

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 13, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

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

MEETING MINUTES

Convene Meeting

Call to Order Vice Chair Rafanelli, 6:02 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson, (arrived 6:25 PM); Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Theresa Donovan, Claudine Pande, Paul McFadden, (left meeting 6:55 PM)

Board members absent: Lee Kissinger

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)**

High school student Emilie Simonini voiced concerns regarding the senior high school's choice to use Mare Studios exclusively for all yearbook photography needs including senior pictures.

- IV. **Routine Items**
Consent Agenda

A. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2013; Executive Session Minutes of July 16, 2013**

B. **Personnel Items**

1. **Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**

- a. **Kimberly Regan as 1.0 FTE Self-Contained ALP Special Education Teacher at the Senior High School, Step 2, Bachelors + 36, Annual Salary \$44,406:effective on or about August 26, 2013**
- b. *Item Pulled-Candidate declined position*
- c. *Item Pulled for discussion*

2. **Leaves of Absence**

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

- a. **Letter from Joan Johnston resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Senior High School Guidance Counselor, for the purpose of Retirement, effective July 31, 2013**
- b. **Letter from Joe Renzi resigning his position as Senior High School Assistant Football Coach, effective August 10, 2013**

MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

4. **Non-Renewals**
5. **Recalls - (ENCLOSED) - (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - a. **Please see attached -*Additional Recall List - August 13, 2013***
 - b. **Please see attached - *Modified Recall(s) - August 13, 2013***
 - c. **Please see attached - *Additional Recall List- August 13, 2013 - SUPPLEMENTAL***
6. **Sabbaticals**
7. **Employee Contract - (ENCLOSED) - (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - a. **Please see attached - *August 13, 2013 Employee Contract Memorandum***
- C. **Bills - (ENCLOSED) - *Bills pulled; Accruals in the amount of \$525,186.54***
- D. **Home School Approvals**
 1. **Returning Family - Grade(s) 8**
 2. **Returning Family - Grade(s) 4 and 7**
 3. **Returning Family - Grade(s) 5 and 5**
 4. **New Family - Grade(s) 4**
 5. **New Family - Grade(s) 2**
 6. **Returning Family - Grade(s) 7**
 7. **Returning Family - Grade(s) 1 and 2**
 8. **Returning Family - Grade(s) 6, 4 and K - *New***
 9. **Returning Family - Grade(s) 7, 4 and 1**
 10. **New Family - Grade(s) 9 and 12**

End Consent Agenda

Member McFadden requested to pull consent agenda items, B. 1. c. and the Bills for discussion.

MSV - To accept consent agenda Zuercher/Pande - (5-0) - MOTION APPROVED

- E. **Correspondence - (1) Summer 2013 Administrative Retreat Agenda; (2) Edited Athletic Handbook and coaches Handbook based on feedback from School Committee meeting on July 16, 2013. Changes appear in orange highlight within each document.**
- F. **2013 - 2014 Budget**
- G. **Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)**
 1. **Policy Subcommittee**
 2. **IT Subcommittee**
 3. **Public Relations Subcommittee**
 4. **Charter Review Subcommittee**

H. Monthly Status Reports

- 1. Superintendent**
- 2. Curriculum**
- 3. Business**
- 4. Special Education - None**
- 5. Maintenance**
- 6. Technology**

V. New Business

A. Personnel

B. RI Association of School Committee Dues Approval

MSV – To approve RI Association of School Committee Dues [expenditure] – Zuercher/Pande – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

C. Grounds Maintenance Bid Recommendation

MSV – To award Grounds Maintenance Bid # 13-14.1 to Seascape, Inc. - total annual amount of \$39,076 – (Donovan/Pande) – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

D. Policy Amendment

1. 8604: Student Travel

MSV – To approve Policy 8604 as amended – Pane/Zuercher – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Chair Cicero arrived, 6:25 PM

VI. Unfinished Business

Superintendent Erinakes answered Member Pande’s questions regarding the Coaches Handbook - *Captain Practices*. Member Pande requested the Superintendent add language, “and the School Nurse Teacher” to page 4 of the Athletic Handbook under Medical Procedures, 1. Accident Report

VII. Reports/Comments

Vice Chair Rafanelli returned to Member McFadden’s request to pull consent agenda items, B. 1. c. and the Bills for discussion.

In response to Member McFadden’s inquiry/comments, Superintendent Erinakes said he followed School Committee policy 6242 - Administrative Salaries to arrive at his recommendation for the Senior High School principal’s annual salary amount. Member McFadden said he was basing his comments on Policy 6235.

MSV – To move the motion forward – Zuercher/Pande – (5-1) – MOTION APPROVED – Cicero, Rafanelli, Zuercher, Donovan, Pande – AYE(S); McFadden – NAY

MSV – To accept Susan Chandler as full-time Senior High School Principal with a salary of \$105,000, effective August 14, 2013 – Zuercher/Pande – (5-1) – MOTION APPROVED

Teri Cicero	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE
Paul McFadden	NAY

Member McFadden withdrew his request to discuss the Bills.

MSV – To accept the Bills – Donovan/Pande – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

In summary, the following consent agenda items were approved:

A. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

a. Susan Chandler as 1.0 FTE Senior High School Principal, Annual Salary \$105,000; effective on August 14, 2013

B. Bills in the amount of \$106,519.18

VIII. Important Dates and Meetings –Tuesday, August 27, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Wednesday, August 28, 2013-First Day of School Students; Tuesday, September 10, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, August 27, 2013-School Committee Meeting

MSV – To move to Executive Session in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (9) – CBA – Grievance(s); 42-46-5 (2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending Litigation; C-94 Contract Ratification; McFadden vs. EWG School Committee; 42-46-5 (a) (1) - Personnel – Cicero/Zuercher and voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Teri Cicero	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Paul McFadden	ABSTAINED
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE

Member McFadden left the meeting – 6:55 PM

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-94 Contract Ratification; McFadden vs. EWG School Committee**
- C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel**

MSV – To reconvene to Open Session Zuercher/Donovan – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Reconvened to Open Session at 10:15 PM

Report on Executive Session Vote:

MSV – To ratify Council-94 tentative contract agreement – Zuercher/Pande – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

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

MSV – To seal the minutes of Executive Session with the exception of the Council-94 contract ratification vote – Donovan/Zuercher – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

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

X. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Zuercher/Donovan – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**