

Warwick School Committee Minutes  
Meeting of July 10, 2012  
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Toll Gate High School, on Tuesday, July 10, 2012. Ms. Furtado called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the following in attendance:

**COMMITTEE**

Bethany A. Furtado, Chair  
Patrick E. Maloney, Jr., Vice Chair [present at 6:15 p.m.]  
Eugene A. Nadeau, Clerk  
Christopher E. Friel  
M. Terri Medeiros

**ADMINISTRATION**

Peter P. Horoschak, Superintendent  
Robert T. Bushell, Director of Elementary Education  
Dennis Mullen, Director of Secondary Education  
Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Budget Officer  
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources

MOTION 2012-134: 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), (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 – absent for vote

**Return to Open Session @ 7:10 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes**

MOTION 2012-135: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Friel, to approve the minutes of the Open Session for June 12, June 18 and June 26, 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 2012-136: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Friel, to approve the Executive Minutes for June 12, June 18, and June 26, 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

**Approval of Transfers**

MOTION 2012-137: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Friel 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 2012-138: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Friel, 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

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### Professional Personnel items

#### Appointments:

MOTION 2012-139: Moved by Mr. Maloney seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the appointment of **Michelle Landri**, science department head, Tollgate/Winman 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

MOTION 2012-140: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the following appointments be approved: **Kristen Gigliotti**, category 1 special educator, step 2 (pending receipt of National and State BCI and RI certification); **Pamela Caito**, elementary science teacher, step 9; **Lori Sheridan**, elementary teacher, step 4; **Elizabeth Morrissette**, category 1 Kindergarten teacher 50% step 2; **Eric McGovern**, elementary science teacher, step 1; **Ryan Mullen**, math/science coordinator, step 1 of the Administrative Pay Scale.

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

Agenda item William Sangster, acting principal at Aldrich Junior High School, vote was 2 to 2 with Ms. Medeiros not present for the vote – this item was voted on later in the meeting when Ms. Medeiros was present

### Classified personnel items

#### Resignation:

MOTION 2012-141: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the resignation of **Mary Dupuis** accounting technician, be accepted effective July 27, 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

#### Coaching appointment:

MOTION 2012-142: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Friel, that the appointment of **Alex Torres**, assistant coach-football at Pilgrim High School be approved for one year only.

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

**Adoption of FY 13 Budget:** Mr. Ferrucci reported the school department's administrative team met and have prepared their recommendations for reducing expenses in order to present a new balanced recommended budget. **Revenue:** approved level funding going forward to 2012-2013 resulted in a reduction in revenue of <\$4,236,100>. Reduced state aid of <\$148,281>. **Expenditures: reduce salary and fringe benefit** by 5 additional teacher cuts; adjust breakage in other support personnel to account for proposed staffing reorganization \$100,000. Due to these cuts, salary and fringe benefits was reduced by <\$518,381>. He said that based on projected surplus being higher than currently budgeted, we propose to reduce professional development substitutes. Salary and fringe benefits reductions amount to

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<\$646,000>. Review of natural gas, diesel fuel and fuel oil – able to secure budgetary savings due to downward trends in pricing – and locking in future pricing - <\$264,400>. It is recommended that the math series textbooks be removed from consideration for next year - <\$500,000>. He also reported that the city administration is going to work with the school department in putting forth a resolution to the City Council to fund capital projects for the 2013-2014 school year using bonding authority, we recommend items be moved to the city bond request: (a) fire code <\$1,650,000>; roof Park Elementary <\$465,000>; elevator <\$65,000>. The technology department budget was reviewed and the computer room move in FY12, additional equipment in FY13 budget not needed, as moved occurred in FY 12 <\$60,000>; state budget passed with \$20,000,000 bond for statewide wireless initiative. Warwick preliminarily scheduled to receive \$2,000,000. Removed proposed wireless costs from operating budget - <\$208,000>. Elimination of Marine Biology Program - <\$7,600>. It recommended cutting the adopted recommended budget by \$4,384,381. These cuts, while not desired, are necessary to meet the adjusted expected revenues as presented and adopt a FY2013 budget in the amount of **\$156,092,357**.

MOTION 2012-143: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney to adopt the FY13 budget as presented at this time.

**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 Library Curriculum** - Presented by Dr. Siesel

MOTION 2012-144: Moved by Mr. Friel seconded by Mr. Nadeau to approve the K12 library curriculum.

**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 English/language arts literature books** – Dr. Siesel said we were able to purchase for all grade levels 7-12 for the total cost of \$408,754.14, which includes shipping and handling.

MOTION 2012-145: Moved by Ms. Furtado seconded by Mr. Nadeau

**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

**Food Service 2012-2013 contract renewal**

MOTION 2012-146: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the Food Service 2012-2013 food service contract.

**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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**FY11 Audit summary report with management letter** – Mr. Ferrucci said the audit firm has concluded its city wide audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. There is a 205-page audit report. Within the audit document there are a number of pages concerning the School Department and he commented on the following: Organization chart; summary of accounting procedures; fiscal report (revenue and expenses); fiscal reporting (balance sheet); school employees pension; bond indebtedness and report of independent auditors. The auditor provided two documents containing their recommendations, which address both city and school department issues that they warrant needing attention. He said that the school department is diligently working towards resolving these issues as noted in the action plan.

**Agenda items #6 and #7** – will be tabled this evening

**Approval of elevator repair contract** – Mr. Jansson informed the Committee that we are required to provide certain upgrades to the fire alarm system for the Winman elevator modernization to meet current fire and elevator codes. The elevator contractor is scheduled to start July 30<sup>th</sup> and completed by August 27<sup>th</sup>. The fire alarm improvements must be installed within the same timeframe as it is a mandatory requirement and essential to the approval of the state elevator inspector in granting final approval for the operation of the elevator. He recommended purchasing “materials only” auxiliary fire alarm panel from SimplexGrinnell in the amount of \$13,172.41 and the WPS electricians perform the installation. An agreement was reached by categorizing the work as “repair work.”

MOTION 2012-147: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Medeiros to approve the recommendation [purchasing “materials only” auxiliary fire alarm panel from SimplexGrinnell in the amount of \$13,172.41 and the WPS electricians perform the installation].

**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

**The following is the vote for the acting principal at Aldrich Junior High**

MOTION 2012-148: Moved by Mr. Friel seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the appointment of William Sangster, acting principal, Aldrich Junior High School, step 5 of the administrative pay scale, be approved.

**MOTION PASSES (3 ayes 2 nays)**

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

MOTION 2012-149: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, 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: 8:40 p.m.**

