

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817

MEETING MINUTES

Convene Meeting

Call to Order Chair Cicero, 6:07 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Theresa Donovan, Lee Kissinger, Claudine Pande, Paul McFadden

Board member(s) absent: Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson

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

Others absent: Hannah Morgan, Student Representative

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

Patricia D'Andrea of West Greenwich thanked school committee members for all they do. Next, she reported that Senator Cathie Cool-Rumsey would not attend graduation because she would be out of town.

Kelley Stewart of West Greenwich addressed the committee regarding a senior high school college-credit honors course that has been cut for next school year. Parents received instruction to get more students interested. Students went to the guidance office expressing interest and were told the class was cancelled. Ms. Stewart said she knows of 25 students interested in taking the class. This matter should be discussed.

IV. Presentation

A. Student Member Report

None

V. Routine Items

Superintendent Erinakes requested to table consent agenda item,

B. Personnel Items

2. Leaves of Absence

- a. Request from Brian Ackerman for a one-year Leave of Absence from his position as 1.0 FTE Jr. High School Special Education Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year, on or about June 26, 2013.

until the next meeting.

Member McFadden requested to pull the *Regular Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2013 for discussion*.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session Minutes of May 28, 2013

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

- a. **Amy Hutchinson as Assistant Boys Outdoor Track Coach – Sr. High School, Annual Stipend \$2,777.82, effective for the 2012 – 2013 season**

2. Leaves of Absence

- a. ***Item Tabled***

3. Resignations

4. Non-Renewals

5. Recalls – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

- a. **Please see attached – *Additional Recalls – June 12, 2013***
b. **Please see attached – *Modified Recalls – June 12, 2013***

6. Sabbaticals

C. Bills – (ENCLOSED) – Bills in the amount of \$30,027.05

D. Home School Approvals

1. Returning Family – Grades 4 and 9

2. Returning Family – Grades 12, 11, and 10

3. Returning Family – Grade 12

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept consent agenda with the exception of item B. 2. a. and the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2013 – Zuercher/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Correspondence – (ENCLOSED) – (1) May 31, 2013 Letter to Kevin Breene from Superintendent Erinakes acknowledging receipt of Public Records Request; (2) May 21, 2013 Thank You Letter from the parents of a Grade-8 Special Education Student; (3) June 3, 2013 Communication to Superintendent Erinakes from Commissioner Gist and June 4, 2013 Communication to Superintendent Erinakes, Melissa Marino, Melissa Cohen, and Deb Blake from RT Steering Committee Co-Chairs Neil Steinberg and Colleen Jermain relating to Data Use Professional Development Presentation; (4) 8/28/2012 – 5/31/2013 Discipline Reports and 9/1/2011 – 5/31/2012 Discipline Reports

Referencing correspondence (1), Clerk Zuercher requested the Superintendent ask Mr. Breene to clarify if he is asking for information as a private citizen or in his role as West Greenwich Town Manager.

F. 2012 – 2013 Budget Projection

G. 2013 – 2014 Budget

1. Equally Funding Sport Teams

Mr. Ross offered information to assist members in the discussion of funding all team sports equally.

The committee reached consensus to have Mr. Ross bring a breakdown illustrating the basic costs for funding the six additional sport teams not currently fully funded to the next meeting.

2. Funding Field Maintenance Plan

Mr. Ross offered information to assist members in the discussion of funding the football/soccer playing field maintenance plan.

The committee reached consensus to have Mr. Ross initiate the process for soliciting competitive bids for field maintenance. Chair Cicero requested Mr. Ross contact Ted Borges, President of the EWG Youth Soccer Association to solicit a performance evaluation for the field maintenance provider that organization employs.

MSV – To move up GPA Discussion – Unfinished Business –
Zuercher/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. Unfinished Business

A. GPA Discussion

On behalf of the student council, Maggie Zarlengo presented a proposal to change the current GPA calculation schedule. Parent audience members shared comments/input. A comprehensive roundtable discussion ensued. Members requested the following action/information for the next meeting:

- Actual data comparing GPA calculations for EWG students under our current system, the proposed new system, Bishop Hendricken's system, and East Greenwich High School's system - *Cicero*
- To look at EWG's method for calculating class rank in the junior year – *Zuercher*
- Principal Butler to schedule a roundtable GPA discussion meeting that includes faculty, administration, parent, and central office representation - *Consensus*
- High School presentation of a comprehensive proposal to the June 25 School Committee meeting for consideration – *Consensus*

H. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)

- 1. Policy Subcommittee**
- 2. IT Subcommittee**
- 3. Public Relations Subcommittee**
- 4. Charter Review Subcommittee**

Member Kissinger reported the charter review subcommittee would meet next on July 8.

I. Monthly Status Reports

1. Superintendent
2. Business
3. Special Education - (None)
4. Maintenance
5. Technology

VI. New Business

A. Personnel

B. Policy Review/Adoption

1. #6242: Administrative Salaries - Amendment

MSV – To approve Policy 6242 as amended – Pande/Zuercher – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Approve Audit Bid

MSV – To approve audit bid award to LGCD CPA's/ Business Advisors based on the Director of Administration's recommendation, in the amount of \$14,750, for the next three years –Zuercher/Pande – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. Unfinished Business

B. 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

C. School Resource Officer Update

Superintendent Erinakes said he would call Chief Ramsey to ask who would be assigned to the District as the School Resource Officer.

VIII. Reports/Comments

Chair Cicero returned to Member McFadden's request to pull the *Regular Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2013* from the consent agenda.

Member McFadden referenced the Council-94 2014 Non-Renewal Notice Recommendation List – May 28, 2013, attached to the Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2013 and said he is sensitive to Council-94 employees. They work very hard. It seems Council-94 members take the brunt of the budget and suffer harsh actions, for example in the pension plan.

MSV – To accept the regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2013 –
McFadden/Donovan – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

IX. Important Dates and Meetings -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; Tuesday, July 16, 2013 (optional or eliminate)-School Committee Meeting

MSV – To move to Executive Session in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)
– Personnel at 8:07PM –Zuercher/Pande and voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Teri Cicero AYE
Valerie Zuercher AYE
Lee Kissinger AYE
Theresa Donovan AYE
Claudine Pande AYE
Paul McFadden AYE

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 – (ENCLOSED)**
- 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:
No vote taken

XI. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**