

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

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

MEETING MINUTES

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Clerk Zuercher, 6:03 PM

Board members present: Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Lee Kissinger, Theresa Donovan, Claudine Pande

Board members absent: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Paul McFadden

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, Marie-Elena Ahern, Director of Curriculum

- I. Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. District Mission Statement**
- III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)**
- IV. Presentation**
 - A. Reading Street Three-Year Implementation Data/Progress Report for Year 2 (2012-2013)**
- V. Routine Items**
 - Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval of Minutes – 2 Items Pulled**
 - B. Personnel Items**
 - 1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - a. Alexandra Rickoff as Senior High School Drama Coach, Annual Stipend as per contract; effective for the 2013-2014 school year, pending all mandatory District paperwork**
 - 2. Leaves of Absence**
 - 3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**
 - a. Letter from Diane Newman resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Speech-Language Pathologist at the Jr. – Sr. High School, for the purpose of Retirement, effective September 20, 2013**
 - 4. Non-Renewals**

- 5. **Recalls**
- 6. **Sabbaticals**
- 7. **Contracts**
- C. **Bills – Bills in the amount of \$65,089.58; Accruals in the amount of \$1,645.40**
- D. **Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - 1. **Returning Family – Grade(s) 11, 8**
 - 2. **Returning Family – Grade(s) 10**
 - 3. **Returning Family – Grade(s) 10, 9, 7, 5, 2**
 - 4. **New Family – Grade(s) 9**
 - 5. **New Family – Grade(s) 1**

End Consent Agenda

Member Donovan raised issue with the School Committee meeting minutes of August 13, 2013. She said she reviewed the video and audio of the meeting and the policy that Mr. McFadden referred to audibly was 6235. Mr. McFadden has asked that the minutes reflect he said 6234. However, 6235 seemed to be the appropriate reference. Member Donovan requested to pull the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2013 and August 27, 2013 from the consent agenda to review later on in the meeting.

Superintendent Erinakes said he could get information to verify the correct policy.

MSV – To accept the consent agenda with the exception of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2013 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2013 – Pande/Donovan – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent Erinakes introduced/welcomed Alexandra Rickoff as the new Senior High School Drama Coach.

Member Donovan said she understood there were students involved in the hiring process. She appreciates that the superintendent includes all the stakeholders in the various selection processes. Doing so, makes a difference, is a great way to introduce someone to the EWG learning community, and makes everyone feel that their voices are being heard, which goes far in ensuring the success of these appointments.

The Superintendent reviewed Correspondence.

- E. **Correspondence – (1) Correspondence from Susan L. Hawksley, Exeter Fire Marshal, regarding Metcalf School and Wawaloam School Fire Inspections; (2) August 13, 2013 Welcome Back Letter to Faculty and Staff from the Superintendent; August 26, 2013 Orientation Day Schedule and August 27, 2013 Professional Development Day Agenda**

Superintendent Erinakes left the meeting, (6:22 PM)

- F. 2012 – 2013 Budget Projection
- G. 2013 – 2014 Budget
- H. Monthly Subcommittee Report
 - 1. Policy Subcommittee
 - 2. IT Subcommittee
 - 3. Public Relations Subcommittee
 - 4. Charter Review Subcommittee
- I. Monthly Status Reports – (ENCLOSED)
 - 1. Superintendent
 - 2. Curriculum
 - 3. Business
 - 4. Special Education
 - 5. Maintenance
 - 6. Technology

Clerk Zuercher called for a 5-minutes break at 6:26 PM while the superintendent clarified the appropriate policy number.

Superintendent Erinakes returned and the meeting reconvened, (6:32 PM)

Returned to **Monthly Status Reports – Superintendent**

Superintendent Erinakes answered questions asked by Member Pande regarding the Superintendent’s Monthly Status Report.

Returned to items pulled from the Consent Agenda by Member Donovan,
Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2013
and **Regular Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2013**

Member Donovan recalled that at the August 27, 2013 School Committee meeting, Mr. McFadden requested to modify the August 13, 2013 minutes, with regard to the item involving the hiring of the high school principal, to include he stated he was basing his comments on policy 6234. Member Donovan recognized the August 13, 2013 meeting minutes reflected the change. However, she could not find policy 6234. Furthermore, when she reviewed the video of the August 13 meeting that Mr. McFadden referenced, the policy that he referred to audibly was 6235, which relates to salaries.

Superintendent Erinakes confirmed that 6235 was the appropriate policy.

Member Donovan concluded that Mr. McFadden misspoke. She would propose to amend the minutes but did not know if she could move to amend what Mr. McFadden said.

Clerk Zuercher advised it would be best to bring the minutes back once more for clarification because the minutes are not accurate.

MSV – To defer approval of the minutes of August 27, 2013 and August 13, 2013 to the next regularly scheduled meeting where Mr. McFadden is present – Donovan/Pande – (4-0) – MOTION PASSED

In response to the Superintendent’s question, Member Donovan agreed to have both meeting minutes brought back *with corrections*.

VI. New Business

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. Reports/Comments

IX. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, September 24, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, October 8, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, October 22, 2013-School Committee Meeting

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 6:40 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (9) – CBA – Grievance(s) – Kissinger/Pande and voted as follows:

Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Claudine Pande	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

C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel

MSV – To reconvene to Open Session – Kissinger/Donovan – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Reconvened to Open Session at 7:00 PM

Report on Executive Session Vote: No votes taken

XI. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Kissinger/Donovan – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**