

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday October 14, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Business 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, 6:02 PM

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

Board members absent: Paul McFadden

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration; Marie Ahern, Curriculum Director

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

III. Recognitions/Achievements

A. Commended Student in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program

Carson Dallas was honored for her outstanding accomplishment of being named a Commended Student in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program.

IV. Presentation(s)

A. Makayla's Mission – Classroom Donation

Item was postponed to a future meeting.

V. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

Patricia D'Andrea offered her observations regarding removal of the Steven J. Anderson Road Race Sports for Kids sign, girls' volleyball team accomplishments, and insufficient outdoor lighting at the high school.

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the consent agenda.

Clerk Zuercher requested to pull the regular meeting minutes of September 9, 2014.

Vice Chair Rafanelli requested to pull the regular meeting minutes of September 23, 2014.

VI. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – *Items Pulled*

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

- a. **Julie Fornuto as .6 FTE Occupational Therapist - District, Step 4, Degree BA, Annual Salary \$28,035.38; effective retroactive to October 6, 2014**
- b. **Leon Stamas as Senior High School Head Wrestling Coach, Annual Stipend \$4,471; effective for the 2014-2015 season**

2. Leaves of Absence

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

- a. **Letter from Helen King resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Senior High School Social Studies Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year, on or about June 15, 2014**
- b. **Letter from Dwayne LaBrie resigning his position as Head Senior High School Wrestling Coach, effective September 23, 2014**
- c. **Letter from Leon Stamas resigning his position as Senior High School Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective October 10, 2014**

4. Non-Renewals

5. Recalls

6. Sabbaticals

7. Contracts

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$548,424.21

D. Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

1. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 1 (NEW)

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda with the exception of the September 9, 2014 and September 23, 2014 regular meeting minutes –Zuercher/Pande – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To accept the regular meeting minutes of September 9, 2014 – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (4-0-0) – Clerk Zuercher and Member Donovan abstained (as having been absent on September 9, 2014) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To accept the regular meeting minutes of September 23, 2014 – Zuercher/Donovan – (5-0-0) – Vice Chair Rafanelli abstained (as having been absent on September 23, 2014) – MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the Correspondence.

E. Correspondence – (1) EWG Regional High School 2014-2015 Profile; (2) School Committee Meeting Dates 2015; (3) EWGRSD 2015-2016 Budget Development Timeline; (4) October 14, 2014 Memo from Superintendent Erinakes to School Committee regarding School Committee Presentation Schedule 2015; (5) October 3, 2014 Communication from Melissa Marino to School Committee regarding New Technology at Wawaloam School; (6) RIASBO (RI Association of School Business Officials) Email Communication regarding Student Accident Insurance; (7) 8/28/14-10/1/14 and 8/28/13-10/1/13 Discipline Reports; (8) October 2014 Communication from RI College regarding High School of Distinction Recognition

F. 2014 2015 Budget

G. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)

- 1. Policy Subcommittee**
- 2. IT Subcommittee**
- 3. Public Relations Subcommittee**

H. Monthly Status Reports

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

VII. New Business

A. Policies Review/Adoption/Deletion

- 1. 1305 – Student Representative to the School Committee - Deletion**

MSV – That policy 1305 be deleted with the understanding a procedure be developed and solidified to make sure that a student representative is present at every meeting – (Rafanelli/Donovan – (5-1) – MOTION APPROVED

Teri Cicero	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	NAY
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE

MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Charter Language Update

B. Tennis Courts Repair Discussion

MSV – To approve up to \$1,875 for an engineering topography for the tennis courts bid – Pande/Zuercher – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

IX. Reports/Comments

X. Important Dates and Meetings -Tuesday, October 28, 2014-School Committee Meeting; **WEDNESDAY, November 12, 2014-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, November 25, 2014-School Committee Meeting**

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 6:52 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice – Rafanelli/Donovan – and voted as follows:

Teri Cicero	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	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**
- D. 42-46-5(a)(3) – Security**

XII. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

There were no votes were taken during Executive Session.

XIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**