

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday November 25, 2014, 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; Paul McFadden; Lee Kissinger (arrived 6:25 PM), Claudine Pande, Theresa Donovan

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

III. Service Recognition

Item postponed until Member Kissinger arrives

IV. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the consent agenda.

V. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – (ENCLOSED) – Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2014

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments

2. Leaves of Absence

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

a. Letter from Kevin Fraser resigning his position as Senior High School Head Girls Soccer Coach, effective November 13, 2014

4. Non-Renewals

- 5. **Recalls - (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - a. **Please see attached – Council-94 Recall(s) – Modified Recall –November 25, 2014**

- 6. **Sabbaticals**
- 7. **Contracts**

- C. **Bills – Bills in the amount of \$241,877.80**
- D. **Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**

- 1. **RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 9**

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda Rafanelli/Pande – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

Members offered comments and thanks to Coach Fraser for his outstanding service and commitment to the school community.

E. Correspondence

F. 2014 2015 Budget

VI. New Business

A. Approve 2015 – 2016 Sr. High School Program of Studies

Member Kissinger arrived, 6:25 PM

MSV – To table the discussion and approval of the 2015 – 2016 Senior High School Program of Studies – Pande/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. Approve Revised 2015 – 2016 Budget Development Timeline

MSV – To accept the revised 2015-2016 Budget Development Timeline – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

C. Approve Electricity Contract

Mr. Ross requested authority to enter into a contract with Direct Energy for a 36-month term no later than December 1, 2014 and at a price that is most beneficial to the District.

A discuss ensued and members exchanged views regarding the term agreement.

MSV – To accept the alternative energy plan (for 3-years) –
Kissinger/Pande

Member McFadden moved to call the vote.

(7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. Reports/Comments

Superintendent Erinakes reported two additional grants were awarded to the District.

1. Champlin Grant – \$99,910.00 awarded to the junior high school for the creation of an outdoor science space
2. Bright Stars – just over \$16,000 awarded to Lineham School - Early Learning Center to help us move to a 5 star rating. Presently, we are the only preschool to receive a 4 star rating.

A press release will be submitted to the Standard Times.

Important Dates and Meetings - Tuesday, December 9, 2014-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, January 13, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, January 20, 2014-Budget Workshop; Tuesday, January 27, 2015-School Committee Meeting

MSV – To go back to item III Service Recognition – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent Erinakes recognized departing members Teri Maia Cicero, 12 years of service and Paul McFadden, 4 years of service and presented each of them with recognition certificates. In recognition of her leadership, the superintendent presented Chair Cicero with an Apple Award. Each member shared expressions of appreciation for Chair Cicero and Member McFadden’s dedication to the school community.

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 7:33 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teacher’s Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or **Pending/Potential Litigation** – Legal Advise – Rafanelli/Zuercher - and voted as follows:

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

X. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

No votes taken

XI. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY