

Warwick School Committee Minutes  
Meeting of May 4, 2009  
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Winman Jr. High School on Monday, May 4, 2009. 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 [absent for opening]  
Bethany Furtado, Clerk  
Paul Cannistra  
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. [absent for opening]

ADMINISTRATION

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

MOTION 2009-80: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, 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)(9).

MOTION PASSES (3-0)

Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa – not present  
Paul Cannistra – Aye      Bethany Furtado – Aye  
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. – not present

Meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m. - Present in addition to those listed above:

Victor Mercurio, Director of Secondary Education  
Robert T. Bushell, Director of Elementary Education  
Richard D'Agostino, Director Special Services

The Chair announced that in Executive Session a vote of 5-0 was cast to deny the appeal of an employee.

**School Closure Vote – Amendment by Ms. Mota-Costa: All streets east of Oakland Beach presently in the Warwick Neck Elementary district, up to and including Wharf Road, be reassigned to Oakland Beach School during the 2009-10 school year. Students presently attending Warwick Neck will be given the choice to remain at Warwick Neck until completion of elementary school. Parents will provide transportation.**

MOTION 2009-90: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to accept the amendment.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye  
Paul Cannistra – Aye      Bethany Furtado – Aye  
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye

MOTION 2009-91: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to accept the recommendation of the Advisory Redistricting Committee to close John Greene, with the amendment.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye  
Paul Cannistra – Aye      Bethany Furtado – Aye  
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye

**Chair: roll call vote – error in casting of recommendation with amendment: Friel: aye; Mota-Costa: aye; Cannistra: aye; Furtado: Aye; Maloney: Nay**

**Amended Vote:**

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)

Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye  
Paul Cannistra – Aye      Bethany Furtado – Aye  
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Nay

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**Budget Vote:**

MOTION 2009-92: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for FY2009-10 of \$128,077,220, an increase of \$4,109,152 or 3.1%.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye  
Paul Cannistra - Aye      Bethany Furtado - Aye  
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye

MOTION 2009-93: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to adjourn.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye  
Paul Cannistra - Aye      Bethany Furtado - Aye  
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.  
Bethany Furtado, Clerk  
Betsey Snipes, Secretary