

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting August 28, 2013
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at the Administration Building on Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Ms. Furtado called the meeting to order at 5:00 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
Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Budget Officer
David LaPlante, Director of Buildings & Grounds

MOTION 2013-198: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, 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 (5-0)

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

Meeting reconvened at 5:55 p.m.

Professional Personnel Items:

Appointments:

MOTION 2013-199: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the following appointments be approved: **Ellen Gilchrist**, school nurse teacher, category 1, step 3, be approved pending receipt of emergency certificate from RIDOE; **Christina Pompei**, cosmetology teacher (Career Center), step 10, pending receipt of National and State BCI; **Jeremiah Ryan** 60% social studies teacher, category 1, step 1; **Stephen Henn**, 60% social studies teacher, category 1 be changed to permanent step 1; **Jennifer Randall**, secondary mathematics teacher, category 1 be changed to permanent, step 5; **Brianna Mendonsa**, 80% mathematics teacher, category 1, be approved pending approval by school committee of new position; **Heather Wiederkekher**, science teacher, step 1, pending receipt of National and State BCI and pending vacancy; **Kathleen Kelly** and **Deborah Malonado**, parents educator, parents as teachers program, part-time, federally funded position.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Retirements/resignations:

MOTION 2013-200: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the **retirement of Kathleen Almon**, elementary special educator at Warwick Neck be accepted effective June 24, 2013; the **resignation of Kristi Rotsel**, science teacher at Pilgrim High School be accepted effective August 12, 2013; the **resignation of Thomas Lynch** 60% social studies teacher at Pilgrim effective August 20, 2013 and the **resignation of Allyson Cascione**, elementary special educator at Wickes effective August 23, 2013.

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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Coaching appointments:

MOTION 2013-201: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the appointment of **Lelia Connolly**, head coach (girls' field hockey) Toll Gate be approved.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Approval of continuation of Evaluation Fellowship – Mr. Mullen requested continuation for one more year of the position of evaluation fellowship administrator. This would be one individual to service K-12 and would continue on a pilot basis for the 2013-2014 school year. This position is important to preserve the integrity of our teacher evaluation process, which is heading in the right direction. In addition, this position directly supports teaching and learning within the classroom which has an enormous effect on the success of all students. The funding would need to come from general funds.

MOTION 2013-202: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to approve continuation of evaluation fellowship.

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)

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

Agenda item “coaches handbook approval” will be brought forward in September

Ms. Bachus commented that the position for the evaluation fellowship will probably cost \$120,000 and the 4/5 math position \$70,000 and we don't have the money. This was on the wish list. Why is this particular issue coming today when schools started today is beyond me. Now we are over budget.

Mr. Ferrucci commented the math position could be \$60,000/\$70,000 and the evaluation position \$120,000 plus fringe. Year end report showed a \$2.5 surplus and the School Committee approved cuts of \$170,000. There is enough funding and we will be presenting a revised budget. We are still processing purchase orders and “if there is any reason we missed on are calculations of breakage, we will come to you in November. We will not deficit spend.”

Approval of Math 4/5 position at Toll Gate High School – Mr. Mullen requested a 4/5 mathematics position at Toll Gate for the 2013-2014 school year. This position is necessary to fulfill all contractual and instructional requirements. The funding for this position would come from general funds.

MOTION 2013-203: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, to approve the 4/5 math position at Toll Gate High School.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Mr. Nadeau wanted to address the ALAP program. Ms. Healey responded that ALAP has already been voted on by the Committee and has been eliminated. The two people in favor of eliminating the program (Ms. Medeiros or Ms. Furtado) are the only two who can bring this up for discussion. Dr. D'Agostino commented in September there will be discussion with recommendations that will address their needs.

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MOTION 2013-204: 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: 6:10