

**EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, August 12, 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; Marie Ahern, Curriculum Director; Attorney Andrew Henneous

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

Superintendent Erinakes gave an overview of the consent agenda.

**IV. Routine Items**

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes – *Pulled***

**B. Personnel Items**

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

- a. Kelly Hart as 1.0 FTE Teacher Assistant at Lineham School, Pay Grade 3, Step 1, Hourly Rate \$14.98, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, on or about August 24, 2015**
- b. Allison Smith as 1.0 FTE Teacher Assistant at Metcalf School, Pay Grade 3, Step 2, Hourly Rate \$15.66, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, on or about August 24, 2015**
- c. Carleen Gould as 1.0 FTE Teacher Assistant at Metcalf School, Pay Grade 3, Step 1, Hourly Rate \$14.98, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, on**

or about August 24, 2015, *pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork*

- d. Colleen Duffy as 1.0 FTE Teacher Assistant at Metcalf School, Pay Grade 3, Step 1, Hourly Rate \$14.98, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, on or about August 24, 2015, *pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork*
- e. Alayna Christiansen as 1.0 FTE Teacher Assistant at Metcalf School, Pay Grade 3, Step 1, Hourly Rate \$14.98, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, on or about August 24, 2015, *pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork*
- f. Sarah Schofield as .5 FTE Preschool Teacher at Lineham School, Step 6, Bachelors, Annual Salary \$26,886.86, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, on or about August 24, 2015, *pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork*

2. Leaves of Absence

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

- a. Letter from Sandra Fielding resigning her position as 1.0 FTE School Nurse Teacher at Metcalf School, effective August 24, 2015
- b. Letter from Joyelle Greenway resigning her position as Head Cheerleading Coach at the Senior High School, effective August 3, 2015

4. Non-Renewals

5. Job Share Proposals

6. Recalls - (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

- a. Please see attached – *Rescinded Recall of Teacher Non-Renewal-RESCINDED RECALL-August 12, 2015*

7. Sabbaticals

8. Contracts

9. Administrative Salaries

C. Bills – Accruals in the amount of \$245,663.21; Bills in the amount of \$86,233.30

D. Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

- 1. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 12
- 2. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 4
- 3. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 7,5,3
- 4. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 7 and 7
- 5. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 3, and 1 (NEW)
- 6. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 4 and 2
- 7. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 8
- 8. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 6 and 4
- 9. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 10 and 1
- 10. RETURNING FAMILY 0- Grade(s) 9

End Consent Agenda

Member Kissinger requested to pull the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2015 and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2015, as her was absent on July 15, 2105.

MSV – To approve the consent agenda, with the exclusion of the regular and executive session minutes – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2015; Executive Session Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2015**

MSV – To approve the meeting minutes of July 15, 2015 and the executive session minutes of July 15, 2015 – Bampton Allen/Donovan – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED – Member Kissinger abstained

**E. Correspondence**

**F. 2014 – 2015 Budget Projection**

**G. 2015 – 2016 Budget**

**H. Monthly Status Report**

**1. Business**

**V. New Business**

**A. Approve Secretary and Building Clerk Job Descriptions**

MSV – To approve the Secretary job description – Zuercher/Bampton Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To approve the Building Clerk job description for pay grade 3 – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**B. Approve School Lunch Meal Price Increase**

Mr. Ross presented his recommendation that the School Committee agree to increase the cost of elementary and secondary school lunches to one of the option choices 2 thru 5 (attached).

The committee concurred to accept Option 3.

MSV – To approve an elementary price increase to \$2.50 and secondary price increase to \$2.80 for the 2015-2016 school year – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**C. Approve Electric Retrofit Program**

Mr. Ross presented his recommendation that the School Committee **approve the retrofitting project as proposed by National Grid for exterior lighting at the Metcalf, Wawaloam, and Jr. – Sr. High schools.**

MSV – To approve – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**D. Approve Social Studies Curriculum Committee Request of Psychology Textbook**

Dr. Ahern presented her recommendation that the School Committee **approve the Social Studies Curriculum Committee request to purchase 18 Psychology Textbooks**. These materials have been budgeted for 2015-2016 as part of the History Department budget.

MSV – To approve – Zuercher/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**VI. Unfinished Business**

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

**1. Policy 7600 – Participation in State Assessments – Adoption**

MSV – To approve Policy 7600 – Kissinger/Rafanelli

Various people spoke and Attorney Henneous offered his legal advice regarding Policy 7600, (PARCC) State Assessments mandates, the Rhode Island Accountability System used to classify schools, and the elimination of provisions for opting out of state-approved assessments.

