

**BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

BPTA President Tasha Cordero informed the Chair and Superintendent that effective September 4, 2024, all school committee meetings would be live-streamed.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Louis Borges, Jr., Chair; Estele C. Borges, James W. Clark, Edward F. Dutra, Jr., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark A. Dangoia, Alexis Frye, Student Representative

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Alexandre Magalhaes, Superintendent-Director; Andrew Rebello, Assistant Superintendent; Nadine Rose, School Business Administrator; Karen Guenette, Assistant Director/Principal; Jacqueline Boudreau, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Special Education Teacher Kristin Moreau; Paraprofessional Elise Abbott; BPTA President Tasha Cordero; Taunton resident John Paul Marcoux; Athletic Director Mark Lebeda; Academic Coordinator Kenneth Sutcliffe

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 and videotaped.

Information: A. Public Comment

Before Mr. Borges could read the rules for public input, Ms. Moreau began to speak. She discussed her duties, evaluations, recent grievance, student needs, and read statements from other teachers.

Ms. Abbott continued to read statements from other teachers regarding Ms. Moreau.

Ms. Cordero also continued to read statements from other teachers regarding Ms. Moreau.

Mr. Marcoux stated they are doing a good job with the new building project.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information: A. Calendar

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that October 14 is Columbus Day and school offices are closed; October 19 is Open House and they are working on the parking issue; October 21-25 is Massachusetts STEM Week; October 30 is the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony; November 6 is the next School Committee meeting; November 6-9 is the MASC/MASS Joint Conference; November 11 is Veterans' Day; and November 28-29 is the Thanksgiving recess.

A question was asked and answered regarding security and parking for Open House.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action, Minutes: A. Regular Meeting - September 4, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 2024.

Motion by Edward F. Dutra, Jr., 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, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Information: B. Policy Subcommittee

Mr. Borges reported that the Policy Subcommittee met on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 to discuss additional changes to the 2025 Admission Policy and the 2024-2025 Student-Parent Handbook arising from the September 4, 2024 regular School Committee meeting. The Subcommittee agreed to the additional changes to the Admission Policy in green and have no additional changes to the Student-Parent Handbook as presented and are recommending approval by the Full Committee.

Miss Borges thanked the Subcommittee that participated in the changes to the Admissions Policy brought at the last meeting and appreciates them taking into consideration her suggestions.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action, Minutes: B. Policy Subcommittee - September 24, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of the Policy Subcommittee of September 24, 2024.

Motion by Edward F. Dutra, Jr., 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, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

4. AUDIENCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. Correspondence from White House

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that the Class of 2025 Civics classes wrote letters to the White House regarding climate change, immigration, and gun control and received a letter from President Biden.

Information: B. Retirements

Dr. Magalhaes reported that Mrs. Moreau, Special Education Teacher, will be retiring after 18 years on September 12, 2025, and Mrs. Fortin, Health and Physical Education Teacher, will be retiring after 20 years on June 30, 2026.

Information: C. Collision Donation

A letter was sent to Anthony Cardenas of Empire Auto Parts thanking him for donating one plastic bumper, one metal tailgate, four metal fenders, and five metal hoods to our Collision Program.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Information: A. Warrant Subcommittee

Mr. Borges reported that ten (10) warrants have been signed for the month of September.

Information: C. Budget Subcommittee

Mr. Clark reported that the Budget Subcommittee met earlier tonight to discuss the FY2024 Budget Closeout and the FY2025 Budget. These budgets will be discussed in more detail under Report of the Superintendent, Item D.

6. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Information: A. Student Representative Report

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that Student Representative Alexis Frye could not attend tonight.

Information: B. Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Lebeda reported on Fall sports: Football, Cheerleading, Boys and Girls Soccer, Golf, Volleyball, and Cross Country. He indicated winter sports tryouts begin on December 2.

Dr. Magalhaes commended Mr. Lebeda for the great turnout for sports, the challenges to schedule practice fields, and thanked him for his efforts.

Information: C. MCAS Report

Mr. Sutcliffe discussed the changing MCAS requirements for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Biology, the comparison between last year's seniors and the current seniors, the accountability report, and the MCAS Plan.

