

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Metcalfe School Library, 30 Nooseneck Hill Road, Exeter, RI 02822

MEETING MINUTES

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Cicero, 6:04 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Claudine Pande, Paul McFadden, Theresa Donovan, Lee Kissinger

Members absent: Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson

Others present: James H. Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, (arrived 6:13); Abigail Borges, Student Representative (left meeting 6:44 PM)

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

A. Student Representative Report

Abigail Borges conveyed a message from Student Council about its desire to look at revamping the technology policy in the senior high student handbook. Student Council's first step will be to attend a SIT (School Improvement Team) meeting to obtain feedback.

B. Metcalfe School Presentation

Robert Ross arrived, (6:13 PM)

MSV – To move up on the agenda item, VI. A. *Approve Sr. Class Boston, MA Trip Proposal* – Zuercher/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VI. **New Business**

A. **Approve Sr. Class Boston, MA Trip Proposal**

MSV – To approve [the Sr. Class Boston, MA Trip Proposal] – Zuercher/Pande – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Student Representative Borges left the meeting, (6:44 PM)

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the consent agenda.

V. Routine Items
Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session Minutes of March 11, 2014; Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2014

B. Personnel Items
1. Appointments
2. Leaves of Absence
3. Resignations
4. Non-Renewals
5. Recalls
6. Sabbaticals
7. Contracts

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$344,352.18

D. Home School Approvals
1. NEW FAMILY – Grade 5

End Consent Agenda

Member McFadden requested to pull item, *V. C. Bills*

MSV – To accept the consent agenda with the exception of item, V. C. Bills – Kissinger/Zuercher – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

E. Correspondence – (1) EWG Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2014; (2) EWG School Budget Vote Flyer-Community Bulk Mailing; (3) April 2, 2014 News Release Regarding the EWG April 14 All-Day Referendum

F. 2014 – 2015 Budget

VI. New Business

B. Policies Review/Adoption/Deletion
1. 7604 – Graduation - Amendment

MSV – To approve 7604 as amended – Pande/Donovan – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Approve Italy Foreign Exchange Program Proposal

Item tabled pending additional information

B. Grade 12 NECAP Retake Results – Update

VIII. Reports/Comments

Returned to item pulled from the Consent Agenda by Member McFadden

Mr. Ross and Superintendent Erinakes responded to Member McFadden and Member Donovan's inquires about various expenditures.

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

The following was approved:

**V. Routine Items
Consent Agenda**

C. Bills - Bills in the amount of \$344,352.18

**IX. Important Dates and Meetings –Monday, March 31, 2014-
Public Hearing @ 7:PM; Tuesday, April 8, 2014-School
Committee Meeting-Sr. High School Presentation; Monday,
April 14, 2014-All Day Referendum; Monday, April 14, 2014-
Special School Committee Meeting-(8:30PM); Tuesday, April
22, 2014-School Committee Meeting-possible**

The committee agreed to decide at the April 14, 2014 Special School Committee meeting whether or not to cancel the April 22, 2014 meeting, which falls during April vacation.

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 7:14 PM 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/Donovan and voted as follows:

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| Teri Cicero | 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 (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 7:30 PM

XI. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

Report on Executive Session Vote: No votes taken

XII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**