

Warwick School Committee Minutes  
Meeting of November 20, 2008  
Special Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Special Open Session at the Administration Building on Thursday, November 20, 2008. Chairman Friel called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. with the following in attendance:

COMMITTEE

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

ADMINISTRATION

Peter P. Horoschak, Superintendent  
David E. Small, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources

The Chair announced there was one item on the Open Meeting Agenda which was the resolution relative to the Pilgrim roof. Mr. Cannistra presented a resolution drafted together and co-sponsored together to release bond money regarding Pilgrim's roof in light of fact a student has been injured. The resolution is as follows:

*Whereas*, current fiscal conditions, including budget constraints require responsible budgeting decisions to be made by the School Committee, the City Council, the Mayor and all government officials in order to protect the taxpayers of the City of Warwick; and

*Whereas*, at the same time, the School Committee, the City Council, the Mayor and all government officials also have an obligation to protect the health and welfare of all of its citizens, youth and employees; and

*Whereas*, the votes of the City have approved the issuance of school bonds to ensure the health and welfare of the City's citizens, youth and employees in its school facilities; and

*Whereas*, said bonds have not yet been issued by the City and the Rhode Island Department of Education's approval date for state reimbursement of a portion of the expenses expires on June 30, 2009; and

*Whereas*, the school facilities for which the bonds were issued have continued to deteriorate while the bonds have been pending such that further damage is being caused and concerns about health and safety are increasing; and

*Whereas*, the Pilgrim High School roof, which was a proposed bond project, is in such serious condition that during the week of November 3, 2008, a portion of the ceiling fell on a student causing that student injury; and

*Whereas*, this is a matter of importance to the citizens of the City of Warwick.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, the School Committee hereby requests the Mayor and Council immediately take all actions necessary to issue the school bonds previously approved by the City's voters; and The Superintendent is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and to members of the City Council.

MOTION 2008-232: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mrs. Andrade, to approve the resolution relative to the bond money for Pilgrim High School roof.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

MOTION 2008-233: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mrs. Andrade, to adjourn.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

**Meeting adjourned: 6:45 p.m.**

Bethany Furtado, Clerk  
Betsey Snipes, Secretary