

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Jr. - Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI

MEETING MINUTES

Convene Meeting

Call to Order Chair Cicero, 6:05 PM.

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Theresa Donovan, Lee Kissinger (arrived 6:10 p.m.), Claudine Pande (arrived 7:00 p.m.)

Board members absent: Paul McFadden

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration

Others absent: Student Member Hannah Morgan

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Mission Statement**
- III. **Open Forum (15-minute limit)**
- IV. **Recognitions/Achievements**
 - A. **Unified Basketball Team & Coaches**
- V. **Presentations**
 - A. **Student Member Report**

None
 - B. **Special Education Presentation**
 - C. **Local Advisory Committee Update**

Member Kissinger arrived, (6:10 p.m.)

Mary Beth Cournoyer resigned her position as Local Advisory Committee Chairperson.

Paula Connelly was introduced as the interim Local Advisory Committee Chairperson.

School Committee members individually signed *the By-laws of the Exeter-West Greenwich, Rhode Island Local Advisory Committee on Special Education* as part of the annual process.

Member Pande arrived, (7:00 p.m.)

VI. **Routine Items**
Consent Agenda

A. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2013;
Executive Session Minutes of May 14, 2013**

B. **Personnel Items**

1. **Appointments**

2. **Leaves of Absence – (As Recommended by the
Superintendent)**

a. **Request from Michelle Livsey to extend her leave of
absence from her position as 1.0 FTE ELA/Social
Studies teacher at the Jr. High School for the 2013 –
2014 school year for the purpose of continuing as a
Teacher Quality Fellow - Induction Coach at the
Rhode Island Department of Education**

3. **Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent,
with Regret)**

a. **Letter from Paul Sylveste resigning his position as
1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at EWG Senior
High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective
August 31, 2013**

4. **Grievances**

5. **Non-Renewals – (As Recommended by the
Superintendent, with Regret)**

a. **See attached – *Council-94 2014 Non-Renewal Notice
Recommendation List – May 28, 2013***

6. **Recalls – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**

a. **See attached – *Additional Recalls – May 28, 2013***

7. **Sabbaticals**

8. **Administrative Contract Renewals – (As Recommended
by the Superintendent)**

a. **See attached – *Administrative Contract Renewals List
– May 22, 2013***

C. **Bills – (ENCLOSED) – Bills in the amount of \$260,233.79**

D. **Home School Approvals**

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept consent agenda Zuercher/Kissinger – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

E. **Correspondence**

None

F. **2013 – 2014 Budget**

No report

VII. New Business

A. EWG Sports 4 Kids – Track Complex Entryway

Following a brief presentation, Chair Cicero confirmed EWG Sports 4 Kids (EWGS4K) had consensus from the School Committee to move forward with the proposed landscape design plans for a new entryway to the track and field complex. EWGS4K is responsible for funding the project, will consult with Facilities Director Bill Plumley prior to moving forward, and will make sure the Boosters Club is involved.

MSV – To move to Unfinished Business, VIII. D. GPA Update –
Rafanelli/Donovan – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

VIII. Unfinished Business

D. GPA Update

Superintendent Erinakes received notice that Student Council would be prepared to bring its proposal to change the current GPA calculation schedule to the School Committee on June 12. He recommended parent audience members bring their comments/input to the high school so that when the high school presents its recommendation to the Superintendent/School Committee on June 12 it will include public input.

Superintendent Erinakes will copy School Committee members GPA information directly as it becomes available.

A. Open Meetings Request for Information/Audit

Superintendent Erinakes referenced the public records request letter received via fax on May 15, 2013 addressed to the School Committee from Kevin Breen, West Greenwich Town Manager. He said the district treasurer would conduct an audit in response.

Members of the committee requested the following actions:

- Acknowledge in writing that request was received - *Donovan*
- Indicate approximately when the request will be met - *Donovan*
- Ask Mr. Breene to clarify if he is asking for information as a private citizens or in his role as W Greenwich Town Manager - *Zuercher*

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Approve Property and Casualty Bid Recommendation

Recommendation made by Robert Ross:

Award the Property and Liability Insurance contract base bid to The Trust for 2014.

Thomas Dwyer, Colleen Bodziony, and Linda Grassini of *The Trust* presented a comprehensive overview of the district's Property & Casualty and Life Insurance coverage comparing data from 2010 to 2014.

Member Kissinger requested a copy of the current Insurance Appraisal for review.

B. Approve Life Insurance Bid Recommendation

Recommendation made by Robert Ross:

Award the Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance contract base bid to The Trust for 2014.

MSV – To accept bids for both insurances [Property & Casualty and Life] for the three-years – (6-0) – Zuercher/Pande – MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Discuss Complaint filed with the Attorney General's Office against the School Committee at a cost of \$8,212.00 in Legal Fees thus far

The Attorney General's Office has not yet rendered a decision concerning the complaint. The bill yielding \$8,212.00 to date is for legal fees associated with a complaint that Paul McFadden filed with the Attorney General's Office against the School Committee. Additional legal costs are pending. This item will remain on the agenda until further notice.

E. School Resource Officer

This item will remain on the agenda pending notification of who will be assigned as the District's School Resource Officer.

F. Reports/Comments

G. Important Dates and Meetings – Thursday, May 30, 2013-Honor's Night, (6:30 PM); Friday, May 31, 2013-Prom; **Wednesday, June 12, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Friday, June 21, 2013-Moving Up Ceremony @ 9:AM; Saturday, June 22, 2013-Graduation; Tuesday, June 25, 2013-last Day of School; Tuesday, June 25, 2013-School Committee Meeting**

Clerk Zuercher left the meeting (8:58 PM).

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 8:59 PM – Rafanelli/Kissinger and voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Teri Cicero	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE

Clerk Zuercher returned to the meeting (9:00 PM).

- X. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5**
A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)
B. 42-46-5 (2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending Litigation
C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel

MSV – To reconvene to Open Session Kissinger/Zuercher – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Reconvened to Open Session at 9:50 PM

Report on Executive Session Vote:

MSV – To offer the Superintendent a three-year contract as of July 1, 2013 with a \$6,000 raise – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (6-0) – MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

XI. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

**ROBIN CERIO
CLERK**