

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

**Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 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, (left meeting at 6:43 PM)

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. District Mission Statement**

**III. Recognitions/Achievements**

Jenna Bridges was honored as the 2015 – 2016 Gatorade Rhode Island Volleyball Player of the Year. On behalf of The Gatorade Company, ABC-6 Sportscaster Nick Coit presented Jenna with a commemorative trophy.

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

Michelle Powers of W Greenwich voiced concerns regarding a recent event involving her son who was inadvertently permitted to ride the wrong bus at dismissal time. She offered written ideas to amend Policy 8310 – Elementary School Dismissal to prevent a reoccurrence.

**V. Presentation**

**A. Student Liaison Monthly Report**

None

**VI. Routine Items**

**Consent Agenda**

- A. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2015; Executive Session Minutes of December 8, 2015**
  - B. **Personnel Items**
    - 1. **Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
      - a. **Kerrie Gallant as 1.0 FTE Teacher Assistant at Wawaloam School, Pay Grade 3, Step 2, Hourly Wage \$15.66, effective January 13, 2016**
    - 2. **Leaves of Absence**
    - 3. **Resignations**
    - 4. **Non-Renewals**
    - 5. **Job Share Proposals**
    - 6. **Recalls**
    - 7. **Sabbaticals**
    - 8. **Contracts**
  - C. **Bills – Bills in the amount of \$479,001.60**
  - D. **Home School Approvals**
- End Consent Agenda**
- MSV – To accept the consent agenda – Zuercher/Kissinger – (7-0) –  
MOTION APPROVED
- E. **Correspondence – (1) December 15, 2015 Bristol Warren School Committee Chairperson communication regarding Funding Formula Study Group Testimony; (2) Top High Schools in RI 2015 - #5 EWG: (3) August 25, 2015 – December 31, 2015 AND September 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 Discipline Reports; (4) Education Week Article regarding RI PARCC participation rates and Letter from US Department of Education to RI Department of Education regarding RI participation**
  - F. **2015 – 2016 Budget Projection**
  - G. **2016 – 2017 Initial Draft Working Budget**
  - H. **Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)**
    - 1. **Policy Subcommittee**
    - 2. **IT Subcommittee**
    - 3. **Public Relations Subcommittee**
    - 4. **Charter Review Subcommittee**
    - 5. **Building Subcommittee**
  - I. **Monthly Status Reports**
    - 1. **Superintendent**
    - 2. **Curriculum**
    - 3. **Business**
    - 4. **Special Education**
    - 5. **Maintenance**
    - 6. **Technology**

VII. **New Business**

A. **Approve Class of 2017 Senior Class Trip to Virginia Proposal**

MSV – To approve the class trip of 2017 – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) –  
MOTION APPROVED

B. **Approve Outdoor Adventure Club Ski Trip Proposal**

MSV – To approve [the Outdoor Adventure Club Ski Trip Proposal] –  
Zuercher/Bampton Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VIII. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Reserve/Capital Project Update**

IX. **Reports/Comments**

X. **Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, January 26, 2016-School  
Committee Meeting; Wednesday, January 27, 2016-Budget Workshop AND  
Special School Committee Meeting-*Capital Asset Protection Plan-Capital  
Project Prioritization*; Tuesday, February 9, 2016-School Committee  
Meeting; Thursday, February 11, 2016-Town Council/School Committee  
Joint Meeting; Tuesday, February 23, 2016-School Committee Meeting-  
*Budget Adoption***

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 6:38 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-  
46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation  
Discussion and/or pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice – and 42-26-  
5(a)(1) – Personnel – Administrative Contracts Discussion –  
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

*Dr. Marie Ahern left the meeting, 6:43 PM*

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 – Administrative Contracts Discussion**

D. **42-46-5(a)(3) – Security**

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

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of January 12, 2016] –  
Zuercher/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

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

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of January 12, 2016] –  
Zuercher/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**XIV. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM

**ROBIN CERIO  
RECORDING SECRETARY**