

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting of December 11, 2012
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Winman Junior High School, on Tuesday, December 11, 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

Richard D'Agostino, Acting Superintendent
Dennis Mullen, Director of Secondary Education
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources
David P. LaPlante, Director of Buildings and Grounds

MOTION 2012-262: 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), (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 6:55 p.m.

Chairperson Furtado announced in executive session action was taken on a matter with a 5-0 vote and action was also taken on four WISE grievances with a vote of 5-0 to deny.

Student comments:

Devon Rhodes, grade 6 Park Elementary School
Haley Gregoire, grade 6 Park Elementary School
Zane Silvestre, grade 6 Sherman Elementary
Samantha Sorenson – Sherman Elementary
Eliana Stein, grade 8 Winman Junior High
Jared Forrest, grade 8 Winman Junior High

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION 2012-263: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the Minutes of the Open session for November 13, 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 2012-264: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session for November 13, 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 2012-265: 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 2012-266: 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. – not present for vote
Christopher E. Friel - Aye Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye
M. Terri Medeiros – Aye

Classified personnel items:

Appointments:

MOTION 2012-267: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the following appointments: **Kelly Ann Laurent**, teacher assistant-special services effective January 2, 2013; **Donna Croll**, teacher assistant-special services effective upon School Committee approval; **Christy Moretti**, teacher assistant-special services effective upon School Committee approval; **Kevin Oliver, Jr.**, maintenance and custodial supervisor, step 2 of the middle management pay scale effective upon School Committee approval; and **Rose Emilio**, paralegal and compliance specialist step 1 of the middle management 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

Retirements/resignations:

MOTION 2012-268: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to accept the following retirements: **Carol Thomas**, teacher assistant-special services effective December 21, 2012; **Norma Moretti**, custodian Pilgrim High effective December 14, 2012; **Charles Jackman**, custodian, Aldrich Junior High, effective December 14, 2012; **Jeanne Constantine**, library clerk Pilgrim High School effective December 21, 2012; **Ruthanne White** teacher assistant-special services effective December 21, 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

Professional Personnel items:

Leave of absence:

MOTION 2012-269: Moved by Mr. Friel, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the request of **Kristi Rotsel**, science teacher at Pilgrim High School, for a sabbatical leave effective for the second semester of 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:

MOTION 2012-270: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the retirement of **William McDevitt, Jr.**, special educator at Pilgrim High school be accepted effective December 21, 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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Coaching appointments:

MOTION 2012-271: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, that the following coaching appointments be approved: **Frank Nortarianni**, assistant coach boys' ice hockey Pilgrim High School; **John Adamo**, assistant coach boys' ice hockey Toll Gate High School for one year only; and **Michael DeCesare**, assistant coach boys' basketball Toll Gate High School 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

GBP Update – Ms. Bilodeau – tracking 700 – 328 portfolio complete – early presentation 2/11/13

Approval for Gorton JHS French class trip to Quebec (April 15th-April 17th, 2013)

MOTION 2012-272: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Gorton Junior High School French class trip to Quebec April 15th-April 17th, 2013.

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 Behavioral Specialist Position (subject to grant funding) – Dr. D'Agostino recommended the addition of a behavioral specialist position, due to the increase of number of student referrals to the elementary therapeutic programs. Two additional classrooms were put in place this school year and after monitoring for the past eight weeks, it is imperative that we add an additional position. This position would be federally funded pending the amendment and approval of the (IDEA) federal grant. This position would be maintained as long as federal funds are available.

MOTION 2012-273: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the behavioral specialist position (subject to grant funding).

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 to eliminate the Maintenance Mechanic/Electronics/Communication position. It was recommended, due to a declining work load for the electricians in the maintenance division, that it would be appropriate to reduce the electronics/av tech position. It was requested that as part of the elimination dollars, to hire outside contractors as there is a legal requirement that certain work cannot be performed by members of our staff. The declining work load is due to the requirement by state law that certain projects must be awarded to outside contractors, as opposed to staff in-house, even though the school staff is properly licensed to perform the work. Ms. Healey said the savings would be applied toward hiring other outside contractors for similar work.

MOTION 2012-274: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to eliminate the position.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye Patrick E. Maloney, Jr. - Aye
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Approval to rename Toll Gate Educational Complex to “Robert J. Shapiro Educational Complex”

Dr. D’Agostino said for the past 10 weeks, people have been calling me and emailing me asking what we’re doing for Bob and one of the suggestions was to change the name of Toll Gate High School. He said he was a special educator that instilled in his students to do their best at all times and he encouraged them to always strive for excellence. Dr. D’Agostino said Dr. Shapiro started his career as a teacher, becoming a principal (Toll Gate’s first) and eventually serving as superintendent of schools. He continued commenting on Dr. Shapiro’s “firsts” and many accomplishments. He said taking everything into account, in terms of what Dr. Shapiro did for Toll Gate and what he meant to it, Dr. D’Agostino said the decision was made not to change the name of the high school and not to alter Dr. Shapiro’s vision for it. However, an alternative was to rename the Toll Gate Educational Complex, consisting of Toll Gate High School, Winman Junior High School, Drum Rock Early Childhood Center and the Warwick Area Career and Technical Center, to the ***Robert J. Shapiro Educational Complex***.

