

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting April 16, 2015
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Winman Junior High School on Thursday, April 16, 2015. Ms. Ahearn called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with the following in attendance:

COMMITTEE

Jennifer Ahearn, Chair
Eugene A. Nadeau, Vice Chair
M. Terri Medeiros, Clerk [present at 6:10 p.m.]
Bethany A. Furtado
Karen Bachus .

ADMINISTRATION

Richard D'Agostino, Superintendent
Dennis Mullen, Director of Secondary Education
Lynn Dambruch, Director of Elementary Education
Anthony Ferrucci, Chief Budget Officer
Jennifer Connolly, Director of Special Education
Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources

MOTION 2015-103: 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), (a)(2) and (a)(4).

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

Open Meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

Administrators also present in addition to those listed above: Dr. Anne Siesel, Dr. Sara Monaco, Ryan Mullen, David LaPlante, Denise Bilodeau, Dianne Silvia, Kathleen Desrosiers

SMMA Update: Mr. Frenette presented an update saying that demographics are 95% complete and a draft is due tomorrow. Facility assessment completed tomorrow or early next week. Everything but administration facilities have been visited; secondary schools complete – capacity analysis – next week. Overall we are on schedule – given the fast schedule.

FY2016 Budget presentation by Department:

[The directors pointed out highlights of their budgets and the summary charts can be found on the school website.]

Curriculum: Curriculum, Literacy/ELA, Math/Science

Federal Programs: Grant Programs, IDEA, IDEA Preschool, Perkins Grant

Technology: Educational Technology, Management Information Technology

Office of Business Affairs: Superintendent's Office, Purchasing/Contracts, transportation and Fiscal Services

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Curriculum – Dr. Siesel

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8 Request
393,706.78	300,348.26	350,258.68	457,983.68	290,072.81	1,054,764.00

Literacy/ELA – Ms. Desrosiers

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8 Request
243,494.00	162,324.27	189,442.37	222,346.72	94,694.31	254,955.00

Math/Science – Ryan Mullen

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8 Request
125,604.00	96,339.88	73,432.00	73,632.00	40,643.72	221,723.00

Federal Programs – Dr. Monaco

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8 Request
88,028.00	23,825.54	3,050.00	52,755.00	1,487.82	176,600.00

Federal Programs: (Dr. Sara Monaco)

Title 1 –	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
Subtotal	1,461,881.00	1,445,658.00
Indirect costs	<u>35,642.19</u>	<u>36,669.00</u>
Total	1,497,523.19	1,482,327.00
Balance Unapplied	99,829.54	0

Title II-A	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
Subtotal	617,864.56	556,000.00
Indirect costs	<u>15,563.81</u>	<u>14,122.40</u>
Total	633,428.37	570,122.40
Balance Unapplied	40,868.58	17,876.18

Title III	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>
Subtotal	45,017.70	41,730.00
Indirect costs	<u>571.20</u>	<u>1,059.94</u>
Total	62,186.90	42,789.94
Balance Unapplied	560.55	2,210.06

IDEA Budget – Dr. Connolly

	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
Subtotal	3,060,159.38	3,060,159.38
Indirect costs	<u>49,433.48</u>	<u>49,433.48</u>
Total	3,109,592.86	3,109,592.86
Balance Unapplied	51,103.39	0

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IDEA Preschool Budget	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
Subtotal	96,617.54	96,617.54
Indirect costs	<u>2,452.46</u>	<u>2,452.46</u>
Total	99,070.00	99,070.00
Balance Unapplied	1,148.90	1,148.90

Perkins Grant – Mr. McCaffrey

	2014/15	2015/16
Total	349,476.00	285,494.00
Balance Unapplied	0	0

Educational Technology – Ms. Bilodeau

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8
22,507.00	12,642.44	24,600.00	34,600.00	11,723.91	87,400.00

Management Information Technology – Ms. Silvia

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8
1,290,255.00	946,141.02	1,505,063.00	1,538,077.47	1,270,407.56	2,076,140.00

Superintendent’s Office – Mr. Ferrucci

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8
272,017.00	116,558.48	288,150.00	376,393.00	101,548.32	139,200.00

Business – Mr. Ferrucci

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8
10,981,280.00	10,328,591.32	11,844,855.00	11,913,028.12	9,266,033.22	11,867,491.04

