

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

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Toll Gate High School on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Chairperson Furtado called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
M. Terri Medeiros

ADMINISTRATION

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

MOTION 2011-23: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Friel, 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 (3-0)

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

Meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Also present to those listed above:

Robert T. Bushell, Director of Elementary Education
Richard D'Agostino, Director Special Services
E. Paul Jansson, Construction Coordinator
Anne Siesel, Assistant Director of Curriculum

Chairperson Furtado announced in Executive Session the Committee voted 5-0 to deny the three WISE grievances presented to the Committee.

The Veterans High School Wrestling Team was recognized as State Champions.

Student Comments:

Holden Elementary School: Ronald Minear (grade 6) and Blessin Joy Premy (grade 6)
Wyman Elementary School: Eddie Cascella (grade 6) and Emma Bianco (grade 6)

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION 2011-24: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the Minutes for the Open Session dated February 8, 2011 and February 10, 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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MOTION 2011-25: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the Minutes for the Executive Session dated February 8, 2011 and February 10, 2011.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Approval of Transfers:

MOTION 2011-26: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, 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 2011-27: Moved by Mr. Friel, 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

Professional personnel items:

Appointment:

MOTION 2011-28: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the appointment of **Frederick Schweizer**, School Based Graduation by Proficiency Coordinator at Toll Gate High School and **Lindsay Wood**, music teacher, Step 1 be approved.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Leave of absence:

MOTION 2011-29: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the request of **Holy Lebejko**, business teacher at Winman Junior High School, for an unrestricted leave, effective 2011-2012 school year, be approved.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Retirements:

MOTION 2011-30: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Friel, that the **retirement of Carol Devine**, elementary teacher at John Brown Francis Elementary School, be accepted effective the last day of the 2010-2011 school year; and that the **retirement of Susan Erinakes**, foreign language teacher at Warwick Veterans Memorial High School, be accepted effective the last day of the 2010-2011 school year.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Classified personnel items

MOTION 2011-31: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the **resignation of Jared Breedon**, teacher assistant at Oakland Beach Elementary School, be accepted effective March 2, 2011.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

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Coaching Appointments:

MOTION 2011-32: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the following coaching appointments be approved: **Jared DeAlmo**, assistant coach boys outdoor track at Toll Gate; **Gary McCoombs**, head coach boys tennis at Toll Gate; **Norm Bouthillier**, head coach boys outdoor track at Toll Gate; **Owen Paquet**, head coach golf at Pilgrim.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

SODEXO update – Mark Roy, general manager of Sodexo, gave a presentation to update the committee. It was noted that there were no complaints this year. He said although there was an overall 3 percent decrease in student enrollment, there company actually increased the number of meals served over the last year. There were some setbacks in January due to snow days, as there were less service days, but there still were costs incurred. There is feedback of the program through focus groups and principal surveys. There were also two audits, School Means Initiative Audit (SMI) and National Sanitation Foundation Audit (NSF). There is a plan to implement the NutriKids Point of Sale computer system in schools. Students would have a PIN number. Installation will occur this fall. The Chair thanked Mr. Roy for the update.

Approval for Greenwood Elementary students to attend National Elementary

School Chess Tournament May 5 – May 9, 2011 in Dallas, Texas - Principal Dennis Winn requested approval for students to attend the National Elementary School Chess Tournament May 5th through May 9th in Dallas, Texas. There will be no expense to the district as parents of the participating students will cover all costs for the tournament as well as accommodations, flights and supervision. There is also a request for approval of excused absence for participation. The students participating are mostly second graders, a couple from first and some from the fifth grade.

MOTION 2011-33: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to Greenwood Elementary students to attend the National Elementary School Chess Tournament May 5 – May 9, 2011 in Dallas, Texas.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

The Chair requested that the students come back to a School Committee meeting so they can report how they made out and they can be recognized.

Approval for the Travel Club students to visit England and Ireland during the April 2012 vacation

- James Tidswell and Gina Arpin are planning a trip to England and Ireland for April 2012 for the Travel Club. They are planning the trip during vacation so students will not miss out on any instructional time, but noted there might be a chance that the Friday before vacation will be needed as a travel day. The Travel Club is opened to all students.

MOTION 2011-34: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to approve the Travel Club students to visit England and Ireland during the April 2012 vacation.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Chairperson Furtado said to come back for approval for the excused absence if it becomes necessary.

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Approval of the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar – Dr. Horoschak said the first day of school will be August 31, 2011 with the last day being June 13, 2012. He noted on the calendar there is a note “if required, additional days will be taken during the spring recess beginning with April 16th.” There was discussion about putting the additional days in April on the calendar.

MOTION 2011-35: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Approval of Technology Education and Business Education Curriculum – Dr. Siesel requested approval of the curriculum.

MOTION 2011-36: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to approve the Technology Education and Business Education Curriculum.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Graduation by Proficiency Update - Mr. Chip McGair update: March 16th mentor hours are due; April 14th binders are due and May 19th presentation day.

	Seniors	Proficient Papers	Confirmed Mentors	Complete Portfolios
Pilgrim	259	238	239	76
Toll Gate	230	209	220	53
Veterans	238	231	232	65
Total	727	678	691	194

Bids/Change Orders

Mr. McCaffrey – the freezer/cooler for the Culinary Arts Program at the Career Center will be paid by Perkins Grant money. The current freezer/cooler is over 39 years old and needs to be replaced.

MOTION 2011-37: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Friel, to approve the bid for the combination freezer/cooler for the Culinary Arts Program at the Warwick Area Career & Technical Center, in the amount of \$46,966.04, be awarded to Culinary Depot as per the bid tabulation.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Information/Proposals:

Ms. Furtado said she had attended ALAP University at Pilgrim and it was wonderful. Mr. Nadeau commented that he appreciated the public members that are here and for staying for a few hours. If there is a year when the public should be filling the auditorium, this is the year. There is \$160 million involved and everyone is affected.

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Pubic Comment:

Principal Stephen Chrabaszcz thanked the Committee for our new music teacher, Lindsay Wood. She has been doing a wonderful job and has put on some wonderful concerts. She is a fine young woman. Ms. Netcoh said she would second that, Lindsay was going a great job. She also said she was for dropping the senior project and focus on the portfolio.

Meetings: March 14, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the administration building.

At 9:20 the Committee resumed Executive Session.

MOTION 2011-38: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to close the Open Session.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Meeting adjourned: 9:50 p.m.

Eugene A. Nadeau, Clerk
Betsey Snipes, Secretary