

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Jr. - Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI

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, 6:04 PM

Board members present: Claudine Pande, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Diane Bampton-Allen, Theresa Donovan, Sheryl Green, Lee Kissinger, (left at 6:48 PM)

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

Patricia D'Andrea thanked members for their hard work during the budget process. She reported that at the latest SIT (School Improvement Team) meeting Google Hangouts was utilized to conduct a video conference call. Lastly, she recognized students that recently hosted an international theme dinner at the high school.

IV. Presentation

A. Student Liaison Monthly Report

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

Mr. Ross arrived, (6:08 PM)

B. Sr. High School Presentation

Principal Susan Chandler and Assistant Principal Jim Alves offered a Senior High School presentation.

Member Kissinger and Clerk Zuercher left the meeting, (6:43PM).

Superintendent Erinakes gave an overview of the consent agenda.

V. **Routine Items**
Consent Agenda

A. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2015; Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2015; Special Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2015**

B. **Personnel Items**

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

a. **Steven Bailey as 1.0 FTE District Maintenance Repairman , Pay Grade 4, Step 3, Annual Salary \$39,936; effective on or about April 29, 2015**

Member Kissinger returned to the meeting, (6:45PM)

2. **Leaves of Absence**

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

a. **Letter from Karen Morgan resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Building Clerk at Metcalf Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 3, 2015**

b. **Letter from Louise Oliveira resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Senior High School History Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year, on or about June 19, 2015**

c. **Letter from Dorothy Levesque resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Teacher Assistant – Kindergarten at Wawaloam School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the conclusion of the 2014–2015 school year, on or about June 19, 2015**

4. **Non-Renewals**

5. **Recalls**

6. **Sabbaticals**

7. **Contracts**

C. **Bills – Bills in the amount of \$376,425.51**

D. **Home School Approvals**

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the consent agenda – Rafanelli/Bampton-Allen – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

Member Kissinger excused himself from the meeting, (6:48 PM)

- E. Correspondence – (ENCLOSED) – (1) August 26, 2014 – March 31, 2015 AND September 1, 2013– March 31, 2014 - Discipline Reports; (2) April 6, 2015 All Day Referendum News Release; (3) Request for Community Judges for Senior Project Day; (4) Sr. High Pre-Prom Activities Schedule; (5) March 30, 2015 Eat Healthy Rhode Island Thank You; (6) April 7, 2015 Communication from Superintendent Erinakes to Teachers regarding Professional Development/Senior Project Scoring Day Schedule for May 22, 2015**

Clerk Zuercher returned to the meeting, (6:50PM)

F. 2014 – 2015 Budget Projection

G. 2015 – 2016 Budget

Superintendent Erinakes reported the Governor’s proposed budget, which removes private school services reimbursement to public schools and includes a reduction in state aid, as well as the proposed Rhode Island pension lawsuit settlement could result in an unforeseen negative impact to the 2015-2016 school budget.

A discussion ensued. As proposed by Clerk Zuercher, members agreed to add private school transportation to a future meeting agenda for discussion and to invite local representatives and state senators to attend that meeting.

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

A. Approve Internet Access Contract

MSV – To approve a five-year contract for internet services with 500MB, with bursting up to 750MB, and five-year managed support services contract with OSHEAN – Donovan/Rafanelli – (6-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Reserve/Capital Project Update

VIII. Reports/Comments

IX. Important Dates and Meetings -Tuesday, April 28, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, May 12, 2015-School Committee Meeting-(Wawaloam School Presentation @ Wawaloam School); Tuesday, May 26, 2015-School Committee Meeting-(Special Education/Lineham School Presentation)

Chair Pande advised that News Channel 10 would air its piece on Golden Apple recipient Helen King on Thursday, April 16 at 6:PM.

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 7:23 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievances(s) and 42-46-5 (a)(3) – Security – Rafanelli/Donovan – and voted as follows:

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	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 move to the bidding process – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of April 14, 2015] – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XII. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of April 14, 2015] – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XIII. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Rafanelli/Bampton-Allen – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**