

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting of December 8, 2009
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Warwick Veterans Memorial High School on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. Chairman Friel called the meeting to order at 6:05 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
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources
William Sangster, Assistant to the Superintendent
Leonard Flood, Director of Business Affairs
E. Paul Jannson and David LaPlante, Co-Directors Buildings & Grounds

MOTION 2009-255: 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)(5).

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 7:05 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

Student Comment: Patrick Neary, a Warwick Veterans student, commented on the lateness policy. If students arrive after 7:24 a.m. they are late to the first period. If they are late to class three times, they have a 3-hour detention on Friday (or it can be broken up to three one-hour segments. He questioned the goal of the Friday detention.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION 2009-256: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, to approve the Open Session Minutes of November 10 and November 30, 2009.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

MOTION 2009-257: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 10 and November 30, 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 2009-258: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mr. Maloney, 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 2009-259: 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

Announcements:

Professional appointments:

MOTION 2009-260: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the appointment of Joseph Unsworth, General Science/Chemistry teacher at Pilgrim High School be approved pending receipt of national BCI and pending receipt of official certification from RIDOE in Chemistry and pending completion of coursework and receipt of certification in General Science prior to the start of the second semester.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

MOTION 2009-261: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the appointment of David Alba, Assistant Principal, Gorton Junior High School, Step 3, be approved pending receipt of state and national BCI; that the appointment of Scott Shepherd, Assistant Principal, Winman Junior High School, Step 1, be approved pending receipt of State and National BCI; and that the appointment of Bruce Fairbanks, Assistant Principal, Aldrich Junior High School, Step 1, be approved pending receipt of State and National BCI and receipt of Secondary Principal Certification from RIDOE.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Before the final vote of the above appointments, Mr. Sangster reviewed the process used for selection of the above assistant principals.

Classified personnel items:

Appointments:

MOTION 2009-262: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the appointment of Ethelvina Ricci, Senior Clerk Adult Education, be approved effective upon approval.

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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Coaching Appointments:

MOTION 2009-263: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the following coaching appointments be approved: Michael Batalon, head coach freshman boys' basketball at Veterans High School; Michael McDermott, assistant coach girls' indoor track at Veterans High School; and Carolyn Yates, assistant coach boys' indoor track at Toll Gate High School.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

H1N1 Update – presented by Dr. D'Agostino. He reported there have been seven additional elementary clinics held at Francis, Wyman, Cedar Hill, Robertson, Holden, Holliman and Greenwood and four secondary clinics at Pilgrim,

Aldrich, Gorton and Toll Gate. Overall approximately 7000 children have been vaccinated. Four elementary clinics remain to be held – Norwood, Scott, Hoxsie and Oakland Beach. Veterans High School clinic was held today (December 8th) leaving Winman the last secondary clinic to be held.

Approval of RILINK/Destiny Upgrade for High School Libraries

MOTION 2009-264: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, to approve the RILINK/Destiny Upgrade for high school libraries.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye

Paul Cannistra – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye

Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye

Graduation by Proficiency Update – update by Denise Bilodeau: Of the 803 seniors, 780 have approved projects, six have made no proposal, and 617 have confirmed mentors. We are way ahead of last year. Ms. Furtado asked how the senior day excusal for a half day worked out. Ms. Bilodeau said we don't have any data on that, she thought that it was too early in the year [November] as the students did not have everything in place to go and work with their mentors. She said we need to rethink this before we even move forward and ask for another day.

Bids and Change Orders

MOTION 2009-265: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the Be Safe Contract proposals.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye

Paul Cannistra – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye

Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye

Ms. Furtado commented she was going to look into the lateness policy. She said that the athletic policy is significantly stricter and a student athletic cannot practice with team if they are late. She said she would be speaking with the principals.

Public Comment: Michele Landri commented that there needs to be continuity in chemistry classes. She said that because there is no homeroom, and a student is late, they walk into a class which has already started. Mary Townsend asked if anyone goes out and spot check meals? She was concerned because preschool and kindergarten students can't speak for themselves about the food being served and she said the food being served in very disappointing. Darlene Netcoh asked in the minutes being posted could be posted on our own website, because now you have to go through the Secretary of State's website and it is

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difficult to find the current minutes. She also commented on students who are late for school. Students come in late throughout the entire first period and you have to stop and catch up. When there was homeroom, it was a way for them to get settled. We need home room back.

MOTION 2009-266: 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: 7:50 p.m.

Bethany Furtado, Clerk

Betsy Snipes, Secretary