

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

**Tuesday, September 22, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**

**Education 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, 6:03 PM

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

Members absent: Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. District Mission Statement**

**III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)**

**IV. Recognitions/Achievements**

**A. RI Art Education Association – 2015 Elementary Art Educator of the Year Award – Sharon LaFrenaye**

*Item postponed momentarily*

MSV – To move up agenda item, V. Consent Agenda –  
Zuercher/Bampton Allen – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**V. Routine Items**

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2015**

**B. Personnel Items**

**1. Appointments**

**2. Leaves of Absence**

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

**a. Letter from Mary Lou Greboval resigning her position as 1.0 FTE French Teacher at the Senior**

**High School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year, on or about June 13, 2015**

**b. E-mail communication from Louise Oliveira resigning her position as Model Legislature Advisor at the Senior High School, effective September 14, 2015**

- 4. Non-Renewals**
- 5. Job Share Proposals**
- 6. Recalls**
- 7. Sabbaticals**
- 8. Contracts**

**C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$169,812.95**

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

- 1. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 12**
- 2. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 11**
- 3. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 10**
- 4. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 11, 9, 7, 4**
- 5. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 11, 8**
- 6. NEW FAMILY – Grade(s) 7, 4**

**End Consent Agenda**

MSV – To accept the consent agenda – Zuercher/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To move up agenda item, E. Correspondence – Zuercher/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**E. Correspondence – (1) September 10, 2015 Communication to Mark Tourgee, West Greenwich Town Council President and Raymond Morrissey, Exeter Town Council President from Superintendent Erinakes regarding constituting a Building Committee**

Superintendent Erinakes said he received notice that Town Councilwoman Arlene Hicks will serve on the Building Committee representing the town of Exeter.

Chair Pande said she would reach out to Kevin Breene to ask who will be representing West Greenwich.

*Returned to agenda item, IV. Recognitions/Achievements*

**IV. Recognitions/Achievements**

**A. RI Art Education Association – 2015 Elementary Art Educator of the Year Award – Sharon LaFrenaye**

The School Committee, Superintendent Erinakes, Principal Ratigan, State Senator Elaine Morgan, and State Representative Justin Price honored Sharon LaFrenaye as the RI Art Education Association – 2015 Elementary Art Educator of the Year.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Approve Resolution to Remain on MERS 21 Year Amortization Schedule**

Superintendent Erinakes presented Robert Ross' recommendation that the School Committee resolve to remain under the current 21-year amortization schedule for MERS General Employer Reserve 3011 reporting Unit #1183.

MSV – To resolve to remain under the current 21-year amortization schedule for MERS General Employer Reserve 3011 reporting Unit #1183 – Kissinger/Donovan – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**B. Approve 2016 School Committee Meeting Dates**

Members agreed to adjust two of the proposed 2016 School Committee Meeting Dates as follows:

- Change Tuesday, September 13, 2016, (Primary Day) to Tuesday, September 6, 2016
- Change Tuesday, November 8, 2016, (General Election Day) to Wednesday, November 9, 2016

MSV – To approve the School Committee meeting dates for 2016, as amended – Bampton Allen/Donovan – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**C. Approve 2016-2017 Budget Development Timeline**

MSV – To approve the 2016 – 2017 Budget Development Timeline as presented – Kissinger/Donovan – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Reserve/Capital Project Update**

Superintendent Erinakes reported details are forthcoming relating to an emergency expense he approved today. The cooling system in the technology department's data room needed to be replaced at a cost of \$15,000.

**VIII. Reports/Comments**

Member Donovan recognized student videographer Alex Smith as West Greenwich's newest Eagle Scout. Alex is a member of Troop 35 and will be celebrated at a Court of Honor event on Saturday. Member Donovan acknowledged Alex's contribution to the community and his great accomplishment.

**IX. Important Dates and Meetings – 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

*Members 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 – Zuercher/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM

**ROBIN CERIO  
RECORDING SECRETARY**