonding a smaller portion of the money versus the traditional way.

Information: B. Open House/Groundbreaking Ceremony

Dr. Magalhaes reported the groundbreaking was well attended with dignitaries, School Committee members, PMA, HMFH, the contractors, and administrators. He reported the open house was very well organized, we had quite a few people attending, and there were 45 applications and interviews completed.

Mrs. Guenette added that 35-40 students attended open house to coordinate the tours.

Information: C. MSBA - Supplemental Grant Funding

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that we received a letter from the MSBA informing us of supplemental grant funding that was passed by the Legislature. The Legislature increased the square footage for funding the new building, we will need to apply for this funding, the OPM estimated it would be close to \$15 million, but we are not sure how they will be distributing these funds.

Information: D. B-P News

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee of an article in the Taunton Gazette regarding three deaf students on the B-P girls soccer team.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Action: A. State Qualified Bonds - VOTE

Voted: That the appropriate officials of the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District (the "District") are authorized to file an application with The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws, the District's \$305,567,432 School Project Loan, Chapter 70B Bonds, authorized under and pursuant to Chapter 751, Section 6(d) of the Acts of 1965, as amended, Chapter 70B of the General Laws, and vote of the District School Committee passed November 3, 2021 and approved by the voters at a District election held on March 5, 2022; and in connection therewith, to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts may require.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., James W. Clark, Mark A. Dangoia, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., George L. Randall, III

9. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

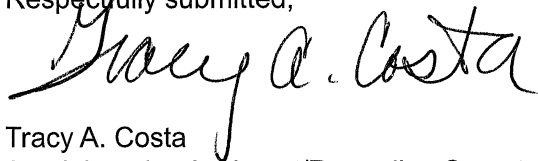
Motion by George L. Randall, III, second by Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Louis Borges, Jr., James W. Clark, Mark A. Dangoia, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., George L. Randall, III

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy A. Costa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'C'.

Tracy A. Costa
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Documents referenced during the meeting:

Calendar

10/4/2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Warrant Report

10/25/2023 Letter from MSBA

Taunton Gazette article "Deaf trio learning, teaching in first soccer season"