

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting of March 6, 2012
Open Meeting

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Toll Gate High School, on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Ms. 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
Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Budget Officer
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources

MOTION 2012-37: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, 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
Christopher E. Friel – Aye
M. Terri Medeiros – not present for vote
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. – not present for vote
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

Reconvened at 7:20 p.m. with the following also present

William Sangster, Assistant to the Superintendent
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

Student Comments:

Grade 5 John Wickes Elementary School: Paarth Tandon and Lily Ramsey
Grade 6 Robertson Elementary School: Shelby Brooks and Anthony Vann

Approval of Minutes

MOTION 2012-38: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Minutes of the Open Session for February 14, 2012.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

MOTION 2012-39: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Executive Minutes of February 14, 2012.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

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Approval of Transfers

MOTION 2012-40: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, 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 2012-41: 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

Coaching appointments:

MOTION 2012-42: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to approve the appointments of **Brendan Friel**, head coach boys' volleyball at Veterans Memorial High School; and **Justin Amaral**, assistant coach boys' volleyball at Veterans Memorial High School (for one year only).

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 abstain)

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

Professional personnel items:

Retirement:

MOTION 2012-43: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the **retirement of Stephen Lowery**, Coordinator of Federal Programs, be accepted effective May 3, 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

GBP Update: Ms. Bilodeau reported we are still tracking 726 seniors, 720 have mentors, 676 have completed proficient research papers, and 421 and completed their portfolios. The next deadline is March 15th. May 17 (Thursday) is the Senior Project Day.

Approval of 2012-2013 SY Calendar – tabled this evening

2011 NECAP Report – Dr. Siesel gave a power point presentation for Warwick's NECAP data. This complete report can be found on the school website. She said the district is redesigning the math curriculum and working with DANA Center to align it to the Common Core Standards. This is being implemented this year. Work has already been done on transitioning the English language arts curriculum to the same standards. Results of the NECAP tests for 2011 show that 79% of Warwick students tested are proficient in reading and 58% are proficient in math. Most students are making progress in reading as they move through the grade levels. The largest gap is between students with IEPs and students without IEPs. At the elementary level there are 2,500 students without IEPs compared to just over 500 with. As part of the Race to the Top Application, Warwick established performance measures starting in 2011 to ensure that we work towards reaching the state 2014 goals. The goals were established by the state. The

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goals across the state is to reach 90 per cent proficiency and reduce gaps by 50 per cent by 2014, but the district has the autonomy to set their own yearly targets. High school graduation rates in Warwick are all above the state average, and all three high schools have shown improvement from 2009 to 2011.

School Lunch Program Update – presented by Mark Roy from Sodexo. He reviewed the point of sale system and said training had been held on March 5th for managers and cashiers. Pilgrim High was first to “go live” on March 6th, Veterans High School will follow on March 7th and Toll Gate on March 8th. He commented that the prepaid accounts allow for parents to deposit money to student accounts in any amount. No one knows whether a student is receiving free or reduced meal. Prepaid accounts allow for better security and allow quick transactions. When an account gets low, students will be informed at the register of their balance. A Food Advisory Committee has been established and the first meeting was held February 12th. A mission statement was established. It reads as follows: *The mission of the Warwick Food Advisory Committee is to work collaboratively with the food service director to maintain an open line of communication with parents, guardians and students of the Warwick Public School system and the general community, to address issues and concerns in regards to the preparation, transport, delivery, and service of food within the school district. The committee will endeavor to improve the food service experience and optimize nutrition for the students within the school district by assisting in the development of menus and incorporating new government regulated guidelines into the program. The committee will assist in involving the school faculty and the general public in the execution of such programs.*

Monthly Fiscal Report – presented by Mr. Ferrucci

For the Period ending 2/29/12:

Total Revenue Received \$135,748,845

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

Total Expenditures: \$ 85,647,774

Total Encumbrances: \$ 6,948,367

[excludes salaries and fringe benefits]

Review of non-salary and fringe benefits costs

Recommended Budget	Approved Budget	Approved Budget
04/27/11 – \$20,225,794	10/25/11 - \$21,479,674	12/13/11 - \$24,007,776

Year to date expenses and encumbered: \$17,121.247

Percentage of non-staff costs 71.3%

Bids/change Orders

MOTION 2012-44: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the bid for new auditorium stage curtains at Toll Gate High School be awarded to Walker Specialties, Inc., in the amount of \$7,562 as per 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	

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Information and proposals

From School Committee – Mr. Maloney noted that Esther Chester had passed away. He also noted that the elevator that Ms. Nazareth commented on last month is now functioning, but another issue has come up as the door closes quickly and forcefully. He reminded everyone that ALAP University will be held on March 10th at Pilgrim high School, and also that on March 14th there will be a Special Advisory meeting. He thanked the maintenance department for moving the auditorium seating from Rhodes to Francis School and said that it looks fantastic.

School Committee Meetings:

Special meeting March 27th
Regular meeting April 10th

Public comment:

Gary Marino requested that the School Committee and Administration get grades and assignments on line, as at times it is very difficult to communicate with some of the teachers. Tom Daniels commented on statewide bullying forms. Ms. Netcoh commented on NECAP, and Ms. Townsend commented on bullying and asked that VOWS be invited back to run the program.

MOTION 2012-45: 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: 9:00 p.m.

Eugene A. Nadeau, Clerk