

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Business 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 Vice Chair Rafanelli, 6:01 PM

Board members present: Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Diane Bampton Allen; Sheryl Green, Lee Kissinger, Theresa Donovan (left meeting at 6:47 PM)

Board members absent: Claudine Pande, Chairperson

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration

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

A. Golden Apple Award Recipient Any Wallace

Junior high school history teacher Andy Wallace was honored as a RI Department of Education Golden Apple Award recipient.

V. Presentation(s)

A. New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) 2018 Visit Overview Presentation

Senior high school science teacher and NEASC steering committee chairperson Mark Bartley offered a presentation relating to the NEASC visit that will take place at the high school September 2018. Mr. Bartley requested members review the revised High School Mission Statement and Student Learning Expectations, which will continue to the next regular meeting agenda for School Committee input/approval.

VI. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2016

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

- a. **David Wilson as Assistant Football Coach – Sr. High School, Annual Stipend \$2,978.76, effective for the 2016-2017 season, pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork**

- b. Amy Hubertus increase FTE Status from .8 FTE to 1.0 FTE [French Teacher-Jr. High School], effective August 26, 2016, to accommodate full-year Foreign Language opportunity at the Jr. High School
 - c. Melanie Lawhead increase FTE Status from .8 FTE to 1.0 FTE [Spanish Teacher-Jr. High School], effective August 26, 2016, to accommodate full-year Foreign Language opportunity at the Jr. High School
 - d. Kristen Beaulieu increase FTE Status from .57 FTE to 0.6 FTE [Art Teacher-Wawaloam School], effective August 26, 2016, to account for added grade-2 classroom
 - e. Caroline Scheff increase FTE Status from .57 FTE to 0.6 FTE [Music Teacher-Wawaloam School], effective August 26, 2016, to account for added grade-2 classroom
 - f. Joseph Szymkowicz as JV Girls Soccer Coach-Senior High School, Annual Stipend \$3,160.04, effective for the 2016-2017 season, *pending receipt of all mandatory District paperwork*
 - g. Nicole Buckless as 0.25 FTE ELA Teacher-Senior High School (.5 FTE 1st semester only), one-year only, Step 2, Bachelors, Annual Salary \$16,205.91, effective August 26, 2016
- 2. Leaves of Absence
 - 3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)
 - a. Letter from Lisa Borges resigning her position as Coding (Computer) Club Advisor at the Junior High School, effective August 10, 2016
 - b. Letter from Donna Lavoie resigning her position as Grade-5 Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of Retirement, effective at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year, on or about June 16, 2016
 - 4. Non-Renewals
 - 5. Recalls
- C. Bills – Accruals in the amount of \$4,355.55; Bills in the amount of \$139,694.91
 - D. Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)
 - 1. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 7, 4, 1-(NEW)
 - 2. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 5, 3
 - 3. RETURNING FAMILY – Grade(s) 10
- End Consent Agenda**
 MSV – To approve the consent agenda – Zuercher/Kissingner – (6-0) –
 MOTION APPROVED
- E. Correspondence – (1) Capital Project Building Committee Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2016

F. 2015-2016 Budget Projection

G. 2016-2017 Budget

H. Monthly Status Report(s)

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

I. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)

1. Policy Subcommittee
2. Charter Review Subcommittee
3. Building Subcommittee

Robert Ross offered information on –

- September 2, 2016 Capital Project Building Committee meeting
 - Building committee recommended to approve project rebids for emergency generators at Wawaloam School and Jr.-Sr. High School, and playground at Lineham School

VII. New Business

A. Approve Jr. High School Washington, DC 2017 Trip Proposal

MSV – To approve [Jr. High School Washington, DC 2017 Trip Proposal] – Zuercher/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. Approve Jr. High School French Department Quebec Trip Proposal

Foreign Language Department Chair Amy Hubertus clarified the trip to Quebec would be offered to seniors at the high school.

MSV – To approve the trip to Quebec – Kissinger/Bampton Allen – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

C. Funding of School Sports Discussion

Member Donovan left the meeting – (6:47 PM)

Superintendent Erinakes provided rationale for the District's inability to fund various sport teams this school year. He said that this item remains a priority for allocation during the 2017-2018 budget process.

Various community members spoke relating to the importance of all school sports and its' funding

- Mike Powell of West Greenwich regarding hockey
- Mimi Young regarding gymnastics
- Jeff Parenteau regarding indoor track
- Jen Rose regarding track

The committee reached consensus to have Superintendent Erinakes collect cost breakdowns for all school sports to bring to the committee during budget planning time.

D. Policies Review/Amendment/Adoption/Deletion

1. 8301 – Student School Attendance - Amendment

MSV – To approve Policy 8301 [as amended] – Kissinger/Zuercher – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

2. 8303 – Enrollment Requirements – Kindergarten and First Grade – Amendment

MSV – To approve Policy 8303 [as amended] – Kissinger/Bampton Allen – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

3. 8701 – Administrating Student Medication

MSV – To approve Policy 8701 [as amended] –Zuercher/Kissinger – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Reserve/Capital Project Update – Capital Project Building Committee Recommendations

1. Lineham School Playground
2. Emergency Generators

B. Policies Review/Amendment/Adoption/Deletion

1. 8504 – Ethical and professional Responsibilities for School Administrators and Teachers – 2nd Reading/Adoption

MSV – To approve Policy 8504 – Kissinger/Bampton Allen – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

IX. Reports/Comments

In response to Member Kissinger’s inquiry, Superintendent Erinakes confirmed the policy subcommittee would review requiring School Committee representation on hiring committees for administrator vacancies.

Superintendent Erinakes –

- The summer reading program for next summer’s program will be handled differently to address concerns that arose with this year’s program
- Due to an increase in student enrollment, grades K - 2, classroom space at Wawaloam School is at a minimum. Early stages of discussion have begun relating to adjusting the current grade structure to perhaps:
 - Wawaloam School to accommodate K – 1 students
 - Metcalf School to accommodate 2 – 5 or 2 – 6 students
 - Jr. High School to accommodate 6 – 8 students

X. Important Dates and Meetings –Tuesday, September 27-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, October 11, 2016-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, October 25, 2016-School Committee Meeting

The committee did not meet in Executive Session

- 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 – Superintendent’s Evaluation
 - D. 42-46-5 (a) (3) – Security

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

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

- XIV. **Adjournment**
MSV – To adjourn – Kissinger/Zuercher – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**