

Warwick School Committee Minutes  
Meeting of February 8, 2011  
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Winman Junior High School on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Chairman Furtado called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. with the following in attendance:

**COMMITTEE**

Bethany A. Furtado, Chair  
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr., Vice Chair  
Eugene A. Nadeau, Clerk  
Christopher E. Friel [present at 6:00 p.m.]  
M. Terri Medeiros [present at 6:00 p.m.]

**ADMINISTRATION**

Peter P. Horoschak, Superintendent  
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources  
William Sangster, Assistant to the Superintendent

**MOTION 2011-19:** Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, 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 (3-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye	Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye
Christopher Friel – not present	Eugene Nadeau - Aye
Terri Medeiros – not present	

Meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Also present to those listed above:

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

Chairperson Furtado said that in Executive Session the Committee voted 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to non-renew a non-tenured teacher.

**Student Comments:**

Sherman Elementary School: Natasha Savage (grade 6) and Jennifer Paiva (grade 6)  
Park Elementary School: Jacob Plouffe (grade 6) and Sara Gasrow (grade 6)  
Scott Elementary School: Yee Won Kim (grade 6) and Gabriella Bianco (grade 6)

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION 2011-20:** Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the Minutes for the Open Session dated January 11, 2011 and January 25, 2011.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye	Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye
Christopher Friel - Aye	Eugene Nadeau - Aye
Terri Medeiros – Aye	

**MOTION 2011-21:** Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the Minutes for the Executive Session dated January 11, 2011 and January 25, 2011.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye	Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye
Christopher Friel - Aye	Eugene Nadeau - Aye
Terri Medeiros – Aye	

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**Approval of Transfers:**

MOTION 2011-22: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to approve the transfers presented to the Committee.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye  
Christopher Friel - Aye      Eugene Nadeau - Aye  
Terri Medeiros – Aye

**Approval of Warrants:**

MOTION 2011-23: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the warrants presented to the Committee.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye  
Christopher Friel - Aye      Eugene Nadeau - Aye  
Terri Medeiros – Aye

**Announcements:**

Superintendent: Madam Chair, I recommend the non-renewal of the 40 teaching positions and individuals discussed in Executive Session for the reasons discussed at that time.

MOTION 2011-24: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve that recommendation.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye  
Christopher Friel - Aye      Eugene Nadeau - Aye  
Terri Medeiros – Aye

Superintendent: I recommend the non-renewal of the six administrators identified in your meeting packet and discussed in Executive Session for the reasons discussed at that time.

MOTION 2011-25: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve that recommendation.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye  
Christopher Friel - Aye      Eugene Nadeau - Aye  
Terri Medeiros – Aye

Superintendent: I recommend to the School Committee that the Administrators and principals identified on the list provided to you in the Committee's meeting packet be rehired for the coming year.

MOTION 2011-25: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve that recommendation.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye  
Christopher Friel - Aye      Eugene Nadeau - Aye  
Terri Medeiros – Aye

**Appointments:**

**Classified:**

MOTION 2011-26: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Friel, that the appointment of Laurie Staton, custodian part-time/non union (Greene/West Bay Collaborative 15 hours/week, 52 weeks/year, be approved.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye  
Christopher Friel – Aye      Eugene Nadeau - Aye  
Terri Medeiros – Aye

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**New Business:**

**Approval for Junior High Schools Annual Trip to Washington, DC May 5 through 7, 2011.**

MOTION 2011-27: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Junior High Annual Trip to Washington, DC May 5<sup>th</sup> through May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye  
 Christopher Friel - Aye      Eugene Nadeau - Aye  
 Terri Medeiros – Aye

**Approval for Veterans High School student to attend March 31 – April 3, 2011 Music Educator’s National Conference All Eastern Honors Choir**

MOTION 2011-28: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to approve the Veterans High School student to attend March 31 – April 3, 2011 Music Educator’s National Conference All Eastern Honors Choir.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye  
 Christopher Friel - Aye      Eugene Nadeau - Aye  
 Terri Medeiros – Aye

**Graduation by Proficiency Update** – Ms. Bilodeau commented that recently Commission Gist has eliminated the three-tier diploma system. Presently we are tracking 732 Seniors, 625 proficient; 204 completed portfolios. Next deadline is March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Bids/Change Orders:**

MOTION 2011-29: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the bid for Buildings & Grounds vehicle purchase be awarded to the Tasca Automotive Group as per the bid tabulation.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado – Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye  
 Christopher Friel - Aye      Eugene Nadeau - Aye  
 Terri Medeiros – Aye

**Information and Proposals:**

Patrick Maloney said at the latest PCAC meeting the science scores were discussed. He thanked Mr. Poirier who answered many questions regarding the math and science scores, which gave the parents a better understanding and plan of action. As Chairperson David Testa was unable to attend this evening's meeting, Mr. Maloney read a note from Mr. Testa to Mr. Poirier:

[On behalf of the PCAC I would like to thank you for attending our meeting last night and addressing the concerns and question so f parents with respect to the elementary science instruction and curriculum. The information you shared with us was both helpful and informative and more importantly, parents left the meeting with a better understanding of the issue and, in the case of Cedar Hill parents, a plan of action. Our hope is that what the Cedar Hill parents do can be replicated in our other elementary schools so that our children can be enthusiastic (and educated) about science in their elementary years and carry that with them through their secondary years. (David Testa, Chairperson, PCAC)]

Mr. Nadeau commented on the limitation of a speaker’s time. He quoted from *Death of a Salesman*, saying “attention must be paid.” People have a right to speak, even if we have to stay until midnight. Mr. Maloney thanked maintenance and the custodians for taking care of the snow, saying he was also speaking on behalf of several parents who also appreciated it.

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**Public comments:**

Mr. Landri commented that there was a time when there was a limit on how long you could speak. Ms. Netoch remarked that time runs smoothly with a time limit. She also commented that it was unfair for NECAP to be part of a teacher's evaluation, saying she should not be held accountable for what someone else does. She also commented that Chariho has a resolution to replace the Board of Regents. Mr. Ginolfi also commented on time limits, saying you have to know the history.

**Thursday February 10,00 7:00 p.m. negotiation session**

MOTION 2011-30: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany Furtado - Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye  
Christopher Friel - Aye      Eugene Nadeau - Aye  
Terri Medeiros - Aye

**Meeting adjourned: 8:45 p.m.**

Eugene A. Nadeau, Clerk  
Betsey Snipes, Secretary