

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Exeter-West Greenwich Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Rd., W Greenwich, RI

MEETING MINUTES

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Pande, 6:03 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

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Mission Statement**
- III. **Open Forum (15-minute limit)**
- IV. **Recognitions/Achievements**

A. Unified Basketball Team and Coaches

Unified Basketball Team members and coaches were honored for their contribution to the 2014 – 2015 season.

- V. **Presentation**

A. Special Education/Lineham School Presentation

Director of Special Services, Carmella Farrar offered a Special Education/Lineham School year-end review.

MSV – To approve the EWG SELAC By-Laws – Zuercher/Bampton-Allen – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED – Member Kissinger abstained

Superintendent Erinakes gave an overview of the consent agenda.

- VI. **Routine Items**
Consent Agenda

- A. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2015; Executive Session Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2015; Legislative Forum Workshop Minutes of May 18, 2015**
- B. **Personnel Items**
 - 1. **Appointments**
 - 2. **Leaves of Absence**
 - 3. **Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**
 - a. **Letter from Karen Purtill resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Math Teacher/Mathematics Department Chair at the Jr. – Sr. High 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 – (Ad Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**
 - a. **Please see attached – *Teacher Non Renewals/Layoffs – May 26, 2015 – REVISED 5/22/2015***
 - 5. **Recalls**
 - 6. **Sabbaticals**
 - 7. **Contracts**
- C. **Bills – Bills in the amount of \$293,740.29**
- D. **Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - 1. **RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 6 and 11**

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the consent agenda – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

- E. **Correspondence – (1) May 8, 2015 Communication from Joan Bishop to EWG’s Italian Exchange Students; (2) May 5, 2015 Communication from NEASC (New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc.) to Principal Susan Chandler regarding postponement of scheduled NEASC Visit; (3) May 21, 2015 Communication from the Superintendent to Staff and Families regarding Incident at the Jr. – Sr. High School; (4) May 21, 2015 Communication regarding PARCC States Vote to Shorten Test Time and Simplify Test Administration**
- F. **2015 – 2016 Budget**

VII. New Business

- A. **Award Foss Science Kits Bid**

Item tabled to the next regular meeting of June 10, 2015

B. Award Actuarial Consultant Bid

Mr. Ross presented his recommendation to award the GASB 43 and 45 Actuarial Valuation Services Contract to USI Consulting Group in the amount of \$6,500.

MSV – To award the contract – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

C. Legislative Forum Discussion and Follow-up

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Reserve/Capital Project Update

IX. Reports/Comments

Member Donovan

- Offered positive comments regarding Superintendent Erinakes’ participation in the West Greenwich Memorial Day Parade
- Requested Superintendent Erinakes provide an overview of the Youth Mental Health Training that recently took place in the District
- Referencing supplemental packets, requested going forward to state for the record why it is necessary to add [Agenda Detail] items without 48-hour notice
- Referencing correspondence 4, requested Superintendent Erinakes speak to PARCC testing in the District

Member Kissinger

- SELAC By-Laws should have been provided to members for review in advance of tonight’s meeting

Chair Pande

- PARCC testing opt out issues will be brought to the July or August meeting agenda for discussion

X. Important Dates and Meetings -WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Saturday, June 13, 2015-Sr. High School Graduation; Friday, June 19, 2015-8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony/Last Day of School; Tuesday, June 23, 2015-School Committee Meeting

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 8:10 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel Superintendent’s Evaluation – 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

- 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
D. 42-46-5(a)(3) – Security
- XII. **Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session**
MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of May 26, 2015] –
Rafanelli/Donovan – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED
- XIII. **Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes**
MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of May 26, 2015] –
Zuercher/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED
- XIV. **Adjournment**
MSV – To adjourn – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**