

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting of February 14, 2012
Open Meeting

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Toll Gate High School, on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. Ms. Furtado called the meeting to order at 5:10 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

MOTION 2012-18: 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), (a)(4) and (a)(8).

MOTION PASSES (3-0)

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

Reconvened at 7:05 p.m. with the following also present

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

Student Comments

Nicole Racca, grade 6, Sherman Elementary and Matt Fera, grade 6, Sherman Elementary
Allison Penn, grade 12, Toll Gate High School and Ben Hodges, grade 12, Toll Gate High School

Chairperson Furtado announced there was a student hearing in Executive Session and by a vote of 5-0 the decision was to uphold the recommendation made by the administration and the appeal was denied. Also in Executive Session there was an employee hearing wherein the vote was 5-0 to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION 2012-19: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Minutes of the Open Session for January 10, 2012.

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 2012-20: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Executive Minutes of January 10, 2012.

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 2012-21: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, 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 2012-22: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, 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 2012-23: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Friel, that the appointments of **M. Laurel Dudley-Pappas**, special education coordinator, step 1 of the Administrative Pay Scale, funded fully through Federal Resources (IDEA) be approved; that **Carrie Kelly**, elementary librarian, step 5, be approved pending receipt of national and state BCI and **Michaela J. Patenaude**, parent educator, be approved pending approval of the position.

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 2012-24: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the request of **Jennifer Christiansen**, math teacher at Winman Junior High, for a sabbatical leave for the 2012-2013 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

Retirement(s)/Resignation(s)

MOTION 2012-25: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the **retirement of Marjorie White**, elementary teacher at Cedar Hill Elementary School, be accepted effective the last day of school.

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 2012-26: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the following coaching appointments be approved: **John McDonnell**, assistant coach girls' softball Pilgrim High School; **Michael Daniels**, head coach boys' outdoor track Pilgrim High School; **Norm Bouthillier**, head coach boys' outdoor track Toll Gate High School for one year only; **Thomas Doyle**, assistant coach girls' outdoor track Toll Gate High School; **Charles McGair**, head coach girls' outdoor track, Warwick Veterans; **Edward Kimerlein**, head coach boys' outdoor track, Warwick Veterans for one year only; and **Gary Costantino**, head coach freshman baseball, Warwick Veterans for one year only.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye
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M. Terri Medeiros – Aye

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New Business

GBP Update – Ms. Bilodeau reported that 64 students presented last night (2/13/12). We are tracking 726 students, 720 have mentors and 676 have completed their proficient research papers.

Approval for Toll Gate High School Softball Team to attend Disney Softball Spring Training Program (April 14-18, 2012 (Orlando, Florida))

MOTION 2012-27: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to approve the Toll Gate High School Softball Team attending the Disney Softball Spring Training Program April 14 through April 18, 2012 in Orlando, Florida.

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 Pilgrim Girls Lacrosse Team Interscholastic League status

MOTION 2012-28: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Pilgrim Girls Lacrosse Team as per previous approval.

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 Parent Educator Position –

MOTION 2012-29: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the parent educator position.

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 Special Education Advisory Committee Appointment – Dr. D’Agostino recommended the appointment of Bethany Zawislak to the Committee.

MOTION 2012-30: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the recommended appointment of **Bethany Zawislak** to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye
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Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Report – presented by Becca Seamans

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Public comment – Sharon Terzian suggested a student be on the Long Term Facilities Planning Committee. A parent with a student at Winman had concerns about the elevator at the school and the difficulties her son had when he was in a cast. Darlene Netcoh also commented on the elevator and suggested that one student from each high school be on the Long Term Facilities Committee. She also commented on the portfolio system and the stipend for substitutes.

Regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

MOTION 2012-34: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to suspend Open Session and go back into Executive 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

Open Session reconvened.

Chair announced: In executive session, which just took place, the School Committee voted 5-0 to uphold the recommendation of the superintendent regarding an administrative non-renewal/termination.

MOTION 2012-35: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to adjourn 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 9:20 p.m.

Eugene A. Nadeau, Clerk