

Warwick School Committee Minutes  
Meeting of April 28, 2010  
Special Open Meeting

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at the Winman Jr. High School on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. 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  
Paul Cannistra [present at 6:00 p.m.]  
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr.

ADMINISTRATION

Peter P. Horoschak, Superintendent  
Leonard Flood, Director of Business Affairs  
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources

MOTION 2010-84: Moved by Ms. 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 (4-0)

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

Meeting reconvened at 6:15 p.m. with the following in attendance in addition to those listed above:

Robert T. Bushell, Director of Elementary Education  
Richard D'Agostino, Director Special Services  
David LaPlante, Interim Director Buildings & Grounds

**Appointments:**

**Classified:**

MOTION 2010-85: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, that the appointment of **Cheryl Bongivengo**, Controller, Step 3 of the support staff salary schedule be approved pending receipt of State and National BCI.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

**Coaching appointments:**

MOTION 2010-86 Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the appointment of **Frank Nolan**, Assistant Coach Football at Toll Gate High School be approved for one year only; that the appointment of **Brian Palazzo**, Head Coach Girls' Tennis at Warwick Veterans High School be approved for one year only; and that the appointment of **Scott Bailey**, Head coach Football at Pilgrim High School be approved.

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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**Student Senior Project Presentation (High School Advisory)**

Mr. Mullen thanked the Committee for giving Stephanie Loisel the opportunity to speak about her senior project. Stephanie Loisel presentation of her research into High School Advisory. Chairman Friel asked if she would submit her pole results to the Committee as they would be interested in the results.

**Approval to exercise a buy-out option on leased copiers** – Mr. Flood said we have 21 Sharp copiers that are located in the secondary schools, the Administration Building and in Ed Tech on which leases expired on October 2, 2009. Since that time we have not been charged for lease expenses. The Sharp copier vendor will allow us to purchase the lease equipment at a cost of \$14,000 or \$667 per machine. He recommended the proposal to purchase from Advance Business Machines at a cost of \$14,000.

MOTION 2010-87: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the proposal to purchase the 21 copiers for \$14,000.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Concurrence with Superintendent's approval of a contract for moving services**

Mr. Flood was seeking concurrence of the Superintendent's approval of C-N-J Movers for the move of various offices to the former Greene Elementary School. This also included the relocation of the Special Education office from the old section of the Administration Building to a first floor location in the space vacated by the Business Office.

MOTION 2010-88: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to concur with the Superintendent's approval of C-N-J Movers.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Approval of TRANE Commercial Systems for facilities audit** – This matter will be held until May 11, 2010 meeting while final details are worked out and it is reviewed by our legal counsel.

**Approval of Interim Director of Buildings and Grounds**

MOTION 2010-89: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the appointment of David LaPlante as interim director of buildings and grounds at a salary of \$81,000 per year.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Approval of Financial Analyst Position**

**Elimination of Accounting Technician Position** – These two agenda items are tabled.

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**K-12 Music and Visual Art Curriculum Approval** – presented by Dr. Siesel

MOTION 2010-90: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the K-12 Music and Visual Art Curriculum.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Civics Curriculum Approval**

Presentation by Dr. Siesel – It was noted that this is a separate course from Social Studies and it will be piloted next year. Marie Cote, Assistant Principal at Pilgrim, asked where it will fit in. It was noted that we are doing a pilot, and this is approval of the curriculum. The Superintendent remarked that the principals and the Social Studies department will work with people involved and we expect to be able to plan this out and bring it forward. This step is for approval of the curriculum.

MOTION 2010-91: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the Civics Curriculum.

**MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)**

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

**Senior High School Social Studies Textbook Selection Approval** – Dr. Siesel recommended the purchase of Prentice Hall World History Volume 1 text. The total cost, including shipping, is \$84,210.

MOTION 2010-92: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, to approve the purchase.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Basic Instructional Program Policy (1<sup>st</sup> reading) Policy IGA**

MOTION 2010-93: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the first reading of Basic Instructional Program Policy [Policy IGA].

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Honors Program/Advanced College Placement Policy (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Policy IGCC/IGCD/LEB**

MOTION 2010-94: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, to approve the first reading of the Honors Program/Advanced College Placement Policy [IGCC/IGCD/LEB].

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Senior High School Assessments Policy (1<sup>st</sup> reading) Policy IKA**

MOTION 2010-95: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the first reading of the Senior High School Assessments Policy [IKAA].

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Christopher Friel - Aye      Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye  
Paul Cannistra – Aye      Bethany Furtado – Aye  
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**Class Ranking Policy (1<sup>st</sup> reading) IKC** – after discussion it was agreed to bring this policy back as two separate policies: honor society and class rank.

**Information and Proposals:** Mr. Cannistra remarked that tonight was also the Toll Gate Awards Night and Gorton Jr. High band concert and wanted to wish them well. The Superintendent said Mr. Sangster was attending the Honors Night at Toll Gate.

MOTION 2010-96: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mr. Maloney, 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: 7:40 p.m.**

Bethany Furtado, Clerk

Betsey Snipes, Secretary