

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2019**

A meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on December 16, 2019, at Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Chairperson Erin Schofield, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:22 PM.

Present: Erin Schofield, Chairperson; Adam Ramos, Vice-Chairperson; Brian Bradshaw (Absent), Treasurer; John P. Saviano, Secretary; John C. Bento, Victor Cabral (Absent), Sheila Ellsworth, Marjorie McBride, and Carly Reich (Absent)

Administrators: Jonathan Brice, Ed D, Superintendent; Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; Raquel Pellerin, Finance Director; and Mary Ann Carroll, Esq., District Solicitor

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5 (a) for the following:

1. **42-46-5(a)(1)** Job Performance of Individuals - Said persons have been notified in advance, in writing, and advised that they may require that the discussion be held in open session.
2. **42-46-5(a)(2)** Collective Bargaining
3. **42-46-5(a)(2)** Litigation Updates

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Ramos. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to seal the executive session minutes; seconded by Mrs. McBride. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION:

Public Comment:
No Public Comment

OPENING BUSINESS:

All present were invited to join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

STUDENT ACCOLADE

Nathanael E. Bagg was recognized for attaining the highest academic achievement score in both English Language Arts and Mathematics on the Spring 2019 RICAS tests. He was the only student in the district to achieve the highest academic scores in both categories.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of November 12, 2019 SC Workshop meeting minutes.
2. That the School Committee accept, on behalf of the Science Olympiad Team at MHHS, a gift donation from Mr. Selwyn Sharp. The donation covers the RIC 2019 Science Olympiad Invitational registration fee of \$175 and a \$500 gift card for team materials.
3. That the School Committee accept, on behalf of the Technology Department, a gift of technology equipment for the Solve For Tomorrow competition/Samsung.
4. Recommendation #S2019-73 - Personnel

E. Schofield pulled item D.1.b from the Agenda and voting on the rest.

MOTION: A motion was made by J. Saviano to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by M. McBride. The motion passed with an 8 - 0 vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Brice introduced the new members of Administration.

Tina Fogell joins our team as Chief Operating Officer (COO). As the COO, Tina will have day-to-day responsibility and supervision for Human Resources operations and staff, and supervise the Directors of Facilities, Technology, and Finance. Previously, Tina served as the Director of Human Resources for Cumberland Schools and the Town of Cumberland, Chief Operating Officer for a private company, and practiced law for more than a decade. Tina is a graduate of Rogers Williams Law School .

Edward Clarke joins our team as Director of Student Support Services. Student Support Services replaces the department, formerly called pupil personnel services. The new department will have responsibility for strengthening social emotional development curriculum and professional development for all students, school counseling, social work, and special education services for BWRSD. Ed joins BWRSD having spent the last 17 years leading or co-leading special education departments in Plainville and Stoughton Massachusetts schools. Prior to his leadership roles, Ed served as a special education teacher and Special Education chairperson. Ed is a graduate of Fitchburg University with a Master's degree in Special Education and a Certificate of Postgraduate study, concentration in Education Leadership and Management.

Robert Hanlon joins our team as Assistant Principal at Mt. Hope High School. He joins us from East Providence Schools where he was a teacher and department chair.

Samantha brings 6 years of experience as a bank teller, member service representative and head teller. In addition to her professional knowledge, Samantha also exhibited strong communication skills, the ability to listen, think through problem scenarios, and ask questions to advance her understanding. Her references confirm that she is an extremely hard worker, good communicator and very organized; all skills that will be an asset for this position.

Jessica Medeiros, Title I Math Interventionist/Coach

Jessica Medeiros has a strong educational background and minor in mathematics, meeting the Title I qualifications for this position. In addition, she has experience in planning and facilitating small group mathematics interventions. Ms. Medeiros' primary focus will be supporting the teachers and students of our Title I schools, Hugh Cole and Colt Andrews, and she will also be an outstanding addition to our elementary math coaching team.

Also acknowledged but not present were:

Sara B. Sousa, Teaching and Learning Fellow - Hugh Cole School. Sara Sousa has been a building sub at Hugh Cole. She has been at HC daily this school year. She is dedicated to the students and the school. Sara goes above and beyond to help the students. She has the skills and philosophy to be a true asset to our school.

Noel Weldon, Teaching and Learning Fellow - Hugh Cole School. Noel has been a sub at Hugh Cole for a couple of years. She has been at HC daily this school year, filling in roles from TA, Special Ed PCA, Connections and Teacher. She is dedicated to the students and the school. Noel has a team-player mentality and the skills to meet the needs of our school and our students.

Dr. Brice acknowledged and thanked Mr. Selwyn Sharp. His donation covers the RIC 2019 Science Olympiad Invitational registration fee of \$175 and a \$500 gift card for team materials.

Dr. Brice acknowledged the group that won the State competition and received \$10,000 and tablets. The sponsor was the Solve For Tomorrow competition sponsored by Samsung.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

- A. Recommendation #S2019-75: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Budget/Facilities subcommittee, approve the FY19 draft audit report.

MOTION: A motion was made by M. McBride to approve the Budget/Facilities subcommittee, approve the FY19 draft audit report, seconded by A. Ramos. The motion passed in a unanimous vote.

No Discussion.

- B. Recommendation #S2019-76: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Budget/Facilities subcommittee, approve the line item adjustments for FY20.

MOTION: A motion was made by M. McBride to approve the Budget/Facilities subcommittee, approve the line item adjustments for FY20, seconded by A. Ramos. The motion passed in a unanimous vote.

No Discussion.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

A. Strategic Planning

III. SUBCOMMITTEE/SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS & INITIATIVES

Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee

Next meeting is January 6th @ 6:00 PM Oliver School

Budget/Facilities Subcommittee

Bradshaw: Tues, January 21th @ 6:30 PM at MHHS

Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee

Ramos: Wed, January 22nd @ 6:00 PM at MHHS

Wellness Subcommittee

Ramos: TBD at 4:00pm at Oliver School

There will be student representation.

Chairperson's Initiatives

Schofield: None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

OPEN ADJOURNMENT ENDED at 7:43 PM

There being no further business to discuss, a MOTION was made at 7:43 PM by M. McBride to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. John Saviano.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Saviano, Secretary
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