

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

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

MEETING MINUTES

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Cicero, 6:04 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Lee Kissinger (arrived 6:10 PM), Theresa Donovan, Paul McFadden, Claudine Pande

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)**

Mark Bartley, NEASC (New England Association of Schools & Colleges) Chairperson explained that in preparation for the 2016 NEAC visit, faculty members and the School Improvement Team revised the Senior High School Mission Statement to integrate Common Core language and to align it with the 21st Century Learning Skills. Mr. Bartley distributed copies of the existing and revised Mission Statement and requested consent to present an overview of the proposed Mission Statement to the School Committee at its next meeting. The committee agreed to have this item on the October 22, 2013 meeting agenda.

- IV. Routine Items**
 - Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2013

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

a. Alexandra McSparren as .5 FTE Science (Biology/Physics) Teacher at the Senior High School, Annual Salary \$19,230.00; Step 1, Bachelors, effective retroactive to September 16, 2013

2. Leaves of Absence

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

- a. Letter from Steven McGrane resigning his position as Head Girls Basketball Coach at the Senior High School, effective September 30, 2013
 4. Non-Renewals
 5. Recalls - (As Recommended by the Superintendent)
 - a. See attached - *Additional Recall(s) - October 8, 2013*
 6. Sabbaticals
 7. Contracts
 - C. Bills - Bills in the amount of \$235,836.33
 - D. Home School Approvals
- End Consent Agenda**

MSV - To accept the consent agenda Pane/Donovan - (7-0) - MOTION APPROVED

Vice Chair Rafanelli offered words of appreciation and recognized Steve McGrane's long-standing involvement, dedication, and passion for EWG sports and the Girls Basketball programs.

Member Kissinger arrived, (6:10PM)

- E. Correspondence - (1) October 2013 NECAP Testing Schedule; (2) 8/28/2013 - 9/30/2013 AND 8/28/2012 - 9/30/2012 Discipline Reports; (3) OPEP (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Trust Fund
- F. 2013 - 2014 Budget Projection
- G. Monthly Subcommittee Report
 1. Policy Subcommittee
 2. IT Subcommittee
 3. Public Relations Subcommittee
 4. Charter Review Subcommittee
- H. Monthly Status Reports - (ENCLOSED)
 1. Superintendent
 2. Curriculum
 3. Business
 4. Special Education
 5. Maintenance
 6. Technology

V. **New Business**

A. **Approve 2014 - 2015 Budget Development Timeline**

The committee reached consensus to modify the presented 2014 - 2015 Budget Development Timeline to hold a single Budget Workshop on January 28, 2014, to hold the Public Hearing on Monday, March 31, 2014, and to make a minor adjustment to text.

MSV – To accept the 2014 – 2015 Budget Development Timeline with changes as stated –Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. Approve 2014 School Committee Meeting Dates

The committee reached consensus to modify the presented 2014 School Committee Meeting Dates for the month of August to meet instead on August 5 and August 19, 2014.

MSV – To approve the 2014 School Committee Meeting Dates as amended–Pande/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. Reports/Comments

VIII. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, October 22, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, November 12, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, November 26, 2013-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 6:30 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 – (a)(9) – CBA–Grievance(s) and 42-46-5 (2) – CBA–(C-94 - Teachers’ Association) – Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending Litigation – Rafanelli/Zuercher and voted as follows:

Teri Cicero	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE
Paul McFadden	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 – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Reconvened to Open Session at 7:00 PM
Report on Executive Session Vote: No votes taken

X. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**

MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote