

Warwick School Committee Minutes  
Meeting of May 12, 2009  
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Toll Gate High School on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Chairman Friel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

**COMMITTEE**

Christopher Friel, Chairperson  
Lucille Mota-Costa, Vice Chair  
Bethany Furtado, Clerk  
Paul Cannistra  
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr.

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

MOTION 2009-94: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, 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)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(9).

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with the following 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

Chairman Friel announced that in Executive Session there was a vote of 5-0 to deny Grievance #08-331.

**Student comments:**

Savannah Smith and Mitchell Reynolds (6<sup>th</sup> Grade John Brown Francis)  
Gregory Goodinson and Madison Berrio (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Norwood Elementary)  
Alexus Sykes and Nicole Patricio (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Robertson School)  
Jacob Harris and Gabbrelliea Korlacki, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Warwick Neck)

**Student recognitions:**

Kelly Walls, Warwick Area Career & Technical Center  
Crystal Solgot, Warwick Area Career & Technical Center

**Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION 2009-95: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, to approve the Open Minutes for April 7, 2009, April 22, 2009, April 27, 2009, April 28, 2009, April 30, 2009, May 1, 2009 and May 4, 2009.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Approval of Minutes of Executive Session:**

MOTION 2009-96: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, to approve the Executive Minutes for April 7, 2009, April 27, 2009 and May 4, 2009.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

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**Approval of Transfers:**

MOTION 2009-97: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, to approve the transfers presented to the Committee.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Approval of Warrants:**

MOTION 2009-98: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, to approve the warrants presented to the Committee.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Professional Personnel Items**

**Retirements:**

MOTION 2009-99: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the following **retirements** be accepted/approved: **Louise Arena**, Social Studies teacher at Winman Jr. High School, effective April 20, 2009; **Roberta Gilstein**, elementary teacher at Holliman effective the last day of school; **Amelia Mongillo**, 80% English as a second language teacher at Toll Gate effective the last day of school; **Janice Marcello**, elementary special educator at Robertson effective March 30, 2009; **Emma D'Antuono**, elementary teacher at Wickes effective the last day of school; **Daniel Beltrami**, elementary physical education teacher at Lippitt effective the last day of school; **Mary Bushee**, elementary teacher at Scott effective the last day of school; **Geraldine Bastia**, elementary science teacher at Hoxie effective the last day of school; **Carolyn Koeniger**, science teacher at Toll Gate effective the last day of school; **Suzan Campagna**, elementary music teacher at Cedar Hill effective the last day of school; **Ruth Crowley**, elementary teacher at Holliman effective the last day of school; **Angela Tarlian**, reading specialist/consultant at Warwick Neck Elementary School effective the last day of school; **Robert Sherburne**, elementary physical education/APE at Hoxie effective the last day of school; **Francine Marzilli**, reading specialist/consultant at Robertson Elementary School effective the last day of school; **Claire Ramieri**, Department Head Special Services at Aldrich Jr. High School, effective June 30, 2009; **Anna Autieri**, math teacher at Toll Gate effective the last day of school; **Marianne Fanning**, Special Educator at Gorton Junior High School effective June 23, 2009; **Daniel Crowley**, part-time ABE-GED Chief Examiner at the Career Center effective June 23, 2009.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Agenda item: Toll Gate Student Trip to Hawaii (February 2010) – tabled**

**GBP Update:** Marilyn Massey reported that of the 266 seniors at Pilgrim there were still 26 students missing their exhibition binders. Number of reasons why; currently 7 will not graduate on time. At Toll Gate of the 249 seniors 21 will not graduate on time; 20 of the 21 failing classes. At Veterans of 224 seniors, 14 will not graduate on time, and 13 of the 14 are failing two or more classes. Of the 759 students, 42 will not graduate or a 5.5%.

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**Bids/Change Orders**

MOTION 2009-100: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the bid for Food Safety Inspections be awarded to First Inspections, in the amount of \$124 per school per inspection. [This is state mandated.]

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

MOTION 2009-101: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the bid for Cisco Computer Equipment and Accessories be awarded to Atrion Networking, Bay Pointe Technology, En Pointe Tech and Florida Micro, as per bid tabulation.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

MOTION 2009-102: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the bid for Single Source 3-year Stockless Art Supply System be awarded to School Specialty as per bid tabulation.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Information and Proposals**

**School Committee:**

Mr. Cannistra wanted to recognize the winners of the ALAP Awards – “when I hold public office, a law I will make is ...” essay: Katherine Barrett grades 3 and 4; Chelsea Yang grades 3 and 4; Spencer Larson grades 5 and 6 and Meghan Merlino (Veterans grades 9/10) Rebecca Hurd (Veterans grades 9/10)

**Public Comment:**

Sharon Terzian asked how many of the students who were not graduating were special needs students. That information was not available, but will be provided. She also said she would like to see some students with disabilities come before the committee as other students have during the last year.

MOTION 2009-103: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, 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 8:00 p.m.**

Bethany Furtado, Clerk  
Betsey Snipes, Secretary