

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 25, 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, 6:07 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Paul McFadden, (left meeting at 6:45 PM), Theresa Donovan, Lee Kissinger, Claudine Pande

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

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Mission Statement**
- III. **Open Forum (15-minute limit)**
- IV. **Routine Items**
 - Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2013; Executive Session Minutes of June 12, 2013**
 - B. **Personnel Items**
 1. **Appointments**
 - a. **Jeffrey Bain as 1.0 FTE Director of Instructional and Information Technologies, Annual Salary \$69,000; effective on or about July 1, 2013**
 - b. **Marie-Elena Ahern as 1.0 FTE Curriculum Director, Annual Salary \$105,000; effective July 2, 2013, pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork, (one-year probationary contract)**
 - c. **James Murphy as 1.0 FTE Assistant Director of Instructional and Information Technologies, Annual Salary \$65,000; effective on or about July 1, 2013, pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork, (one-year probationary contract)**
 2. **Leaves of Absence – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - 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**
 - b. **Request from Brent Robitaille for a one-year Leave of Absence from his position as 1.0 FTE ELA Teacher (1-year only) at the Junior High School, for the**

2013-2014 school year, effective on or about June 26, 2013

3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)
 - a. Letter from Carol Bevilacqua resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Treasurer’s Assistant, for the purpose of retirement, effective August 16, 2013
4. Non-Renewals
5. Recalls – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)
 - a. See attached – *Additional Recalls – June 25, 2013*
 - b. See attached – *Council-94 Recalls – June 25, 2013*
6. Sabbaticals
7. Administrative Contract Renewals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)
 - a. See attached – *Administrative Contract Renewal – June 25, 2013*

C. Bills – (ENCLOSED) – Bills in the amount of \$593,678.73

D. Home School Approvals

1. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade 10, Grade 8, Grade 6

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept consent agenda Pande/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

E. Correspondence – (1) June 6, 2013 letter to Superintendent Erinakes from ACLU Policy Associate Hillary Davis regarding “*Blacklisted: Racial Bias in School Suspensions in RI*”; (2) Communication(s) regarding Sodexo proposal that the District accept a deficit proposed budget of -\$12897.06 for the 2013-2014 school year

V. **New Business**

A. **Sr. High Course Reduction Update**

B. **2014 Capital Asset Protection Plan**

MSV – To accept and authorize the proposed Capital Improvement 2014 Projects [be submitted to RIDE] including the Sr. High Parking, Access to Field, Safety Backup Electrical Generator – Sr. High, HVAC Cafeteria – Jr. High, HVAC AC3, Roof Unit Replace (Auditorium) – Sr. High, Floor Replace Main Office and Health – Jr. High, Replace Stage Lighting – Wawaloam, Replace and Level Gym Floor – Wawaloam, Floor Improvement Room 1 & 2 – Wawaloam, Security Video Phone and Buzzer – District wide, Floor Improvements Room 1 & 2 – Lineham totaling \$469,400 – McFadden/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VI. Unfinished Business

A. GPA proposal Update/Vote?

MSV – That the GPA parent, student, teacher, administrative committee provide to the School Committee by August 25 an adoptable GPA formal process – McFadden/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Member McFadden left the meeting, (6:45 PM)

B. FFA Audit Update

Superintendent Erinakes presented a breakdown of the FFA Account Audit conducted by District Treasurer Patricia Ruizzo.

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

Chair Cicero reported that additional charges have resulted in a total cost of \$8,362.00 to date for legal fees associated with a complaint Paul McFadden filed with the Attorney General's Office against the School Committee. On Friday, the committee received the Attorney General's decision concerning the complaint. It ruled in favor of the School Committee. This is the second complaint of the same nature from the same complainant that has resulted once more in a cost to taxpayers.

Clerk Zuercher questioned who is responsible for spending \$8,362 of taxpayers' monies and whether the cost is reimbursable. Member Pande proposed to check with legal counsel. Clerk Zuercher requested to have this item remain on the agenda for discussion with Member McFadden in attendance. This item will remain on the agenda for further discussion.

D. School Resource Officer

Superintendent Erinakes reported that Sergeant Peter Petrarca has been selected as the full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) for the District. Thanks to the efforts of Chief Ramsey, a grant proposal has been submitted through the Town of West Greenwich that could help fund a portion of the SRO position.

The committee reached consensus to have Member Pande write a letter of thanks to Chief Ramsey to send out through the Superintendent's office.

VII. Reports/Comments

VIII. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, July 16, 2013 – School Committee Meeting (*optional or eliminate*); Tuesday, August 13, 2013- School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, August 27, 2013 – School Committee Meeting

Chair Cicero reminded members of a possible Special School Committee Meeting on July 9 to meet in Executive Session.

Vice Chair Rafanelli said that he would not attend the July 16 meeting.

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 7:18 PM – Rafanelli/Zuercher and voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

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

IX. 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

Reconvened to Open Session at 7:50 PM

Report on Executive Session Vote: No votes taken

X. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**