

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting of September 22, 2008
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at the Administration Building on Monday, September 22, 2008. Chairman Friel called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. with the following in attendance:

COMMITTEE

Christopher Friel, Chairperson
Lucille Mota-Costa, Vice Chair
Bethany Furtado, Clerk
Joyce L. Andrade
Paul Cannistra [absent]

ADMINISTRATION

Peter P. Horoschak, Superintendent
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources
Steve Janelle

Agenda item: Pilgrim Booster – tabled to October 14, 2008 – still waiting for list of sponsors for the booster club.

MOTION 2008-189: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to table.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye
Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye
Paul Cannistra - absent

MOTION 2008-190: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to go into closed session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-5(a)(4).

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye
Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye
Paul Cannistra - absent

Meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

The Chairman introduced Pat Boucher and Cheryl Langevin from Bacon & Associates. He said Bacon & Associates were the qualified bidder three years ago and they are currently in the third year of that bid. The recommendation was to go ahead with an audit of the school department general fund. The normal procedures are to report back to the School Committee to make a determination where you want to go from there. Ms. Langevin said they are already contracted to do that, but that they would do that first as part of the City and School Department audit. She said if she gets the trial balance in the next week or so, it would take a couple of weeks after that, and she would report back as to the audited numbers. There is no additional cost, as it would be part of their contract. She thought it could be ready by October 14th, the next School Committee meeting. Ms. Mota-Costa said that basically they are in the process of doing our audit, they are pushing us forward. She felt this was a reasonable framework of time and said she appreciated what they were doing, and we were not wasting money. Ms. Andrade said authorization was given for them to contact the previous business director as part of the process, and that he has stated he will do that. The Chair said this does not preclude the School Committee from doing a further audit.

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This will be added to the October 14th agenda.

MOTION 2008-191: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

Christopher Friel - Aye	Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye
Joyce L. Andrade - Aye	Bethany Furtado - Aye
Paul Cannistra - absent	

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.
Bethany Furtado, Clerk
Betsey Snipes, Secretary