

Warwick School Committee Minutes  
Meeting of May 10, 2011  
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at the Toll Gate High School, on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Chairperson Furtado called the meeting to order at 6:05 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  
William Sangster, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources  
Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Budget Officer

MOTION 2011-69 Moved by Mr. Nadeau, 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) and (a) (2).

**MOTION PASSES (3-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. – [not present for vote]  
Christopher E. Friel - Aye      Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye  
M. Terri Medeiros – [not present for vote]

Meeting reconvened at 7:00 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  
David LaPlante, Interim Director of Buildings & Grounds

**Instrumental Student Performance**

Makayla Lane and Ian Quinton, Scott School, violin  
Dylan Bowden – John Brown Francis - accordion

**Student comments:**

Eliana Stein (grade 6) Cedar Hill Elementary School  
Ian French (grade 6) John Brown Francis Elementary School  
Coral Houghton (grade 6) Warwick Neck Elementary School  
Anthony Hernandez (grade 6) Hoxsie Elementary School

**Recognitions:**

Beth Veltri – La Escuelia Liaison  
Winman Robotics Team

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**Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION 2011-70: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the Minutes of the Open Session for April 12, 2011, April 13, 2011 and April 27, 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

MOTION 2011-71: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session for April 12, 2011 and April 27, 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

**Approval of transfers:**

MOTION 2011-72: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Transfers presented to the Committee.

**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 warrants:**

MOTION 2011-73: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Warrants presented to the Committee.

**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

**Professional Personnel Items**

**Retirements/Resignations**

MOTION 2011-74: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the **retirement of David Borrelli**, elementary teacher at Oakland Beach, be accepted effective the last day of the 2010-2011 school year; that the **retirement of Robert Schultz**, elementary teacher at Lippitt, be accepted effective the last day of the 2010-2011 school year; that the **retirement of Lucia Cornwell**, elementary teacher at Oakland Beach, be accepted effective June 30, 2011; and that the **resignation of Julee Thomas**, English teacher, who is on leave of absence, be accepted effective April 1, 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

**Classified Personnel Items:**

**Retirements/Resignations:**

MOTION 2011-75: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the **retirement of Joanne Spires-Fay**, cleaner at Pilgrim High School, be accepted effective July 22, 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

**Coaching appointments:**

MOTION 2011-76: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the appointment of **Charles McGair**, assistant coach boys' outdoor track, Veterans High School, 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

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**New Business:**

**Summer School Tuition:**

MOTION 2011-77: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to increase the cost of summer school tuition by \$20.00 per class (i.e. \$220.00 per class).

**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 for student at Veterans High School to attend MenC National Honors Choir:**

[Student: Michael Ryder]

MOTION 2011-78: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve student at Veterans to attend MenC National Honors Choir in Washington, DC on June 23 through 27, 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

**Co-op Girls Ice Hockey ice time** – Mr. Sangster said there are parents and team members present asking that you consider helping and assisting them with money for ice time for the 2011-12 season. Julie Walsh (junior at Toll Gate), Cindy Collins, Ryan Henderson (assistant coach) and Monique Collins all spoke to this request. After further discussion, Chairwoman Furtado said that the Committee would take this under consideration.

**Approval for teaching positions:** Attorney Healey said Federal Funds would pay for the teacher position of one special education teacher and a .2 social worker. She also requested three art teachers at the junior high level and a three-fifths Italian teacher at Pilgrim (based on student enrollment). There were no applicants for the combined music/art supervisor which was posted. After discussion with the Superintendent, the \$30,000 for that position will be put to a different use.

MOTION 2011-79: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the additional teaching positions recommended.

**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

**Foreign Language Curriculum** - Dr. Siesel said that the new curriculum was created by teachers and department chairs representing all schools, and requested approval.

MOTION 2011-80: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Friel, to approve the Foreign Language Curriculum presented.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye      Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye  
Christopher E. Friel - Aye      Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye  
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**Warwick Diploma Policy, IKFA (first reading)** – Discussion followed regarding this policy including: Mr. Nadeau said he was not a friend of what comes down from the Board of Education and why do we have to follow standards and guidelines mandated by RIDE. He said someone needs to say no. Are all School Committees supposed to blindly follow them? We are unfairly compensated with \$33 million in state aid through the new funding formula. Ms. Netcoh said that Warwick picked the two biggest and most onerous standards set out by the state when we choose to do both the senior project and the digital student portfolio. She suggested keeping student portfolio but eliminate the senior project as a graduation requirement, instead replacing it with the common core assessment. You could save money by getting rid of the three GBP coordinators. She commented that not everything is set in stone; just tell the Board of Regents “No.” Mr. Maloney said that the state has already looked at the legality of the guidelines and the new policy helps transfer students. Mr. Friel asked what would happen if the committee approved a policy that did not comply with state standards, and Attorney Healey replied if we don’t comply, we’ll lose our state funding. The school committee is bound by state law to follow its policies as well as existing state law and policies, and if you vote against complying with the state to make a statement, you could jeopardize your tenor on the school committee. Mr. Maloney also commented that this is the first reading, and the public has convinced the committee to relook at policies before.

MOTION 2011-81: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the first reading of the Diploma Policy, IKFA.

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

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

**Presentation of the ECAP Test Results by Dr. Siesel**

**Bids/Change Orders** – Presented by Mr. Jansson

Fire code compliance alterations, elimination of dead-end corridors and Fire code compliance alterations, stairway fire ratings

MOTION 2011-82: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve as presented.

**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	

**Custodian Supplies** – will be tabled until the next meeting

**Policy IGDJ – Athletic Team Policy 2<sup>nd</sup> reading** – Attorney Healey commented that the language in the policy would not affect unified teams. The teams use the name of the school, but are actually teams run by the RI Interscholastic with Special Olympics.

MOTION 2011-83: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the second reading of the Athletic Team Policy IGDJ.

**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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**Information and Proposals:**

**School Committee Members:** Mr. Maloney – Special Education Advisory Committee meeting 7:00 p.m. on May 11. Mrs. Furtado said the art show presented at the Warwick Public Library was very impressive.

**Public Comment:** Darlene Netcoh commented on giving money to a student to go to a national competition, but there was no funding for the Mock Trial. Gorton teacher, Mike, commented on the boys' hockey teams being funded and the girls' not being funded and felt it was unfair, suggesting it might be a Title 9 issue. Mary Townsend commented on the Aspen program saying that if a special education bus is late; students are marked tardy/tardy excused. This goes on their permanent record card and it is not fair. Mr. Bushell said it is not just special ed buses, and this does not go on the report card.

MOTION 2011-84: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to adjourn the meeting.

**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: 9:20 p.m.**

Eugene A. Nadeau, Clerk  
Betsey Snipes, Secretary