

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, 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, 6:02 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

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Mission Statement**
- III. **Open Forum (15-minute limit)**
- IV. **Routine Items**
 - Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2015; Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2015**
 - B. **Personnel Items**
 1. **Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - a. **Jessica Murray as Head Cheerleading Coach – Jr. High School, Annual Stipend \$1,446; effective for the 2015 – 2016 season**
 2. **Leaves of Absence**
 3. **Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**
 - a. **Letter from Lin Patty resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher at Wawaloam School, for the purpose of retirement, effective at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year, on or about June 13, 2015**
 4. **Non-Renewals**
 5. **Job Share Proposals**
 6. **Recalls**
 7. **Sabbaticals**
 8. **Contracts**

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$335,292.76

D. Home School Approvals

End Consent Agenda

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

E. Correspondence

V. New Business

A. Approve Senior High Chorus/Art Performance Philadelphia Trip Proposal

MSV – To approve the Senior High trip to Philadelphia –
Kissinger/Bampton Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. Anti-Bullying Month Discussion

C. Approve Seascape Contract

Superintendent presented Mr. Ross' request/recommendation to renew the Grounds Maintenance contract as proposed by SiteScapes for the next two years with a price lock guarantee of \$35,430 per year.

MSV – To accept the new SiteScapes grounds landscape contract for the next two years [with a price lock guarantee of \$35,430 per year] –
Kissinger/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

D. October 1 Enrollment

E. Policies Review/Amendment/Adoption/Deletion

1. 8506: Suspension and Expulsion – Amendment

MSV – To approve amendment to Policy 8506 – Bampton-Allen/Green –
(7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

2. 8607: Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities, Including Athletics – Amendment

MSV – To accept Policy 8607 [as amended] – Bampton-Allen/Kissinger (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

F. EWG Athletic Handbook 2015-2016 – Revision

MSV – To approve the change in this policy – Zuercher/Bampton-Allen

Members deliberated and shared views regarding the proposed changes to the handbook. Consensus was to make an additional change to the proposed language, vote whether or not to approve, and then send the handbook back to the policy subcommittee for further consideration regarding off-season violation ramifications.

Chair Pande called for a vote on the motion and stated - *All in favor of the revised amendments to the Exeter-West Greenwich Athletic Handbook 2015 – 2016 version* – Voted (5-2) – MOTION APPROVED as follows:

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

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Reserve/Capital Project Update

MSV – To, upon completion of the contract review by the District legal counsel, approve the funding for the Architectural Feasibility Study for \$60,000 with the work to be performed by Torrado Architects – Donovan/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VII. Reports/Comments

VIII. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, November 10, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, November 24, 2015-School Committee Meeting

Member Donovan informed the committee that she would be absent from the November 24, 2015 School Committee meeting.

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 6:57 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(3) – Security – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0), 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

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

1. Annual Review/Approval of Policy 2300: School Safety Plans-Emergency Crisis Response Management

X. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

MSV – To approve Policy 2300 – Kissinger/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To seal the Executive Session minutes [of October 27, 2015] – Zuercher/Bampton Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XI. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

MSV – To seal the Executive Session minutes [of October 27, 2015] – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**