

Warwick School Committee Minutes  
Meeting of February 19, 2013  
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at the Administration Building on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Ms. Furtado called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with the following in attendance:

COMMITTEE

Bethany A. Furtado, Chair  
M. Terri Medeiros, Vice Chair  
Jennifer Ahearn, Clerk  
Eugene A. Nadeau  
Karen Bachus

ADMINISTRATION

Richard D'Agostino, Acting Superintendent  
Dennis Mullen, Director of Secondary Education  
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources  
Robert T. Bushell, Director of Elementary Education  
Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Budget Officer

MOTION 2013-47: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, 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    M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye    Karen Bachus – [not present for vote]  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

Open Meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION 2013-48: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to approve contract award to Open Text, Inc. (First Class software support contract) in the amount of \$24,445.39 for the period of 3/1/2013 to 2/28/2014.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye    M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye    Karen Bachus - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

MOTION 2013-49: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, approval of contract award to The Leadership and Learning Center, in the amount of \$8,900 for Common Core overviews on March 11, 2013.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye    M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye    Karen Bachus - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

Chair Furtado said she believed strongly in this district, and with all the tasks ahead of us, such as long-term facilities planning, teacher evaluations and budget formulation, this is the right time for the district to have a permanent superintendent. Right now we have the benefit of having both union contracts in place, but there is a lot on the district's plate at this time. It is my desire and my request that at this time through the school year July 13, 2014 to name Dr. Richard D'Agostino as superintendent.

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Dr. D'Agostino holds all of the proper certificates and certifications for the job. He graduated from Providence College in 1974 as a political science major; he also has two Master degrees, one in guidance and one in special education. He holds a Doctorate of Educational Leadership from Boston University and is a certified superintendent. He created a self-contained program at Robertson in 1985 and he started ALP at Veterans High School for at-risk students. He served as principal of Oakland Beach Elementary School from 1990 to 2006. Dr. D'Agostino is also responsible for starting a pre-school and all-day Kindergarten at that school. As director of special education, he was able to reduce the number of out-of-district tuition students resulting in a cost reduction from \$10 million to \$4 million. Dr. D'Agostino can provide the needed leadership with our many important issues, including the ongoing effort to meet rigorous state standards, new teacher evaluations, and the special study committee exploring whether to close one of the three junior high schools.

Chairman Furtado said it is a distinct honor and privilege to have Dr. D'Agostino lead this district going forward.

MOTION 2013-50: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that Richard D'Agostino be appointed Superintendent through July 13, 2014, pending his acceptance and a suitable contract.

**MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye      M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
 Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye      Karen Bachus - Aye  
 Jennifer Ahearn - Nay

Dr. D'Agostino thanked everyone very much for having confidence in me.

MOTION 2013-51: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye      M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
 Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye      Karen Bachus - Aye  
 Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.