

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting of January 10, 2012
Open Meeting

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Toll Gate High School, on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. Ms. Furtado called the meeting to order at 6:15 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 [absent]
M. Terri Medeiros

ADMINISTRATION

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

Election of officers:

Chair Furtado called for nominations for Chair: Mr. Maloney nominated Ms. Furtado, and Ms. Medeiros seconded that nomination. There were no further nominations and Ms. Furtado called for a vote:

MOTION 2012-1: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the nomination of Bethany A. Furtado as Chair of the Warwick School Committee.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Ms. Furtado called for nominations for Vice-Chair: Ms. Furtado nominated Patrick Maloney, and Mr. Nadeau seconded that nomination. There were no further nominations and Ms. Furtado called for a vote:

MOTION 2012-2: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to approve the nomination of Patrick Maloney as Vice Chair of the Warwick School Committee.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Ms. Furtado called for nominations for Clerk: Mr. Maloney nominated Mr. Nadeau and Ms. Furtado, seconded that nomination. There were no further nominations and Ms. Furtado called for a vote:

MOTION 2012-3: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to approve the nomination of Eugene Nadeau as Clerk of the Warwick School Committee.

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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MOTION 2012-4: 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 (4-0)

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

Meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Robert T. Bushell, Director of Elementary Education

E. Paul Jansson, Construction Coordinator

The Chair announced that elections had been held previous to the Executive Session and the following were elected: Bethany A. Furtado, Chair, Patrick E. Maloney, Jr., Vice Chair, Eugene A. Nadeau, Clerk with a vote of 4-0 with one member not present.

There was also a vote of 4-0 in Executive Session to accept the Superintendent's recommendation.

Student Comments:

Alyssa Choquette and Jacob Resendes - (grade 6) Randall Holden Elementary School

Isaiah Jackson and Lauren Campbell - (grade 6) Harold F. Scott Elementary School

Approval of Minutes of Public Session:

MOTION 2012-5: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Minutes of the Open Session for December 13, 2011.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

MOTION 2012-6: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session for December 13, 2011.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Approval of Transfers:

MOTION 2012-7: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the transfers presented to the Committee.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Approval of Warrants:

MOTION 2012-8: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the warrants presented to the Committee.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Professional personnel items: appointments:

MOTION 2012-9: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, that the appointment of **Kristal Gardiner**, elementary teacher (Step 1) be approved pending receipt of updated State BCI.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

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Retirement(s)/Resignation(s)

MOTION 2012-10: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the **retirement of Ronald Poirier**, K-12 Supervisor of mathematics and science, be accepted effective at the completion of his work year.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Coaching appointments:

MOTION 2012-11: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the following coaching appointments be approved: **John Frenze**, assistant coach, girls' indoor track, Pilgrim High School (for one year only); **Kaitlyn Paolino**, assistant coach, girls' basketball, Toll Gate High School (for one year only); **Fredrick Schweizer**, freshman coach, boys' basketball, Toll Gate High School, and **Nolan Landy**, head coach, boys' baseball, Warwick Veterans Memorial High School.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

GBP Update – Ms. Bilodeau reported we are tracking 727 seniors, 718 have mentors and 649 have completed their research papers. There are 65 seniors making an early presentation on February 13th (28 students at Pilgrim 23 at Toll Gate and 14 at Veterans).

Pilgrim Girls' Lacrosse Team Update – Tom Flanders was present with several members of the lacrosse team to share information about the team following its first season. He said there were 40 girls last year and there are currently 67 signed up to play. Although they didn't win, they had the will and now have the skill. He requested the addition of a paid assistant coaching position.

Approval of Resolution – re building permit fees:

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO BUILDING PERMIT FEES AND COSTS

WHEREAS, current fiscal conditions, including budget constraints, require responsible budgeting decisions to be made by the School Committee, the City Council, the Mayor and all government officials in order to protect the taxes of the City of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, the School Committee believes that it is important to exercise due diligence in examining areas of potential cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the building permit costs for School Committee projects have amounted to thousands of dollars per year; and

WHERE, it is anticipated that significant future expenses for construction projects need be incurred to comply with fire code requirements; and

WHEREAS, one possible area of cost savings may be in the area building permits to upgrade and bring school buildings into compliance with various codes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Warwick owns the school buildings and associated land; and

WHEREAS, the School Committee believes that it would be fiscally responsible to reduce construction costs; and

WHEREAS, this is a matter of importance to the citizens of the City of Warwick.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the School Committee hereby requests that the City of Warwick waive the fees and costs associated with the issuance of building permits for School Committee construction projects; and

The Superintendent is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and members of the City Council.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Signed: Bethany A. Furtado (Chair) Eugene A. Nadeau (Clerk)

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The resolution requests that the city waive fees for building permits on school-related construction projects. This issue arose during the December meeting, when it was learned that construction projects that had been approved were costing more money than initially determined due to fees for multiple building permits. We are charged a permit on every project done. Each project, even if multiple projects pertain to the same building, requires separate building permit and there is a fee attached to each permit. Mr. Maloney commented that we are being charged permit fees on buildings the city owns but the school department incurs that cost, and that is money that did not go to our students and programs.

MOTION 2012-12: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to accept and pass the Resolution relative to building permit fees and costs.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Approval of temporary custodial position at the John Greene Administration Building: Ms. Healey sought approval of a temporary custodial position at the administration building annex, formerly John Greene Elementary School, said position is full-time consisting of 35 hours per week, with a seven hour shift from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. five days a week.

MOTION 2012-13: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to approve the temporary custodial position.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Monthly fiscal report – Mr. Ferrucci reported on the monthly financial report which was dated December 21, 2011. He said it was balanced and on track.

Total Revenue Received: \$129,261,685

(To date, community support from taxes equals City appropriation. An additional \$875,000 is due from the City)

Total Expenditures: \$56,542,639

Review of non-salary and fringe benefits costs

School Committee Recommend Budget 04-27-11	School Committee Approved Budget 10-25-11	School Committee Approved Budget 12-13-11
\$20,225,794	\$21,479,674	\$24,007,776
Year to Date Exp. & Encumber \$12,852,117		Percentage of non-staff costs 53.5%

Mr. Maloney asked Mr. Ferrucci if he had heard anything about reimbursement of transportation costs. Mr. Ferrucci said he had reached out twice, and would attempt to schedule a meeting and report back in February.

Bids/Change Orders:

MOTION 2012-14: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to accept the bid for the purchase of new trucks being awarded to Paul Masse Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$93,086 as per bid tabulation.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

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MOTION 2012-15: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, moved to accept the bid for auditorium seating removal and re-installation be awarded to CNJ Office Installs, Inc. in the amount of \$15,812.40 as per bid tabulation.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Information and proposals: Mr. Maloney acknowledged Richard Santurri of the Coalition to Defend Public Education. There will be a rally at the State House on Monday January 16th. He also mentioned that the Navy Band will be playing on 1/18/12, and he thanked Ron Poirier for his time with the Warwick Schools.

Public comment:

Mr. Santurri of the Coalition to Defend Public Education commented on the opposition to the proposed Mayoral Academy which involves Warwick, Cranston, North Providence and Providence. He reminded everyone of the rally at the state House on January 16th at 2:00 p.m. to oppose Achievement First, a Connecticut company that would run the proposed Mayoral Academy, if approved. Ms. Netoch commented on her opposition to the Mayoral Academy, charter schools taking money away from the school district, the evaluation system, and asked if the Resolution was on our website. Mr. Durand commented that the mayor has not funded the School Department for at least two years. He said all the increased tax money went to the city side.

MOTION 2012-16: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:40 p.m.