

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Wawaloam School, 100 Victory Highway, Exeter, RI

MEETING MINUTES

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**Convene Meeting**

Call to order Chair Pande, 6:00 PM

Board members present: Claudine Pande, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Lee Kissinger, Diane Bampton Allen; Theresa Donovan, Sheryl Green  
Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration; Marie Ahern, Curriculum Director

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Mission Statement**
- III. **Open Forum (15-minute limit)**
- IV. **Presentation**

**A. Wawaloam School Presentation**

Principal Melissa Marino, and students and teachers from different grade levels participated in a demonstration/presentation to School Committee members, district administrators, and parents.

- V. **Routine Items**  
**Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes – 4 Items Pulled**

**B. Personnel Items**

- 1. **Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
  - a. **David Redmond, Jr.** as 1.0 FTE Groundskeeper/Custodian, Salary Grade 1, Step 3, Hourly Rate \$18.53; effective on or about May 11, 2016
  - b. **Eleanor Balasco** as 1.0 FTE Sr. High School Guidance Secretary, Pay Grade 4, Step 6, Hourly Rate \$24.42, effective July 1, 2016
- 2. **Leaves of Absence**
- 3. **Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**
  - a. Letter from **Brian Ackerman** resigning his position as 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher – Jr. High School, effective at the conclusion of his current unpaid Leave of Absence, at the conclusion of the 2015 – 2016 school year, on or about June 16, 2016
- 4. **Non-Renewals**
- 5. **Recalls**
- 6. **Sabbaticals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
  - a. **Approval of Sabbatical Leave for Arthur Searle** – (.83 FTE Sabbatical-Technology Integration Specialist/.17 FTE Technology Teacher)

MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

- 7. **Job Share Proposals**
  - C. **Bills – Bills in the amount of \$147,251.71**
  - D. **Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
    - 1. **NEW – Grade-3 – (For the remainder of the school year)**
- End Consent Agenda**

Clerk Zuercher requested to pull the Regional Coalition Meeting Minutes of February 29, 2016 and the Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2016.

Member Donovan requested to pull the Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes of April 26, 2016.

Members agreed that subcommittee meeting minutes shall be marked as Correspondence.

MSV – To accept the consent agenda, less the Coalition Meeting Minutes of February 29, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of April 26, 2016, and Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2016 – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

*Items pulled from the consent agenda:*

V. **Routine Items**  
**Consent Agenda**

- A. **Approval of Minutes – Regional Coalition Meeting Minutes of February 29, 2016; Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2016; Executive Session Minutes of April 26, 2016; Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2016**

MSV – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2016 and Executive Session Minutes of April 26, 2016 – Rafanelli/Zuercher – (6-0-1) – Member Donovan abstained due to absence – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To accept the Coalition Meeting Minutes of February 29, 2016 – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (6-0-1) MOTION APPROVED – Clerk Zuercher abstained due to absence

- E. **Correspondence – (1) August 25, 2015 – April 30, 2016 AND September 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015 Discipline Reports; (2) May 2, 2016 Communication to EWG Teachers from Superintendent Erinakes regarding Teacher Appreciation Week; (3) Big Brothers Big Sisters Informational Flyer regarding Experiment Showcase at Metcalf School; (4) April 25, 2016 Smithfield School Committee Resolution on Gun Free Schools**
- F. **2015-2016 Budget Projection**
- G. **2016-2017 Budget**
- H. **Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)**
  - 1. **Policy Subcommittee**
  - 2. **IT Subcommittee**
  - 3. **Charter Review Subcommittee**
  - 4. **Building Subcommittee**
  - 5. **Public Relations Subcommittee**

**I. Monthly Status Reports**

1. Superintendent
2. Curriculum
3. Business
4. Special Education
5. Special Education
6. Maintenance
7. Technology

**VI. New Business**

**A. School Committee Resolution on Gun Free Schools**

MSV – To approve [School Committee Resolution on Gun Free Schools] – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (3 - 4) – MOTION FAILED

Pande	AYE
Rafanelli	AYE
Zuercher	AYE
Kissinger	NAY
Donovan	NAY
Allen	NAY
Green	NAY

Consensus reached to have Chair Pande and Superintendent Erinakes work on formulating a new Gun Free Schools Resolution for review/consideration at the May 24 School Committee meeting.

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

**1. 8710: Managing Suspected Opioid Overdose – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Continued to next regular meeting agenda for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption

**2. 5130: School Property Usage – Amendment**

MSV – To accept Policy 5130 School Property Usage, as amended – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**C. Approve Photocopier Bid**

MSV – To accept the recommended bid to Innovex Company for the Multi Function Digital Copier Printer in the amount of \$51,476.98 annually – (Rafanelli/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**A. School Start Time – Discussion**

Superintendent Erinakes offered a brief summary of a conversation he had with Scott Baton of Ocean State Transit regarding options for modifying school start times. Superintendent will obtain last drop off times for each bus run. This item will continue to the next regular meeting agenda of May 22.

**B. Reserve/Capital Project Update**

**VIII. Reports/Comments**

Chair Pande – Teachers Bevin Winner and Sharon Sutton to inform parents that student travel to England is not a School Committee sanctioned trip.

Chair Pande and Vice Chairperson Rafanelli agreed to represent the School Committee at the June 16 Jr. High Moving-Up Ceremony.

Vice Chair Rafanelli – Exeter Councilman Patterson attended May 6, 2016 charter review subcommittee meeting as proxy for Councilman Morrissey. Councilman Morrissey supports the subcommittee’s initiative to consider an incremental shift to a 50/50 apportionment split between towns. Councilman Patterson does not. Recommend disbanding the subcommittee if Exeter does not support the proposal.

Mr. Ross to notify Exeter council that School Committee does not support proxy members. To achieve consistency, only one Exeter council representative is needed.

Dr. Ahern left the meeting, 8:04 PM

Member Kissinger requested Superintendent Erinakes and Mr. Ross prepare a simple presentation to explain to community members what it means to get to a 50/50 split.

Dr. Ahern returned to the meeting, 8:08 PM

- IX. **Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, May 24, 2016-School Committee Meeting-Metcalf School New Grade Reporting System Presentation; Thursday, May 26, 2016-Honors Night (6:30 PM); WEDNESDAY, June 15, 2016-School Committee Meeting-(Special Education/Lineham School Presentation); Saturday, June 11, 2016-High School Graduation; June 16, 2016-Jr. High Moving Up Ceremony (9:30-11:AM High School Auditorium); Tuesday, June 28, 2016-School Committee Meeting**

Vice Chair Rafanelli requested to hold the June 28 or July 19, 2016 School Committee meeting at the new STEM Park, weather permitting.

- 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

*The committee 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 – Rafanelli/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**ROBIN CERIO  
RECORDING SECRETARY**