

# EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

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

## MEETING MINUTES

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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, Theresa Donovan, Sheryl Green, Lee Kissinger

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)**

In response to audience member Patrick Murphy's questions regarding policy 7600 – Participation in State Assessments, which was adopted at the last regular meeting, Chair Pande explained the committee could not interact with audience members during open forum on topics that are not reflected on the meeting agenda.

Robert Ross arrived to the meeting, (6:04 PM)

Mr. Murphy asked if he could comment on tonight's agenda item policy 8703- Immunizations and Physical Examinations of Students. Chair Pande said the school committee would be discussing that policy during that agenda item time. At which time, she could choose to recognize audience members.

### **IV. Presentation**

#### **A. Beyond School Walls Big Brothers Big Sisters/Amgen Mentor Partnership Program – Metcalf School**

AMGEN representative John Sawyer offered a brief overview of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State Beyond School Walls Mentor Partnership Program. A science curriculum program sponsored and hosted by AMGEN, that will be offered to twenty to twenty-five Metcalf students during the 2015-2016 school year.

MSV – To move up on the agenda item VI. A. – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**VI. New Business**

**A. Approve Washington, DC 2016 Trip Proposal – Jr. High School**

MSV – To approve [the Washington, DC 2016 Trip Proposal – Jr. High School] – Zuercher/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**V. Routine Items**

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2015; Special Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2015**

**B. Personnel Items**

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

a. Emily Mowry as JV Girls Soccer Coach, Stipend Amount \$3,068; effective for the 2015-2016 season, *pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork*

**2. Leaves of Absence**

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

a. E-mail communication from Courtney Briggs resigning her position as .5 FTE Math Teacher – Job Share (1<sup>st</sup> Semester/1-year only), at the Senior High School, effective August 22, 2015

**4. Non-Renewals**

**5. Job Share Proposals**

**6. Recalls**

**7. Sabbaticals**

**8. Contracts**

**C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$216,048.66**

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

**1. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 9**

**2. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 2**

**3. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 3, 6**

**4. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 5, 9, 10**

**5. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 8**

**6. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 7**

**7. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 8**

**8. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 9, 7, 5, 2**

**End Consent Agenda**

Clerk Zuercher requested to pull the Special Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2015.

MSV – To accept the consent agenda, minus the Special Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2015 – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To accept the Special Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2015 – Rafanelli/Donovan – (5-0) – Clerk Zuercher and Chair Pande abstained - MOTION APPROVED

**E. Correspondence – (1) District Charter with Amendments – Final Revision**

**F. 2014 – 2015 Budget Projection**

**G. Monthly Subcommittee Reports**

1. Policy Subcommittee
2. IT Subcommittee
3. Public Relations Subcommittee
4. Charter Review Subcommittee

**H. Monthly Status Reports**

1. Superintendent
2. Curriculum
3. Business
4. Special Education
5. Maintenance
6. Technology

**VI. New Business**

**B. Approve Sound Amplification Quote**

MSV – To approve the Valley Communications Systems [sound amplification] quote in the amount of \$3,473.40 – Bampton Allen/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**C. Approve Stem Park Funding**

Mr. Ross reported the Champlin Grant for the STEM Park is in the amount of \$99,910. The lump sum price to complete all of the groundwork of the project is \$124,000. The difference needed is \$24,090 to complete the work by the December 30, 2015 deadline. Parent volunteer/engineer Mike Zavalia advised an additional \$25,000 would get the STEM Park to a functional learning facility for teachers and students to utilize.

Marie Ahern left the meeting, (6:51 PM) and returned at (6:55 PM)

MSV – To approve \$49,090 from the unassigned fund balance - \$24,090 requested by administration plus an additional \$25,000 beyond that estimate to get this [STEM Park project] going [to a functional learning facility for teachers and students to utilize]. – Kissinger/Bampton Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**D. Approve Capital Asset Protection Plan**

Superintendent Erinakes left the meeting, (7:07PM) and returned to the meeting, (7:10 PM)

Mr. Ross reported the District is required to submit a new five-year capital Asset Protection Plan (CAPP) to the RI Department of Education. The five-year plan can be revised at any time and will likely be revised at the completion of the needs assessment. He requested the committee review the five-year CAPP and the associated documents.

Vice Chairperson Rafanelli and Member Kissinger agreed to remain on the Building Committee. A letter will be sent to the town councils requesting representatives from both towns to serve on the Building Committee.

Mr. Ross requested the committee approve the CAPP, which can be modified based upon the needs assessment, for 1.7 million dollars over the next five-years - \$467,000 in year 2016.

Member Kissinger stated he would like to see the Wawaloam floor replacement slotted for next school year.

Mr. Rafanelli proposed scheduling a special school committee meeting for January with CAPP as the only meeting agenda item.

MSV – To approve the five-year Capital Asset Protection Plan in the amount of \$1.7 million – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**E. Approve Architect Services Contract**

MSV – To approve the architect service contract with Torrado Architect – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**F. Approve Policy 8703: Immunizations and Physical Examinations of Students – Amendment**

Chair Pande reviewed RI General Laws 23-1-18 Department of Health; 16-38-2 Immunization; and 16-2-9 General Powers of School Committees and Superintendents to demonstrate why the committee is required to amend policy 8703.

MSV – To accept policy 8703 – Rafanelli/Donovan – (4-0) – Valerie Zuercher, Diane Bampton Allen, and Sheryl Green abstained – MOTION APPROVED

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Reserve/Capital Project Update**

**VIII. Reports/Comments**

**IX. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, September 22, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, October 13, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, October 27, 2015-School Committee Meeting**

- 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

The committee did not meet in Executive Session.

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

XII. **Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes**

XIII. **Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

**ROBIN CERIO  
RECORDING SECRETARY**