

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 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 Pande, 6:01 PM

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

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

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.

Alison Ruscito of West Greenwich expressed disappointment that the decision was made not to have honor roll recognitions with distinction at Metcalf School. She offered various examples of other Rhode Island elementary schools that still have honor roll with distinction.

IV. Presentation(s)

A. Student Liaison Monthly Report

Noah Jussila presented a brief report on behalf of the senior high student council.

B. Jr. High School Presentation

Principal Slattery and Assistant Principal Anthony offered a Jr. High School presentation.

Superintendent Erinakes gave an overview of the consent agenda.

**V. Routine Items
Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Minutes – (ENCLOSED) – Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2015; Executive Session Minutes of February 24, 2015**
- B. Personnel Items**
 - 1. Appointments**
 - 2. Leaves of Absence**
 - 3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**
 - a. Letter from Kimberly Swanson resigning her position as Head Jr. High Softball Coach, effective February 25, 2015**
 - b. Letter from Marc Hamlin resigning his position as Website Redesign Team Member, effective March 2, 2015**
 - 4. Non-Renewals**
 - 5. Recalls**
 - 6. Sabbaticals**
 - 7. Contracts**
- C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$443,842.35**
- D. Home School Approvals**
- End Consent Agenda**

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda – Kissinger/Bampton-Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

- E. Correspondence – (1) August 26, 2014 – February 28, 2015 AND September 1, 2013 – February 28, 2014 Discipline Reports; (2) Revised 2014-2015 School Calendar; (3) 2015-2020 EWG Strategic Plan Update (enclosure previously provided)**

Chair Pande offered positive comments about the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.

- F. 2014 2015 Budget Projection**
- G. 2015 – 2016 Budget**
- H. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)**
 - 1. Policy Subcommittee**
 - 2. IT Subcommittee**
 - 3. Public Relations Subcommittee**
 - 4. Charter Review**

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

At the request of Vice Chair Rafanelli, the Superintendent will periodically include late bus usage data in his Monthly Status Report

VI. **New Business**

A. **Accept 2015 - 2016 School Calendar**

MSV - To approve the proposed 2015 - 2016 Calendar -
Kissinger/Zuercher - (7-0) - MOTION APPROVED

The last day for seniors will be denoted on the calendar before it is disseminated.

B. **Approve Custodian/Groundskeeper and Maintenance Person Job Description**

MSV - To approve the *Custodian, Grade 1* job description -
Zuercher/Kissinger - (7-0) - MOTION APPROVED

MSV - To approve the *Groundskeeper/Custodian, Grade 1* job description -
Zuercher/Bampton-Allen - (7-0) - MOTION APPROVED

MSV - To approve the *Maintenance Repairman, Grade 4* job description -
Zuercher/Kissinger - (7-0) - MOTION APPROVED

VII. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Reserve/Capital Project Update**

VIII. **Reports/Comments**

IX. **Important Dates and Meetings** - 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-(*Metcalfe School Presentation @ Metcalfe School*); 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 7:48 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s) and 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel and 42-46-5 (a)(3) – Security – Rafanelli/Zuercher – and voted as follows:

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Diane Bampton 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 seal the Executive Session Minutes [of March 10, 2015] – Rafanelli/Bampton-Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED
- XII. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes**
MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of March 10, 2015] – Rafanelli/Bampton-Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED
- XIII. Adjournment**
MSV – To adjourn – Zuercher/Bampton-Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**