

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 11, 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; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Lee Kissinger, Theresa Donovan, (arrived at 6:25 PM), Paul McFadden, Claudine Pande

Board members absent: Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, Marie-Elena Ahern, Director of Curriculum; Attorney Andrew Henneous, (arrived at 7:25 PM)

Others absent: Student Representative Abigail Borges

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Mission Statement**
- III. **Open Forum (15-minute limit)**

Patricia D'Andrea, W Greenwich, expressed appreciation to the Superintendent for his work in presenting the 2014 – 2015 Budget. Then, Mrs. D'Andrea expressed excitement and thankfulness for the new District website.

- IV. **Recognitions/Achievements**
 - A. **2012 Presidential Award – Regina Kilday**

Item *IV. Recognitions/Achievements* was delayed pending the arrival of Regina Kilday.

- V. **Presentations**
 - A. **Student Representative Report**

Student Representative absent

- VI. **Routine Items**
 - Consent Agenda**

- A. **Approval of Minutes – (ENCLOSED) – Regular Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2014; Executive Session Minutes of January 7, 2014; Budget Workshop Minutes of January 28, 2014; Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2014**

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)
 - a. Janice Clark as .5 FTE School Nurse Teacher - Job Share at Metcalf School, Step 8, Annual Salary \$28,894.50, effective retroactive to February 4, 2014
 - b. Amy Rathbun as 1.0 FTE 2nd Shift Custodian, Jr. – Sr. High School, Step 1, Pay Grade 1, Annual Salary \$32,968; effective on or about February 12, 2014
 - c. Timothy Kuncio as 1.0 FTE 2nd Shift Custodian – Administration, Lineham, Jr. – Sr. Locker Rooms, Step 1, Pay Grade 1, Annual Salary \$32,968; effective on or about February 12, 2014, contingent upon receipt of all mandatory District paperwork
2. Leaves of Absence
3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)
 - a. *Item Pulled*
 - b. Letter from Donna Lico resigning her position as Jr. High Computer Club-Robotics Advisor, effective January 7, 2014
 - c. Letter from Christina Campopiano resigning her position as Head Jr. High Girls Softball Coach, effective January 15, 2014
 - d. Letter from Scott Burns resigning his position as Assistant Sr. High Girls Softball Coach, effective January 16, 2014
 - e. Letter from Janice McMahon-Boisclair resigning her position as Sr. High Head Boys Volleyball Coach, effective January 31, 2014
4. Non-Renewals – (ENCLOSED) – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)
 - a. Please see attached – *Teacher Non Renewals/Layoffs 2014*
 - b. Please see attached – *Teacher Non Renewals/Terminations 2014*
5. Recalls
6. Sabbaticals
7. Contracts

C. Bills – *Item(s) Pulled*

D. Home School Approvals

1. NEW FAMILY – Grade 2

End Consent Agenda

Superintendent Erinakes requested to pull item B. 3. a. from the Consent Agenda.
Member McFadden requested to pull the Bills from the Consent Agenda.

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda with the exception of B. 3. a. and the Bills – Zuercher/Pande – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

E. Correspondence – (1) EWG Special Education Advisory Committee January 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes; (2) Direct Mailing to 11th Grade Families regarding NECAP Score Release; (3) Flowchart of Communication regarding Release of October NECAP Scores; (4) 8/28/13 – 1/31/14 and 9/1/12 – 1/31/13 Discipline Reports

Member McFadden requested that a copy of Policy 9410: Managing Access to Public Records be sent to him.

Clerk Zuercher requested that NECAP Results remain on the agenda to keep members updated.

F. 2013 – 2014 Budget Projection

G. 2014 – 2015 Budget

H. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)

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

I. Monthly Status Reports

- 1. Superintendent**
- 2. Curriculum**
- 3. Business**
- 4. Special Education**
- 5. Maintenance**
- 6. Technology**

Member McFadden shared observations regarding the new District Website.
Superintendent Erinakes offered information regarding the Gems- Net Science program.

Mr. Ross said he would bring a complete report on the Capital Asset Protection Plan to address safety items to the March 11, 2014 School Committee meeting.

Member Pande requested Facilities Director Bill Plumley meet with a Jr. High School administrator to ensure the path where morning buses drop off students is safe for walking.

