

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting of July 30, 2009
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met at the Administration Building on Thursday, July 30, 2009. Chairman Friel called the meeting to order at 5:05 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
Richard D'Agostino, Director Special Services
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources

MOTION 2009-160: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Maloney, 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) and (a)(2).

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 6:35 p.m.

Appointments:

Professional appointments:

MOTION 2009-161: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the following appointments: **Joseph Crowley**, ABE-GED Chief Examiner pending grant funding; **Gretchen Keefe**, math teacher, step 4, pending receipt of State and National BCI; **Brendan Friel**, Category 1, 60% Social Studies teacher, step 2, pending receipt of State and National BCI; **Margaret Pouilot**, English Department Chair at Winman Junior High School; **Christina Metelski**, Severe/Profound teacher, step 4, pending receipt of State and National BCI; **Eric Walker**, Secondary Special Educator, Step 10, pending receipt of State and National BCI; **Daniel Dussault**, Secondary Special Educator, Step 3, pending receipt of State and National BCI; **Kimberly Morgan**, category 1, Secondary Special Educator, step 5, pending receipt of State and National BCI; **Tara Padula**, pre-school Special Educator, step1, pending receipt of State and National BCI and **Gary McCombs**, Physical Education Department Chair at Winman Junior High School.

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 abstain)

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

Coaching appointment:

MOTION 2009-161: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the reappointment of **Frederick Schweizer**, Soccer Coach at Toll Gate be approved for one year only pending receipt of arbitrator's award.

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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Superintendent Horoschak stated that with the departure of Dr. Mercurio and the need to have certain duties and responsibilities to be completed over the summer and into the school year, I am proposing to the School Committee that William Sangster be transferred from principal at Aldrich Jr. High School to “assistant to the Superintendent” on an interim basis. [Note: this is not assistant superintendent]

MOTION 2009-162: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, to create an interim position of “assistant to the Superintendent.”

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

MOTION 2009-163: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to appoint **William Sangster** as assistant to the Superintendent on an interim basis.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Superintendent: I propose to the School Committee that John Livsey be appointed as interim principal at Aldrich Junior High School.

MOTION 2009-164: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that **John Livsey** be appointed as principal at Aldrich Junior High School on an interim basis.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Superintendent: I propose to the School Committee that Joanne Pelletier be appointed as interim principal at Gorton Junior High School.

MOTION 2009-165: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that **Joanne Pelletier** be appointed as interim principal at Gorton Junior High School.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Superintendent: there will be additional recommendations that will come forward at the August 11, 2009. These interim positions are being established for a smooth transition to the school year.

MOTION 2009-166: 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: 6:40 p.m.

Bethany Furtado, Clerk

Betsey Snipes, Clerk