

**EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 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 – Chair Cicero, 6:03 PM

Board members present – Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Lee Kissinger, Theresa Donovan, Paul McFadden, Claudine Pande

Others present – James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, (arrived 6:15 PM); Marie-Elena Ahern, Director of Curriculum, (left 6:47 PM); Student Representative Abigail Borges, (left 6:07 PM)

- I. Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. District Mission Statement**
- III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)**
- IV. Presentations**
  - A. Student Representative Report**

Student Representative Abigail Borges offered a brief account of senior high school events.

- V. Routine Items**
  - Consent Agenda**
    - A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2013**
    - B. Personnel Items**
      - 1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
        - a. John Krom as 1.0 FTE Guidance Counselor-Metcalf/Jr. High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, effective on or about January 23, 2014**
      - 2. Leaves of Absence**

3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)
    - a. Letter from Norman Rathbun resigning his position as 1.0 FTE Custodian, for the purpose of retirement, effective January 3, 2014
  4. Grievances
  5. Non-Renewals
  6. Recalls – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)
    - a. Please see attached – *Additional Recalls-January 7, 2014*
  7. Sabbaticals
  8. Contracts
- C. Item Pulled**
- D. Home School Approvals**
1. New Family – Grade 7
- End Consent Agenda**

Vice Chair Rafanelli requested to pull Consent Agenda item, C. Bills for clarification.

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda with the exception of the Bills  
 – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Student Representative Borges left the meeting, (6:07PM).

- E. Correspondence – (1) August 28, 2013 – December 31, 2013 AND September 11, 2012 – December 3, 2012 Discipline Reports; (2) RI Department of Education website announcement – *RIDE awards funds to four districts to expand full-day kindergarten*; (3) 2013 – 2014 School Calendar – Revised: 1/7/14**

Chair Cicero proposed a short recess at 6:08 PM pending the arrival of Mr. Ross.  
 Mr. Ross arrived, (6:15 PM).

**F. 2013 – 2014 Budget Projection**

**G. 2014 – 2015 Initial Draft Working Budget**

Mr. Ross provided each member with a copy of the budget and presented a summary of the new format.

**H. Monthly Subcommittee Report**

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

- I. **Monthly Status Reports**
  1. **Superintendent - NONE**
  2. **Curriculum - NONE**
  3. **Business**
  4. **Special Education - NONE**
  5. **Maintenance - NONE**
  6. **Technology - NONE**

Mr. Ross answered Member Donovan's questions regarding items stated in the Business Monthly Status Report.

VI. **New Business**

VII. **Unfinished Business**  
A. **Capital Projects**

There was a brief review/discussion regarding the projects listed on the Capital Asset Protection Plan Projects graph – *Capital Projects Proposed to Actual January 7, 2014*.

VIII. **Reports/Comments**

Returned to item pulled from the **Consent Agenda** by Vice Chair Rafanelli, **V. C. Bills**

Mr. Ross answered Vice Chair Rafanelli's questions regarding the Seascapes Lawn Care, Inc. expenditure.

MSV – To approve the Bills, as stated – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (7-0) –  
MOTION APPROVED

The following Consent Agenda item was approved:

V. **Routine Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
C. **Bills – in the amount of \$411,025.11**

IX. **Important Dates and Meetings** – Tuesday, January 21, 2014-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, January 28, 2014-Budget Workshop; Thursday, February 6, 2014-Joint Meeting; Tuesday, February 11, 2014-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, February 25, 2014-School Committee Meeting (*Budget Adoption*)

Chair Cicero proposed a short recess at 6:46 PM pending the arrival of Attorney Vincent Ragosta.

Curriculum Director Marie Ahern left the meeting, (6:47 PM).

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MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 7:30 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (9) – CBA – Grievance(s) – Zuercher/Rafanelli 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

- 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 – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Reconvened to Open Session at 8:45 PM

Report on Executive Session Vote: No votes taken

- XI. Adjournment**  
MSV – To adjourn – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

**ROBIN CERIO  
RECORDING SECRETARY**