Member Donovan arrived at this time, (6:25 PM).

Clerk Zuercher moved to return to agenda item, IV. Recognitions/Achievements – 2012 Presidential Award – Regina Kilday

IV. Recognitions/Achievements

A. 2012 Presidential Award – Regina Kilday

Superintendent Erinakes stated the Presidential Award is the most significant award that can be given with respect to instruction in math and science and the recipient for the 2012 [math] award is Gina Kilday. He congratulated her on behalf of administration and said she is a tremendous asset to the district and the award is a very well-deserved honor. Mrs. Kilday was presented with a School Committee Apple Award and Recognition Certificate.

VII. New Business

A. Approval of Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Bylaws

MSV – To approve the EWG Special Education Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Bylaws – Pande/Zuercher – (6-0) - MOTION APPROVED

School Committee members individually signed *the By-Laws of the Exeter-West Greenwich Public Schools Special Education 2014 Local Advisory Committee* as part of the annual process.

B. Appointment of LAC Leadership Team

Superintendent Erinakes identified the five members of the new Leadership Team:

- Paula Connolly
- Michael Dillon
- Angela Aurelio
- Deborah Rodrigues
- Mark Savage

MSV – To approve the LAC Leadership Team – Zuercher/Pande – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

C. Policies Review/Adoption/Deletion

1. 7603.1 – Waiver for the State Assessment Graduation Requirement – 1st Reading

2. 8810 – Detecting and Reporting Suspected Child Abuse – 1st Reading

3. 9690 – Access to School Facilities – 1st Reading

4. 2500 – Maintaining Qualified Student Enrollment and Population Count – Amendment

MSV – To approve Policy 2500 as amended – Pande/Zuercher – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

5. 6220 – Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace – Amendment

MSV – To accept Policy 6220 as amended – Zuercher/Pande – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

6. 8509 – Managing Controlled Substances in the School Setting – Amendment

MSV – To accept Policy 8509 as amended – Zuercher/Pande – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

D. Grade 12 NECAP Retake Results

Superintendent Erinakes offered a detailed report of the Grade 12 NECAP retake results to date.

Clerk Zuercher requested Superintendent Erinakes provide NECAP updates in his Monthly Status Reports.

E. Emily Anthony Fund Scholarship Discussion

MSV – That the Emily Anthony Fund Scholarship continues to be disbursed as it has been pertaining to her wishes, which is any child going on to secondary education – Zuercher/McFadden

MSV – To amend the motion that an Exeter School Committee member be the one to present the scholarship at the award ceremony – Donovan/McFadden – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Members agreed the District needed to do a better job recognizing scholarship benefactors at the award ceremonies.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. District Website

B. Late Bus Update

Cost estimates for extending late buses at the Jr. – Sr. High School will be brought to the next meeting agenda for committee members' review/consideration.

IX. Reports/Comments

Returned to items Member McFadden requested to pull from the Consent Agenda,

C. Bills

Mr. Ross said he believed the \$2,775 expenditure to Attorney Ragosta was part of the grievance hearing.

MSV – To approve the Bills – Pande/Zuercher – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$296,167.82-*(January 21, 2014 packet enclosure)*; and Bills in the amount of \$301,971.89

X. Important Dates and Meetings –Tuesday, February 25, 2014-School Committee Meeting (*Budget Adoption*); Tuesday, March 11, 2014-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, March 25, 2014-School Committee Meeting; Monday, March 31, 2014-Public Hearing @ 7:PM

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 7:34PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s) and 42-46-5 (a) (2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice – Zuercher/Pande – and voted as follows:

Teri Cicero	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Paul McFadden	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE

XI. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5

A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)

B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation - Legal Advice

C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel

MSV – To reconvene to Open Session – Zuercher/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Reconvened to Open Session at 8:15 PM

XII. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

- Disclosure of July 11, 2013 Executive Session Vote

Chair Cicero reports on July 11, 2013 the committee voted in Executive Session to enter into a severance agreement with an employee. The committee vote was as follows:

Teri Maia-Cicero	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Paul McFadden	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE

The vote should have been disclosed in public at a meeting later that month but was inadvertently overlooked. It has just now come to our attention. We apologize for this oversight and will take steps to ensure that it does not happen again.

XIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**