

Warwick School Committee Minutes  
Meeting June 11, 2013  
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Toll Gate High School on Tuesday, June 11, 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  
Robert T. Bushell, Director of Elementary Education  
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources  
Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Budget Officer

MOTION 2013-131: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, and seconded by Ms. Ahearn, 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 M. Terri Medeiros – [not present for vote]  
Eugene A. Nadeau – Aye Karen Bachus – [not present for vote]  
Jennifer Ahearn – Aye

Open Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

**Student comments:**

**David D'Andrea** (grade 6) Holliman Elementary School  
**Serenity Hawkins and Andrew Bowen** (grade 6) Oakland Beach Elementary School  
and **Griffin Hart** (grade 6) Cedar Hill Elementary School

**Recognitions:**

Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Poster Contest Winners:  
**Jacob St. Germain** – First Place Winner – Warwick Career Center  
**Haley Moen**, Second Place Winner – Toll Gate High School  
**Shane Desjean** – Third Place Winner – Warwick Career Center

**Jann Rogers-Gartner** (Warwick Career Center Graphic Arts Instructor – awarded Starr Teacher Award  
**Shannon Sweeney-Saunders** (Warwick Public Schools Employment Technician – winner of Office of Partnerships and Placement Award  
**Mary Townsend** – Special Ed Assistant – Drum Rock Early Childhood Center – winner of Carol Prendergast Award

**Approval of Minutes of Public Session**

MOTION 2013-132: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to approve the Minutes of the Open Session for May 2, 2013, May 7, 2013 and May 14, 2013.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – [not present for vote]  
Eugene A. Nadeau – Aye Karen Bachus – Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn – Aye

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**Vote of Minutes of Executive Session**

MOTION 2013-133: Moved by Ms. Bachus, and seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session for May 14, 2013.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – [not present for vote]  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye Karen Bachus - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

**Approval of Transfers**

MOTION 2013-134: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to approve the transfers presented to the Committee.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – [not present for vote]  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye Karen Bachus - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

**Approval of Warrants**

MOTION 2013-135: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to approve the warrants presented to the Committee.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – [not present for vote]  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye Karen Bachus - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

**Announcements:**

**Professional personnel items: Appointments:**

MOTION 2013-136: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the appointment of **Jennifer Taliani**, Foreign Language Department Head, Toll Gate High School and Winman Junior High School and **Julie D’Andrea**, Vocational Fashion Merchandising Teacher, Step 10, be approved.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – [not present for vote]  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye Karen Bachus - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

MOTION 2013-137 Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that **Joseph Coffey** be transferred to the Holliman School principal ship.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – [not present for vote]  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye Karen Bachus - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

**Retirements/resignations**

MOTION 2013-138: Moved by Ms. Bachus, and seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the **retirement of Barbara Cummings**, Librarian-Gorton Junior High School be accepted effective the last day of school; and that the **retirement of Frank Ricci**, principal John Brown Francis Elementary School be accepted effective June 30, 2013.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – [not present for vote]  
Eugene A. Nadeau – Aye Karen Bachus – Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn – Aye

**Classified personnel items: Appointments:**

MOTION 2013-139: Moved by Ms. Bachus, and seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the **appointment of Margaret Wallentin**, Senior Clerk Typist, Special Services be approved.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – [not present for vote]  
Eugene A. Nadeau – Aye Karen Bachus – Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn – Aye

**Coaching appointments:**

MOTION 2013-140: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the appointment of **Steven Vittorioso**, Assistant coach – Football at Warwick Veterans be approved for one year only.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – [not present for vote]  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye Karen Bachus - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

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**Approval to purchase Lego Education equipment:** Dr. Siesel recommended the purchase of equipment to support the robotics program at the secondary schools. The total cost is \$12,983.75 and it is a budgeted expense.