Chair Pande called for a vote of the motion on the floor.

Voted – (5-2) – MOTION APPROVED as follows:

Claudine Pande	-	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	-	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	-	AYE
Theresa Donovan	-	AYE
Lee Kissinger	-	AYE
Diane Bampton Allen	-	NAY
Sheryl Green	-	NAY

**B. Reserve/Capital Project Update**

**1. Tennis Court Project – Update**

**2. Security Project – Update**

In addition to an update on the tennis court and security projects, Mr. Ross referenced the Capital Bond/Capital Asset Protection Plan section of his Monthly Status Report and offered specifics regarding funding the STEM Park project and School Housing Aid Funding.

Chair Pande requested information be brought to the committee describing the STEM Park project as envisioned by the science teachers.

**VII. Reports/Comments**

**A. The Superintendent will give an update on Enrollment and Staffing**

- Staffing – The District needs to fill two last-minute vacancies – 1.0 School Nurse Teacher at Metcalf School; 1.0 Math Teacher (1<sup>st</sup> semester/1-year only Job Share) at the Senior High School
  - The superintendent requested to schedule a very brief School Committee meeting next week to approve the two remaining personnel appointments

*The committee agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 6:PM in the High School Library.*

- Enrollment – Student enrollment numbers are being monitored closely, especially in grades K, 1, and 7. At this point, there are no issues regarding enrollment at the High School or at Metcalf School

**VIII. Important Dates and Meetings –Tuesday, August 25, 2015-First Day of School PK – 12; Tuesday, September 8, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, September 22, 2015-School Committee Meeting**  
*Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 6:PM – Special School Committee Meeting*

**IX. 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

**X. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session**

**XI. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

**ROBIN CERIO  
RECORDING SECRETARY**

**School Year 2015-2016 Lunch Pricing Options**  
**Weighted Average Pricing (WAP) and Paid Lunch Equity (PLE)**

<b>Option 1</b>						Weighted Average Price (WAP)
<b>Elementary Lunch</b>		<b>Variance</b>	<b>Secondary Lunch</b>		<b>Variance</b>	\$2.53
2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>		2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>		
\$2.25	<b>\$2.40</b>	\$0.15	2.65	<b>2.70</b>	\$0.05	

Option 1 meets the minimum WAP , and the Federal \$0.10 cap increase to move towards achieving PLE threshold. This option would require another meal price increase next year.

<b>Option 2</b>						Weighted Average Price (WAP)
<b>Elementary</b>		<b>Variance</b>	<b>Secondary</b>		<b>Variance</b>	\$2.58
2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>		2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>		
\$2.25	<b>\$2.45</b>	\$0.20	2.65	<b>2.75</b>	\$0.10	

Option 2 brings the WAP above the minimum calculated \$2.55 and above the Federal \$0.10 cap increase. Next school year we will be below PLE threshold and would likely require a meal price increase

<b>Option 3</b>						Weighted Average Price (WAP)
<b>Elementary</b>		<b>Variance</b>	<b>Secondary</b>		<b>Variance</b>	\$2.63
2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>		2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>		
\$2.25	<b>\$2.50</b>	\$0.25	2.65	<b>2.80</b>	\$0.15	

Option 3 brings the WAP above the minimum calculated \$2.55 and above the Federal \$0.10 cap increase . Next school year we will be below PLE threshold and would likely require a meal price increase

<b>Option 4</b>						Weighted Average Price (WAP)
<b>Elementary</b>		<b>Variance</b>	<b>Secondary</b>		<b>Variance</b>	\$2.68
2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>		2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>		
\$2.25	<b>\$2.55</b>	\$0.30	2.65	<b>2.85</b>	\$0.20	

Option 4 brings WAP above the mimimum calculated \$2.55. Next school year we will be below the PLE, and above the Federal \$0.10 cap increase, and would likely require a meal price increase

<b>Option 5</b>						Weighted Average Price (WAP)
<b>Elementary</b>		<b>Variance</b>	<b>Secondary</b>		<b>Variance</b>	\$2.73
2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>		2014-2015	<b>2015-2016</b>		
\$2.25	<b>\$2.60</b>	\$0.35	2.65	<b>2.90</b>	\$0.25	

Option 5 brings WAP to just above the PLE of \$2.70. Next school year we will be above the projected WAP and would not likely require a meal price increase next year