Business Affairs – Mr. Ferrucci

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8
2,296,138.00	1,772,271.40	3,790,000.00	2,729,105.65	1,504,310.63	2,514,756.00

Business – Debt Service – Mr. Ferrucci

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8
899,857.00	928,064.24	0	1,126,500.00	0	1,172,500.00

Business Equipment – Mr. Ferrucci

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8
318,406.00	303,303.99	317,509.00	317,509.00	295,245.95	327,481.00

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Business Office – Mr. Ferrucci

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8
426,985.00	414,712.20	462,720.00	465,787.47	450,814.03	493,150.00

Transportation – Mr. O’Haire

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8
6,907,695.00	6,894,804.95	7,266,498.00	7,266,498.00	7,011,990.89	7,349,474.04

Accounting – Mr. Ferrucci

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8
132,199.00	15,434.74	8,128.00	7,628.00	3,671.72	10,130.00

Human Resources – Ms. Healey

FY14Budget	FY14Expense	FY15 Orig Bud	Revised SC Budget 3/18/15	FY15YTD	Form8
1,407,323.00	1,550,518.66	2,842,205.00	2,842,205.00	53,807.88	294,749.00

Summary of Warwick Public Schools’ Superintendent Recommended Budget for Fy2016:

Mr. Ferrucci: The expenditure budget as compared to the most recently approved revised expenditure budget of \$163,127,659 is projected to increase by two and one tenth percent (2.1%) for a total budget increase of +\$3,478,121. While the total expenditure budget increase is 2.1% the net effect of losing carryover funds of \$3.947 million puts us in a position where we need additional revenue of \$3,420,370 to maintain a balanced budget for Fy2016. The shortfall in revenue puts us in the unfortunate position of needing to seek additional funds from the City in order to maintain the current level of buildings, programs, services as well as implementing seven initiatives: secondary education programs, legal services offices, math curriculum textbooks, expansion of professional development, building improvements and technology enhancements, including Chromebooks for all high school teachers and 9th grade students.

REVENUE

- State Aid: includes the Governor’s recommended allocation for Warwick less an adjustment for declining enrollment. (Governor’s budget uses enrollment figures from October 2014.) Historically, the final allocations the school department receives are reduced based on enrollments determined in March. Even with reduced enrollments, we anticipate receiving an additional \$391,683 in state aid for Fy2016.
- Adjustments were made to each revenue line based on actual trends and anticipated additional students attending the Career & Technical Center. This net impact is a negative <\$73,162>.
- Loss of Carryover Funds <\$3,973,931>.

EXPENSES

The most notable expenditures within the budget that affect the increase are:

New Initiatives for FY2016		\$3,765,000
Secondary level program expansion	388,000	
Legal services office	245,000	
Math textbook curriculum	656,000	
Professional development	257,000	
Buildings 7 Grounds projects	723,000	
Technology-hardware plan	1,496,320	
State Pension 2.5% increase		328,353

Medical Cost Increase 6%	902,631
Transportation Cost increase 2%	229,869
Debt Service increase 25%	46,000

Total Notable expenditure cost increases \$5,271,853

The difference \$1,793,732 between the Notable Expenditures and the Total Expenditure Increase are cost reductions that the Directors and Budget Managers have proposed in an attempt to minimize the overall increase in funding needed from the City.

The Superintendent's recommended Fy2016 budget of \$166,605,780 is 2.1% above the School Committee's 03/18/15 FY 2015 Adopted Revised Budget.

Mr. Ferrucci said he would need revisions to the budget which will be reviewed on April 27th meeting for adoption – as he needs time to revise the budget for May 1st deadline to City.

Public comment:

Darlene Netcoh said it bears mentioning that the City Council cut 5% which was never recovered since then. Schools are underfunded. Please insure English staff to meet needs of our students. Restore at least in junior high – also put grades 4, 5 and 6 literacy positions back. Darilyn Gorton said literacy not working – we need all support we can get. Other options for professional development; we need to find ways without pulling teachers out of the classroom. We should do “what we need” not told “what we need”.

MOTION 2015-104: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session for April 16, 2015.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

MOTION 2015-105: 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 at 10:00 p.m.