MOTION 2013-141: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to approve the purchase of Lego Education equipment.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Update of Food Service Contract** – Mr. Ferrucci provided an update on the status of the food service contract, which will not be renewed by the current vendor, Sodexo, for next year. He said we have been advised by Mike Grey of Sodexo Operations, that they would not be in a position to continue managing our food service program under the current terms and conditions of the existing contract. He said that RIDE announced that Aramark has been awarded the state contract, but he has been unable to complete a review of the program. He planned on having a recommendation available by the week of June 24<sup>th</sup>, and if a special meeting is scheduled the last week of June, we should be prepared to make a recommendation at that time. We will be prepared to have a recommendation available for the regular School Committee meeting scheduled in July.

**Approval to establish contingency procedure for summer capital projects** – Mr. Ferrucci explained the contingency procedure for summer capital projects provides the superintendent and the chief budget officer joint authority to approve change orders on summer capital projects in the interest of keeping projects moving during a tight summer construction schedule. In order to accomplish this, a contingency fund of 8 percent of the project contract award would be established, allowing the superintendent and chief budget officer the flexibility to draw from the contingency fund to cover any necessary change orders so as not to delay the construction process while seeking approval from the School Committee at an emergency meeting. The process was used last year, and it worked well. With Phase II of the fire code compliance project scheduled for this summer in addition to other time sensitive capital projects, the school department will be under tremendous pressure to have the schools ready to be opened on time this fall. Phase II of the fire code project consists of 7 buildings simultaneously undergoing fire code renovations. The other capital projects are Park Elementary roof, building security improvements, Winman fire alarm, Toll Gate gym floor replacement and finally the roof on the physical plant. The total bid for all projects is \$3.3 million and the timeline for completing the work, which must be finished by the end of August, is eight to nine weeks.

MOTION 2013-142: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, to approve the recommendation to establish a contingency procedure for summer capital projects.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Approval of District Safety & Security Committee appointments** – Dr. D’Agostino recommended the appointment of Kenneth Rassler, principal and Holden, and David LaPlante to the committee.

MOTION 2013-143: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to approve the appointment of Kenneth Rassler and David LaPlante to the Safety & Security Committee.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

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**FY 2013 Monthly Fiscal Budget** – Presented by Mr. Ferrucci:

**For the period ending 6/3/2013:**

Total Revenue received	\$155,731.279
Total Expenditures	\$123,201,231
Total Encumbrances	\$4,178,597

[Excludes salaries and fringe benefits]

Summary Review of non-salary and fringe benefits costs

Approved Budget	Revised Approved Budget	Revised Approved	Year to Date Exp.&Encumber	Percentage of Non Staff Costs
7/10/12	12/11/12	3/12/13	6/3/13	
\$24,673,572	\$25,254,127	\$25,984,425	\$23,003,175	92.7%

**Bids/Change Orders:**

MOTION 2013-144: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Bachus, that the bid for custodial supplies in the amount of \$126,721.55 be awarded to the various vendors per the bid tabulation.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

MOTION 2013-145: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the change order for one additional security door at Holden Elementary School be approved (\$1,950.00) and that the change order for one additional security door at Sherman Elementary School be approve (\$1,1950) as per bid tabulations.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

Chair Furtado thanked everyone involved in the dedication ceremony of the commented on the dedication of the Robert J. Shapiro Educational Complex.

Announcement of graduation dates and Mr. Mullen commented on the security measures that CCRI has issued. Mr. Nadeau commented on the e-mail that CCRI distributed and felt there should be signs in the parking lot telling of the security requirements. Mr. Mullen said these are legitimate concerns, and the principals have sent out messages of the requirements and students were also notified at rehearsals.

**Public comment:** Steve Tibbitt reminded the committee of his suggestion to have a student on the Committee. Darlene Netcoh said she has attended graduations, and there had been no problems regarding security and didn't anticipate any problems at CCRI. She also commented that the documents for today's meeting were not on line. Linda Principe said she represented the lunch workers. She said that 59 of the 62 school lunch workers are Warwick residents. They want to make sure they will be able to continue to work under the new food service vendor. Cindy Smith, a parent, said her son had been injured last year and wanted to thank all the teachers and his principal for making themselves available for him and for all the help that they provided.

**Meetings: Special June 27<sup>th</sup> at Administration Building and Regular Meeting will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> (instead of July 9<sup>th</sup>)**

MOTION 2013-146: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, to adjourn.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**Meeting adjourned: 8:20 p.m.**