MOTION 2012-275: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve renaming the Toll Gate Educational Complex to the “Robert J. Shapiro Educational Complex.”

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

Architectural contracts: David LaPlante said these contracts were previously signed by our former Superintendent, and they are for projects going forward to the next phase of the fire code and other bond projects.

MOTION 2012-276: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the architectural contracts.

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

FY2012 Budget – Mr. Ferrucci presented the FY2012 year-end fiscal report. The difference from what was reported in July 2012, to now is an additional increase in surplus of \$1.179 million. This additional increase is attributed to the following items:

Revenue is up an additional \$167,780 of which \$161,110 is attributed to our conservative estimates of Medicaid claiming revenue.

Expenses: Salary and fringe benefits: - \$459,000

In July we included an estimate of \$500,000 for additional salary and fringe benefit costs. The district incurred only an additional \$42,000 (thereby contributing to the positive variance)

Purchase Services - \$265,028

We anticipated budget managers needing to use resources as explained during budget hearing process. For various reasons they did not need the total amounts.

Property services purchased - \$82,304

\$89,000 was budgeted to support additional school buses for the year and was not required – due to outsourcing

Other purchased services - \$290,439

Approximately \$50,000 per placement, we used \$210,000 of the \$500,000 contingency allocation

Capital and equipment - <\$133,436>

This is an accounting/timing issue in #57309 technology hardware with regard to the computer room equipment secured for expenditure purposes.

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Approval of FY 2013 Revised Budget – The revised FY2013 budget of \$159,141,725 takes into account a total revenue increase of \$2,144,984, which is made up by an additional \$1.7 million in carryover surplus from the FY12 budget, \$282,718 in state restricted set aside funds that weren't spent and \$119,544 in Medicaid reimbursement funds. When applying the total expense increase of \$2,100,646, two major factors being \$878,961 in under-budgeted medical costs for retirees and a total cost increase of \$84,043 for Workers Compensation insurance, Chief Budget Officer Anthony Ferrucci projects a \$44,338 surplus for the FY13 budget.

MOTION 2012-277: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Friel, to approve the Revised FY 2013 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

FY 2013 Monthly Fiscal Budget – Presented by Mr. Ferrucci:
For the period ending 12/3/12:

Total Revenue received	\$132,340.924
Total Expenditures	\$ 50,259,460
Total Encumbrances	\$ 11,193,786

[excludes salaries and fringe benefits]

Summary Review of non-salary and fringe benefits costs

Approved Budget 7/10/12	Revised Approved Budget 8/14/12	Year to Date Exp./Encumber 12/3/12	Percentage of non-staff costs
\$24,673,572	\$24,825,106	\$18,363,463	74.0%

Bids/ - there were no bids or change orders presented

Adoption of Policies (2nd Reading)

Bullying: JFCN and JFCO (Amendments)

MOTION 2012-278: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the second reading of policy JFCN (with amendments).

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 2012-279: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to repeal policy JFCO.

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

Advertising: KHB (Amendments and Re-adoption)

Policies: KI, KJ, KGB, KK (Amendments)

MOTION 2012-280: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the second reading of policy KGB (with amendments).

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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MOTION 2012-281: Moved by Mr. Maloney, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to approve the second reading of policy KHB with amendments and on page 1 – change when the schools are closed to students and are being used as polling places.

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 2012-282: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the second reading of policy KI (with amendments).

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 2012-283: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the second reading of policy KJ (with amendments).

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 2012-284: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Maloney, to approve the second reading of Policy KK (with amendments).

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

Information/Proposals

School Committee Members

Chairperson Furtado recognized and thanked her friends, Chris Friel and Patrick Maloney, for their help, their loyalty and their friendship. “I wish you the best.” Mr. Friel commented it has been a pleasure to serve on this committee for the last eight years. I’m glad I could play a small part in the Warwick education system and I will continue to be involved in the school community in a different role, as I’ll have three children attending John Brown Francis next year. Thank you to all on the committee. Mr. Maloney shared his thoughts by saying - thanks to all on the committee, and to [former members] Lucille Mota-Costa and Paul Cannistra, who served with me when I first joined four years ago, and good luck to the new members. I’ve learned so much from the people on this committee. I also learned you can’t do anything on a committee without the help of others. He also said the most important thing a school committee member can do is not to just agree with one another, but to ask questions and become informed. He said he hopes the new members will ask questions and stay on top of the budget. We had a \$3.2 million deficit when I joined the committee and I never want to see that happen again. The allocation from the city has been cut by \$6.2 million each year and we’ve never gone into the red, producing a surplus each year. There are many people to thank for that. And at the same time, the city’s budget has grown by \$30 million.

Public comment: Mr. Daniels thanked Mr. Friel and Mr. Maloney for giving up time with their families to serve on the committee, saying he appreciated everything you’ve done. Mr. Testa thanked Mr. Ferrucci for an open and transparent financial department.

MOTION 2012-5: Moved by Mr. Friel, 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: 8:50 p.m.

Eugene A. Nadeau, Clerk