

# EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 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 Pande, 6:04 PM

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

Members absent: Valerie Zuercher, Clerk

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, (arrived 6:08 PM); Marie Ahern, Curriculum Director

### **I. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **II. District Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District is to empower students to contribute to school and community by providing substantial learning experiences in a safe, trusting, and motivating environment*

### **III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)**

*Comments must be directed to the Chairperson of the School Committee who may limit or terminate a discussion. No comment should address personnel, litigation or negotiations as restricted by open meeting regulations. The School Committee cannot take action or vote on topics introduced that are not reflected on the agenda.*

### **IV. Presentation(s)**

#### **A. Student Liaison Monthly Report**

*No new business to report*

Superintendent Erinakes gave an overview of the consent agenda.

### **V. Routine Items**

#### **Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes – Joint Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2015; Abbreviated Education Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2015**

MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

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**B. Personnel Items**

**1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**

- a. **Stephen Marmas** as Head Girls Soccer Coach – Senior High; Stipend Amount \$4,384; effective for the 2015 – 2016 season

- 2. Leaves of Absence**  
**3. Resignations**  
**4. Non-Renewals**  
**5. Recalls**  
**6. Sabbaticals**  
**7. Contracts**

**C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$130,253.63**

**D. Home School Approvals**

**End Consent Agenda**

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

**E. Correspondence – (1) August 26, 2014- January 31, 2015 AND September 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014 Discipline Reports**

**F. 2014 2015 Budget Projection**

*Item postponed pending Mr. Ross' arrival*

**G. 2015 – 2016 Budget**

*Item postponed pending Mr. Ross' arrival*

**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**

**VI. New Business**

*Mr. Ross arrived, (6:08 PM)*

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Policies Review/Amendment/Adoption/Deletion**

**1. 8508: Compliance with the Federal Rehabilitation and Disabilities Act – Adoption**

MSV – To accept policy 8508 – Allen/Rafanelli – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

*Returned to items F and G*

**F. 2014 – 2015 Budget Projection**

Mr. Ross reported the audited 2014 financial statements are under review and could result in an adjustment to the 2014 year-end balance. This change should result in a positive adjustment of approximately \$200,000. The Auditor General has been informed. New financial statements are forthcoming and the draft financial statements that were distributed at a previous School Committee meeting will need to be destroyed.

Member Donovan proposed as a result of tonight’s discussion to submit documentation to the auditor, with copy to the Auditor General, requesting clarification as to whether or not there would be a penalty.

**G. 2015 – 2016 Budget**

Superintendent Erinakes offered a 2015 – 2016 Proposed Budget presentation.

**VIII. Reports/Comments**

The superintendent will communicate to Town Council members that the School Committee will adopt its 2015 - 2016 Budget on February 24. Council members are welcome to attend that meeting if they have any questions.

**IX. Important Dates and Meetings -Tuesday, February 24, 2015-School Committee Meeting (*Budget Adoption*); Tuesday, March 10, 2015-School Committee Meeting-(*Jr. High School Presentation*); Monday, March 16, 2015-Deadline for Motions to Change the Budget by more than \$10,000; Monday, March 23, 2015-Public Hearing @7:PM; Tuesday, March 24, 2015-School Committee Meeting-(*Metcalf School Presentation*); Monday, April 13, 2015-All Day Referendum AND Special School Committee Meeting @8:30 PM; Tuesday, April 14, 2015-School Committee Meeting-(*Sr. High School Presentation*); Tuesday, April 28, 2015-School Committee Meeting**

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 6:59 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending /Potential Litigation–Legal Advice and 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel – Rafanelli/Kissinger - and voted as follows:

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Diane Allen	AYE
Sheryl Green	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**
  - D. 42-46-5(a)(3) – Security**
- XI. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session**  
MSV – To, as a regular practice, seal the executive session minutes at the subsequent School Committee meeting as a separate item on the agenda – Rafanelli/Allen – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED
- XII. Adjournment**  
MSV – To adjourn – Kissinger/Allen – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

**ROBIN CERIO  
RECORDING SECRETARY**