

Warwick School Committee Minutes  
Meeting of December 13, 2011  
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at the Pilgrim High School, on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Chairperson Furtado called the meeting to order at 5:35 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  
Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Budget Officer  
David LaPlante, Interim Director of Buildings & Grounds

**MOTION 2011-218:** Moved by Mr. Nadeau, 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), (a)(2) and (a)(9).

**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 reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Robert T. Bushell, Director of Elementary Education  
Richard D'Agostino, Director Special Services  
Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Budget Officer  
E. Paul Jansson, Construction Coordinator  
David LaPlante, Interim Director of Buildings & Grounds

Chairperson Furtado announced in Executive Session the Committee voted to deny Grievance #10-376 and to hold a decision on #10-374 for further discussion.

**Student Comments:**

Park Elementary School: Joshua Salerno (grade 6) and Jillian Higgins (grade 6)  
Aldrich Junior High School: Alexis Olson (grade 8) and Patrick Lawton (grade 8)  
Pilgrim High School: Amanda Rode (grade 12)

**Approval of Minutes of Public Session:**

**MOTION 2011-219:** Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Minutes of Open Session for November 8, 2011, November 16, 2011, and November 30, 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 Executive Session Minutes:**

**MOTION 2011-220:** Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Minutes of Executive Session for November 8, 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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**Approval of Transfers:**

MOTION 2011-221: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Furtado, 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 2011-222: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, 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**

**Appointments:**

MOTION 2011-223: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the following appointments be approved: **Kevin Delaney**, 40% English Language Arts Site-Based Literacy Teacher, Step 10, (subject to the continuing availability of Perkins Grant Funding); **Vanessa Faiola**, Foreign Language teacher, Step 2; **Kerry Leamy**, Secondary Special Education teacher, change from Category 1 to Permanent; **Thomas Lynch**, 60% Social Studies teacher, Step 1; and **Kimberly Przystarz**, Occupational Therapist, Step 3.

**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

**Retirement(s)/Resignation(s)**

MOTION 2011-224: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the **retirement of Andrea Atturio**, Social Studies Department Head, Pilgrim High School be accepted effective December 23, 2011 and that the **retirement of Gail Johnston**, Elementary teacher, Greenwood Elementary School, be accepted effective December 23, 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 2011-225: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the **retirement of Judy O. Ghanem**, teacher assistant, Cedar Hill Elementary School, be accepted effective December 23, 2011 and that the **resignation of Ross Hartington**, head custodian, Robertson Elementary School, be accepted effective December 6, 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 2011-226: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the following coaching appointments be approved: **Jessica DeFillipo**, assistant coach girls' basketball Pilgrim; **Andrew Razza**, assistant coach boys' basketball Pilgrim (for one year only); **Matthew Kampper**, freshman coach, boys' basketball Pilgrim (for one year only); **John Paolino**, head coach, girls' basketball, Toll Gate (one year only); and **Shon Campbell**, head coach, girls' swim team, Warwick Veterans.

**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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**GBP Update** – Ms. Bilodeau reported that we are tracking 728 students; 723 have approved proposals and 701 students have approved mentors. These numbers are much better than ever before. Research papers are due this week.

**Review of Building Use** – Mr. Ferrucci presented a fiscal analysis for the use of buildings for the 2010-2011 school year. The information included custodian costs paid by WPS, custodian costs collected by WPS and rental fees for eight groups: (1) school events or functions, (2) school activity groups, (3) PTA/PTO's, (4) Warwick recreation department/Warwick non-profit youth organizations, (5) Warwick Recreation Adult Groups, (6) Warwick community and other Warwick non-profit organizations, (7) other Warwick organizations (dance studios, theatre groups) and (8) non-Warwick organizations. The cost to support the building use activities for the 2010-2011 school year was \$38,388. This chart was presented for informational purposes only.

**Approval of Revised FY 2012 school budget** – Mr. Ferrucci recognized Cheryl Bongivengo, Controller. Mr. Ferrucci projected an increase of \$551,038 in revenues and expenses to the previously adopted \$157.3 million budget projecting a \$157.8 FY year end budget. He said there still is a balanced budget for the year. His comments included teacher retirements and account breakage, the reduction of 50 staff members due to new transportation contract outsourcing special education; First Student is planned to be fully operational at the beginning of the year. Some of the expenditure items are \$90,000 for contracted nursing service, \$240,000 in tuition payments for actual and anticipated out-of-district special education services, \$48,000 in charter school tuition payments, \$170,000 for needed supplies, \$60,000 in building improvements, \$85,000 in technology hardware costs, \$250,000 in technology software costs, and \$120,000 for establishment of Point of Sale system for school lunch program. In addressing charter schools he said there are 33 students attending at a cost of \$9,300 per pupil and costs the school department \$307,000 in tuition payments, in addition the district loses \$3,300 per pupil in state aid. He said we are losing a total of \$417,000 in resources to accommodate students leaving the district to attend charter schools. He said if the proposed Mayoral Academies are approved and 20 percent is made up by Warwick students, we have the potential to lose an additional \$2.3 million per year. Mr. Maloney commented that we don't have the ability to account for that in terms of savings. There was discussion about computer expense and licensing expense. The chair called to a vote on approval of the revised FY2012 school budget, but before the vote Mr. Maloney pointed out before we approve a balanced revised budget, it is only balanced because the district is not doing things that need to be done, such as fire code upgrades and other building maintenance needs, such as roofs, which have not been included.

MOTION 2011-227: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Friel, to approve the Revised FY 2012 School Budget.

**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

**Monthly fiscal report – Mr. Ferrucci** – The figures for the monthly report as of 11/30/11 were as follows:

Total Revenue received:	Total Expenditures	Total Encumbrances,
\$129,111,167	\$ 45,439,656	\$ 6,935,074

The Chair requested that the monthly fiscal reports be sent to the City, and Mr. Ferrucci said he would send them once the Committee had reviewed them.

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**Bids/change orders**

MOTION 2011-228: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the bid for auditorium seating removal and re-installation be rejected and the project re-bid due to the low bidder withdrawing their bid.

**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 2011-229: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the change order for fire code improvement – elimination of dead end corridors, in the amount of \$1,485.12 per the bid tabulation; and that the change order for fire code improvement, stairway fire ratings, in the amount of \$1,936.64, be approved per tabulations, as a direct result of increases in fees from the City.

**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

It should be noted that permit fees could be reduced if the projects were combined on one bid, but because the projects had to be bid separately, a permit was required for each one. In this case, the fees amounted to \$17,000. Mr. Maloney said he would like a resolution drafted seeking waivers on some of the permit fees the school department incurs from the city for building upgrades and other construction work. Ms. Medeiros commented: the city owns the buildings, we maintain the buildings, the school department incurs \$17,000 in permit fees, which the city requires and charges for work on buildings that they own.

**Information from Committee:**

Mr. Maloney said the PCAC meeting in January will cover Mayoral Academies. He also said we are showing a balanced budget because law says we must, but there are a lot of things we will not be doing for our students. Mr. Nadeau said he didn't believe that Warwick will end up with 33 students in charter schools. Superintendent Horoschak said the resolution in opposition to the Mayoral Academies have been given to our legislature delegation asking them to contact Board of Regents.

**Public comment:** Mr. Kennedy questioned why students are attending charter schools, and Superintendent Horoschak said the decision to attend is a family decision. Mr. Flanders commented on the computers in the business wing being ancient. Mary Townsend was concerned about appropriate tie downs on buses transporting children.

Next meeting January 10, 2012.

MOTION 2011-230: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to adjourn.

**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: 9:05 p.m.**