

MINUTES

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The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee held a meeting on this date at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. – Sr. High School Library. Members present were Teri Maia-Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice-Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Theresa Donovan, Paul McFadden, Lee Kissinger (arrived at 6:16 p.m.), and Claudine Pande. Others present: Superintendent James H. Erinakes, II; Director of Administration Robert V. Ross; Attorney Vincent Ragosta. Student Member Hannah Morgan was absent.

ORDER – Chair Cicero called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Member Pande read the District Mission Statement.

Open Forum – None

PRESENTATION – Student Member Report – None

Vice Chair Rafanelli made a motion to move up, VI. A. Meet and Greet Denise Richtarik – Substitute Principal at Wawaloam School; seconded by Clerk Zuercher. Motion passed (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS – Meet and Greet Denise Richtarik – Substitute Principal at Wawaloam School – Superintendent Erinakes introduced Denise Richtarik who is substituting two days per week for Wawaloam Principal Melissa Marino while she provides Educator Evaluation support to the other building principals. He offered a brief summary of Ms. Richtarik’s teaching/administrative background. School Committee members welcomed Ms. Richtarik to EWG.

ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA- Superintendent Erinakes gave an overview of the Consent Agenda.

Member Pande requested to pull the Original Special Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2012 and the Revised Special Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2012.

Member Kissinger arrived, (6:16 p.m.).

Vice Chair Rafanelli requested to pull the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2013 for correction.

Member Pande made a motion to accept the consent agenda, excluding all of the meeting minutes. Member Donovan seconded the motion. Motion passed (7-0).

The following items were approved:

- A. Approval of Minutes – *Pulled***
 - B. Personnel Items**
 - 1. Appointments**
 - 2. Leaves of Absence**
 - 3. Resignations**
 - 4. Grievances**
 - 5. Non-Renewals**
 - 6. Recalls**
 - 7. Sabbaticals**
 - C. Bills – In the amount of \$301,097.93**
 - D. Home School Approval**
- End Consent Agenda**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – School Resource Officer – Member Pande reported she submitted a request to a private company soliciting funds to support having a School Resource Officer (SRO) in District for more time this year. In her request, she personally solicited funds but thanked the addressee on behalf of the School Committee. She expects to receive a response by Thursday or Friday. She will bring back further information at the next meeting.

Member McFadden recommended the School Committee approve authorizing Member Pande to solicit funds on behalf of the School Committee.

Member McFadden moved to allow Claudine Pande to, on behalf of the School Committee, solicit private companies for donations in support of an SRO; Seconded by Vice Chair Rafanelli. Motion passed (7-0).

This item will continue to the next regular meeting agenda.

Capital Project Update – None

Chair Cicero recognized that she had inadvertently skipped over *Correspondence*.

Superintendent Erinakes and Mr. Ross reviewed the Correspondence.

Correspondence – (1) **January 14, 2013 Letter to the Superintendent from the Town of West Greenwich regarding Charter Review Committee Representatives;**

(2) Memorandum from Mr. Ross regarding Lighting Information for the Junior – Senior High Campus; (3) School Committee Organization December 2012 to November 2014

Reports/Comments – Chair Cicero returned to the *Minutes* that were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes – *Original Special Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2012; Special Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2012 – Revised: January 22, 2013; Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2013*

Member Pande referenced the December 12, 2012 *Revised* Special Meeting Minutes and stated that those minutes reflected only one part of what transpired at that meeting. She recalled that the conversation had started differently. The minutes should be a true and accurate reflection of what was said.

Member Pande moved to accept the *Original* Special Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2013; seconded by Member Donovan.

Member McFadden said that during that meeting, he was violated and he has the right to confidentiality. He said he was flabbergasted that at the last meeting Member Pande said she had no recollection of the conversation but now could recall with great clarity that these minutes are completely wrong.

Member Pande responded that she did not recall exactly what was said but she did recall that other comments were made. The revised minutes are not a true and accurate reflection of what was said.

Member McFadden maintained that a *subject* could be recalled. There was not a stenographer present at that meeting therefore; the *subject* was Paul McFadden was talked about negatively. That could be in the minutes.

Member Pande emphasized that the minutes of the School Committee is a record. Unless the minutes are a true and accurate reflection of exactly what took place, the committee could not accept the minutes.

Member Rafanelli reasoned that the revised minutes reflected a secondary conversation and you could not take just one part out of context to include in the minutes.

Vice Chair Rafanelli asked to move the question, Member Pande seconded. Chair Cicero asked for all those in favor of moving the question. Voted 6 – 1. Member McFadden Voted no.

Chair Cicero recalled the motion made and seconded that the School Committee accept the *Original* Special Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2013 [as reflected at the bottom of the minutes]. Motion passed (6-1). Member McFadden voted no.

Vice Chair Rafanelli requested to correct the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2013 to reflect that he stated the *soccer team*, not the volleyball team, would receive an award on January 23.

Member Donovan moved to accept the corrected minutes of January 8, 2013; seconded by Clerk Zuercher. Motion passed (7-0).

Important Dates and Meetings – Wednesday, January 23, 2013 – Negotiations Meeting; Tuesday, January 29, 2013-Budget Workshop; Wednesday, February 6, 2013-Negotiations Meeting; Thursday, February 7, 2013-Joint Meeting; Monday, February 11, 2013-Negotiations Meeting; Tuesday, February 12, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Wednesday, February 13, 2013-Negotiations Meeting; Monday, February 25, 2013-Joint Meeting; Tuesday, February 26, 2013-School Committee Meeting (*Budget Adoption*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5 – Clerk Zuercher moved to go into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. in accordance with 42-46-5 (2) – CBA – (C94/Teachers’ Association) – Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending Litigation; seconded by Member Donovan; and voted as follows:

Teri Cicero	Yes
Mark Rafanelli	Yes
Valerie Zuercher	Yes
Theresa Donovan	Yes
Paul McFadden	Yes
Claudine Pande	Yes
Lee Kissinger	Yes

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 6:34 p.m.

Member McFadden left meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Clerk Zuercher moved to reconvene to Open Session. Vice Chair Rafanelli seconded the motion. Motion passed (6-0).

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

Motion and vote that took place during Executive Session was read aloud:

Motion made by Vice Chair Rafanelli, "Any document generated in collective bargaining by the designated school committee subcommittee shall be maintained in strict confidence and not distributed or released without affirmative vote of full committee." Motion passed (6-0).

Member McFadden returned to the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Adjournment – Clerk Zuercher moved to adjourn; Vice Chair Rafanelli seconded the motion. Motion passed (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ROBIN CERIO
CLERK