

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Metcalf School – Room 201, 30 Nooseneck Hill Road, Exeter, 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, 6:06 PM

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

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, (*left meeting at 6:50 PM*)

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Mission Statement

III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

IV. Recognitions/Achievements

A. 2015 Hoby Baker High School Character Award Rhode Island Recipient

Arianna Ventura was honored as a recipient of the Hoby Baker 2015 High School Character Award - Rhode Island. Arianna is the first female award winner from the all-boys team.

V. Presentation

VI. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2015; Executive Session Minutes of April 14, 2015

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments

2. Leaves of Absence – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

a. Letter from Brian Ackerman requesting to extend his current unpaid Leave of Absence, from his

position as 1.0 FTE Jr. High School Special Education Teacher, through the 2015 - 2016

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

a. Letter from Christine McGrane resigning her position as 1.0 FTE School Nurse Teacher at Metcalf Elementary School, effective at the conclusion of her approved unpaid leave of absence, on or about June 19, 2015

4. Non-Renewals

5. Recalls

6. Sabbaticals

7. Contracts

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$448,749.37

D. Home School Approvals

End Consent Agenda

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

E. Correspondence – (1) Important End of Year Scheduled School Events

F. 2015 – 2016 Budget

VII. New Business

A. Schedule Legislative Forum

Members reached consensus to propose Monday, May 18 or Monday, June 1 as alternate dates to hold the *Legislative Forum Workshop*. Topics for discussion will include private school transportation, group homes, and charter schools. Local State Representatives and Senators will be contacted to check for availability.

B. Tennis Courts Bid Award

Mr. Ross presented his recommendation to award the high school tennis courts construction bid to Narragansett Improvement Company for the base bid amount of \$271,450.00. The project will be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement at a rate of approximately 50%.

Superintendent Erinakes offered a brief reserve/capital project update.

MSV – To go with Narragansett Improvement Company to get the tennis courts redone – Kissinger/Bampton-Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

C. School Committee Resolution

This item was tabled to the next regular meeting agenda.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Reserve/Capital Project Update

This item was reviewed during item B. Tennis Courts Bid Award.

IX. Reports/Comments

Vice Chairperson Rafanelli (tentatively) and Chairperson Pande volunteered to represent the school committee at the 2015 Jr. High School Moving Up Ceremony on June 19.

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

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 6:50 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel – Superintendent’s Evaluation – Rafanelli/Kissinger – 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

Mr. Ross left the meeting, (6:50 PM)

XI. 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 – Superintendent’s Evaluation
- D. 42-46-5(a)(3) – Security

XII. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of April 28, 2015] – Zuercher/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XIII. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of April 28, 2015] – Zuercher/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XIV. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**