

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 9, 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, 6:04PM

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

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. District Mission Statement**

**III. Recognitions/Achievements**

**A. District Visual Arts Department**

Art teachers Elizabeth Lind, Nicole Pichette, Amie Ray, Sharon LaFrenaye, and Kristen Beaulieu (absent) were honored for being selected as The Rhode Island Alliance for Arts Education K-12 Visual Arts Department statewide representative for the 2016 Gift of Art to the State of Rhode Island.

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

**V. Routine Items**

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2016; Budget Workshop Minutes of January 27, 2016; Special Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2016**

**B. Personnel Items**

- 1. Appointments**
- 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 \$200,510.98
- D. Home School Approvals

**End Consent Agenda**

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

- E. Correspondence – (1) August 25, 2015 – January 31, 2016 AND August 26, 2014 – January 31, 2015 Discipline Reports; (2) January 2016 Metcalf School: A Feinstein Leadership School Good Deeds Newsletter; (3) 2016 – H 7078 In General Assembly January Session, A.D. 2016 - - An Act Relating to EWG School District, Introduced by Representative Justin Price on January 7, 2016, Referred to House Finance

- F. 2015-2016 Budget Projection

- G. 2016-2017 Working Draft Budget

*Member Donovan left the meeting at 6:35 pm and returned at 6:36 pm.*

- H. Monthly Subcommittee Reports
  - 1. Policy Subcommittee
  - 2. IT Subcommittee
  - 3. Charter Review Subcommittee
  - 4. Building Subcommittee

- I. Monthly Status Reports
  - 1. Superintendent
  - 2. Curriculum
  - 3. Business

Referencing the Small Water System Testing results shown in the Business Status Report, Member Kissinger expressed concern and interest in identifying the source of lead levels shown present in water samples taken at Lineham and Metcalf Schools.

- 4. Special Education
- 5. Special Education
- 6. Maintenance
- 7. Technology

**VI. New Business**

**A. Policy 8310: Elementary School Dismissal – Discussion**

Members considered two dissimilar parent proposals to amend Policy 8310. Following a comprehensive discussion, which included public comment, the committee reached consensus not to amend Policy 8310.

**B. Policies Review/Adoption/Deletion/Amendment**

**1. 3208: Budget Transfers – Deletion**

*Item continued to next regular meeting agenda for Deletion*

**2. 3207: Managing the Annual School District Budget – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

*Item continued to next regular meeting agenda for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption*

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Reserve/Capital Project Update**

**VIII. Reports/Comments**

**IX. Important Dates and Meetings – 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 7:40 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 –Rafanelli/Bampton Allen - 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

**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**

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

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of February 9, 2016] – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

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

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of February 9, 2016] – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**XIII. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

**ROBIN CERIO  
RECORDING SECRETARY**