

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 9, 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 Vice Chair Rafanelli, 6:05 PM

Board members present: Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Lee Kissinger; Claudine Pande, Theresa Donovan, Diane Allen, Sheryl Green

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

Waived reading.

III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

No public comment.

IV. Recognitions and Achievements

A. Girls Volleyball Team – Division I State Champions

Superintendent Erinakes recognized the Girls Volleyball Team – Division 1 State Champions. Team Members were presented with School Committee Recognition Certificates and gift cards.

V. Presentation

A. Student Liaison Monthly Report

Noah Jussila presented a report on behalf of the high school Student Council.

VI. Welcoming – New School Committee Members

Vice Chair Rafanelli welcomed two new members (Sheryl Green of West Greenwich and Diane Allen of Exeter).

VII. School Committee Organization

A. Elections of School Committee Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk, RIASC Delegate

Vice Chair Rafanelli explained the voting process.

MSV – To nominate Claudine Pande as Chair – Kissinger/Donovan – (7-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To nominate Mark Rafanelli as Vice Chair – Zuercher/Kissinger – (7-0)
MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To nominate Valerie Zuercher as Clerk – Rafanelli/Allen – (7-0)
MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To nominate Claudine Pande as RIASC Delegate – Zuercher/Kissinger –
7-0 MOTION APPROVED

B. School Committee Member Assignments

Members indicated if they were interested in serving on a particular standing committee.

The outcome of the School Committee Organization Assignments is as follows:

Career & Tech. Ctr. at Coventry HS/Chariho Area Career & Tech. Ctr.	Donovan/Pande
Food Service Liaison	Zuercher/Allen
District Improvement Team	Zuercher/Rafanelli/Kissinger
Graduation Team	Zuercher/Allen
West Greenwich Council Liaison	Kissinger
Exeter Council Liaison	Allen
Curriculum Director Liaison	Green/Pande
Legislation Action Group Liaison	Kissinger/Donovan
Bldg. Committee/NE-CHPS Advisory Design Committee (2) – 1 from each town	Kissinger/Rafanelli
District Emergency Response Planning Team (1)	Zuercher/Pande/Rafanelli
Transportation Subcommittee	Zuercher/Kissinger
Policy Subcommittee	Pande*
Health and Wellness/School Wellness	Pande/Zuercher
Town Finance/Charter Review Subcommittee	Kissinger/Rafanelli
IT Subcommittee (2)	Donovan/Kissinger
Public Relations Subcommittee	Pande/Rafanelli

*Note – the committee gave unanimous consent for Teri Cicero and Bill Clay to continue to serve on this subcommittee as community members.

C. Reaffirmation Code of Basic Management Principles and Ethical School Standards (16-2-9.1)

MSV – To Reaffirm Acceptance of the Code of Basic Management Principles and Ethical School Standards – Zuercher/Allen – (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the Consent Agenda

VIII. Routine Items
Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – *Item Pulled***
- B. Personnel Items**
 - 1. Appointments**
 - 2. Leaves of Absence**
 - 3. Resignations**
 - 4. Non-Renewals**
 - 5. Recalls**
 - 6. Sabbaticals**
 - 7. Contracts**
- C. Bills in the amount of \$3,41,366.12**
- D. Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - 1. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 6**

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda with the exception of the November 25, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and the Executive Session Minutes - Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To accept the November 25, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and the Executive Session Minutes - Zuercher/Kissinger – (5-0) - Members Allen and Green abstained (new members– absent) – MOTION APPROVED

- E. Correspondence – (1) August 26, 2014-November 30, 2014 and September 1, 2013-November 30, 2013 Discipline Reports**

- 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**

IX. New Business

- A. Approve Lowell Holiday Wrestling Tournament Trip Proposal**

MSV – To approve the Lowell Holiday Wrestling Tournament Trip – Kissinger/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. Approve 7th Annual Timmy Collins Memorial Duals Wrestling Trip Proposal

MSV – To approve the 7th Annual Timmy Collins Memorial Duals Wrestling Trip – Kissinger/Zuercher - (7-0) - MOTION APPROVED

C. Policies review/Amendment/Adoption/Deletion

1. 7810: Homework – Amendment

MSV – To approve Homework Policy 7810 as amended – Kissinger/Zuercher - (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

X. Unfinished Business

A. Approve 2015-16 Sr. High School Program of Studies

Superintendent Erinakes presented an update on progress of addressing concerns/questions raised at the School Committee Meeting of November 25, 2014.

Vote tabled at Superintendent’s request to next Agenda.

XI. Reports Comments

Member Zuercher asked that a Press Release be submitted to the Standard Times regarding the Champlin Grant and Bright Stars Grant.

Director of Administration Ross informed the Committee of the plans for a potential new housing development in Exeter.

Curriculum Director Ahern recognized the PTA for a successful holiday bazaar this past Saturday.

XII. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, January 13, 2015 –School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, January 20, 2015-Budget Workshop; Tuesday, January 27, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Thursday, February 5, 2015-Town Council/School Committee Joint Meeting; Tuesday, February 10, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, February 24, 2015-School Committee Meeting.

MSV – To move to move to Executive Session at 7:48 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) – Rafanelli/Zuercher - and voted as follows:

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Diane Allen	AYE
Sheryl Green	AYE

XIII. 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)

- **Pending/Potential Litigation**

- **Legal Advice Related to School Committee Responsibilities**
- C. **42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel**
- D. **42-46-5 (a)(3) – Security**

XIV. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

No votes taken.

XV. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

**KERRY BEAUDRY
ACTING RECORDING SECRETARY**