

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 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, 6:05 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; Patricia Ruizzo, District Treasurer (left meeting at 6:20 PM); Patricia Boucher, Auditor (left meeting at 6:20 PM)

I. **Pledge of Allegiance**

II. **District Mission Statement**

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

MSV – To move up item V. A. [**New Business – Accept 2015 Audit**] on the agenda – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

V. **New Business**

A. **Accept 2015 Audit**

Patricia Boucher, CPA – Bacon & Company, LLC offered an overview of the EWGRSD Annual Financial Statements, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015.

MSV – To accept the audit as presented – Rafanelli/Bampton Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Patricia Ruizzo and Patricia Boucher left the meeting, (6:20 PM)

IV. **Routine Items**

Consent Agenda

A. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2016; Executive Session Minutes of February 9, 2016**

B. Personnel Items

1. **Appointments**
2. **Leaves of Absence**
3. **Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
 - a. **Letter from Martin Rawnsley resigning his position as Head Jr. High School Softball Coach, effective February 4, 2016**
4. **Non-Renewals**
5. **Job Share Proposals**
6. **Recalls**
7. **Sabbaticals**
8. **Contracts**

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$323,994.84

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

1. **RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 10**

End Consent Agenda

Clerk Zuercher requested to pull the Joint Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2016 from the consent agenda for a separate vote.

MSV – To accept the consent agenda, less the minutes of the [February 11, 2016] Joint Meeting – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To accept the [February 11, 2016] Joint Meeting minutes – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (6-0-1) – MOTION APPROVED – Clerk Zuercher abstained due to absence

E. Correspondence

V. New Business

B. 2016 - 2017 Budget Adoption

Superintendent Erinakes presented his recommended 2016-2017, \$30,689,252 operating budget for School Committee approval. Although the recommended budget represents level funding from the previous year, reductions to various components of State Aid and DCYF funding, along with population shift proportional share responsibilities has resulted in an increased tax burden to Exeter. A legal opinion will be sought about the issues faced regarding conflicting laws, and what options are if there are no increases to revenue. Focus will be on the impact to whatever changes occur until the governor's budget is finally enacted to determine how to address the issue of the taxation level to Exeter.

MSV – To approve the 2016-2017 proposed operating budget of \$30,689,252 – Kissinger/Green – (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

C. Charter Review Subcommittee – Update

- Consensus reached to reconvene the Charter Review Subcommittee
 - Contact both Town Councils to confirm Town Council representatives

- Contact Charlene Randall to confirm her role as WG community representative
- Contact Bill Zuercher to confirm his role as Exeter community representative

D. Policies Review/Adoption/Deletion/Amendment

1. 1101: The School Committee and Its Responsibilities and Duties – Amendment

One spelling error was found.

MSV – To accept Policy 1101, as amended – Kissinger/Bampton Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

2. 5101: School Vending Machine Policy – Amendment

MSV – To approve the amended Policy 5101 – Zuercher/Donovan – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Policy Review/Adoption/Deletion/Amendment

1. 3208: Budget Transfers – Deletion

2. 3207: Managing the Annual School District Budget – 2nd Reading/Adoption

MSV – To approve Policy 3207 and delete Policy 3208, which is now included in Policy 3207 – Kissinger/Bampton Allen – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. Reserve/Capital Project Update

VII. Reports/Comments

Superintendent:

- RI's Regional School Districts Meeting at the State House – Monday, February 29, 2016
- DCYF Funding Meetings – Friday, February 26, 2016 and Monday, February 29, 2016
- RIDE Commissioner's Empowerment Planning Meeting – Friday, February 26, 2016

VIII. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, March 8, 2016-School Committee Meeting – *Jr. High School Presentation AND Budget Workshop – (Optional)*; Tuesday, March 22, 2016- School Committee Meeting – *Metcalf School Presentation*; Monday, March 28, 2016-Public Hearing at 7:PM; Monday, April 11, 2016-All Day Referendum AND Special School Committee Meeting @ 8:30 PM; Tuesday, April 12, 2016-School Committee Meeting – *Sr. High School Presentation*; Tuesday, April 26, 2016-School Committee Meeting

Chair Pande:

- Remind State Senators and State Representatives of Monday, February 29, 2016 Meeting

- If there is movement in revenue, a second budget workshop may be necessary

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 – Administrative Contracts Discussion
- D. 42-46-5(a)(3) – Security

The School Committee did not meet in Executive Session

X. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

N/A

XI. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

N/A

XII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**