A question was asked and answered regarding the MCAS vote in November and the plans going forward.

Information: D. FY 2024 Budget Closeout/FY 2025 Budget Recommendation

Mrs. Rose stated that \$8,164 was the unexpended balance from the FY2024 budget, and there is an excess of \$1,397,139 in the general fund, primarily from earnings on investments. To move these funds from the general fund, Mrs. Rose recommended a vote to increase the FY25 Budget's stabilization line by that amount and notify the city and towns that the increase will have no impact on the assessments.

Information: E. Traffic Meeting

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee that he had a meeting with Mr. Rebello, Mr. Driscoll, SRO Jayson LaPlante, and Taunton Officer Arsenio Chaves regarding the traffic on Hart Street. They recommended putting up a stop sign at the end of our driveway and two signs to the right and left of the driveway to notify motorists to drive slow as they are entering a school zone. They also discussed other remedies such as lowering the speed limit. Dr. Magalhaes thanked SRO LaPlante for moving very quickly on the three signs, as they were up within 2-3 hours, and appreciates his efforts.

Information: F. B-P News

Dr. Magalhaes informed the Committee of three news worthy items: Football, Mr. Rebello being a National finalist for principal of the year, and a CNBC article regarding skilled trades.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Action: A. 2024-2025 District/School Improvement Plan - VOTE

Motion to accept the 2024-2025 District/School Improvement Plan as presented.

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, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action: B. Practical Nurse Program Admission Policy - VOTE

Motion to approve the changes to the Practical Nurse Program Admission Policy as presented.

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., Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action: C. 2024-2025 Student-Parent Handbook - Third Reading/VOTE

Motion to approve the changes to the 2024-2025 Student-Parent Handbook as presented.

Motion by Edward F. Dutra, Jr., 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, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action: D. 2025 Admission Policy - Third Reading/VOTE

Motion to approve the changes to the 2025 Admission Policy as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. NEW BUSINESS**Action: A. FY 2024 Budget Closeout/FY 2025 Budget Recommendation - VOTE**

Motion to accept the FY24 Budget Closeout Summary as presented and to amend the FY25 Budget with an increase of \$1,397,139 in the stabilization budget line, utilizing certified unreserved E&D funds for such increase.

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, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

Action: B. Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Superintendent)

Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Superintendent).

Motion by George L. Randall, III, second by James W. Clark

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Roll call: Louis Borges, Jr., yes; Estele C. Borges, yes; James W. Clark, yes; Edward F. Dutra, Jr., yes; Timothy J. Holick, yes; George L. Randall, III, yes; Richard J. Spada, Jr., yes; Joseph M. Zinni, Jr., yes.

Mr. Borges informed everyone that the Committee would be returning to open session after adjourning from the Executive Session.

Regular Session ended at 6:44 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 6:55 p.m.

Motion to approve the employment contract of Dr. Alexandre Magalhaes as discussed.

Motion by George L. Randall, III, second by James W. Clark

Yes: Estele C. Borges, James W. Clark, Timothy J. Holick, George L. Randall, III, Richard J. Spada, Jr., Joseph M. Zinni, Jr.

No: Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

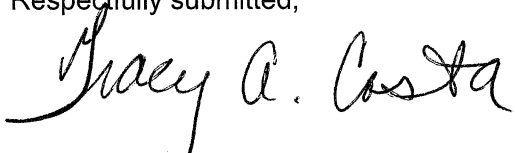
Motion by George L. Randall III, second by Edward F. Dutra, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The regular meeting ended at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy A. Costa
Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Documents referenced during the meeting:

Public Input Sign In Sheet

Calendar

9/4/24 Regular Meeting Minutes

9/24/24 Policy Subcommittee Minutes

8/16/24 Letter and Picture from White House

9/3/24 Retirement Letter

9/12/24 Retirement Letter

9/16/24 Thank You Letter

Warrant Report

MCAS Report 2024

FY24 Budget Closeout

Taunton Gazette article "B-P enters 2024 with experience"

Taunton Gazette article "B-P asst. chief nominated"

CNBC article "Teens are losing faith in college, giving rise to interest in the skilled trades"

2025 Admission Policy