

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting October 19, 2015
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Toll Gate High School on Monday, October 19, 2015. Ms. Ahearn called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the following in attendance:

COMMITTEE

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

Ed Frenette discussed the completed 1000-plus page Facility Master Plan document which consisted of cost estimates, demographic studies and documents on all building visits. The timeline for both planning and implementation of the various phases of consolidation are planning the consolidation of secondary schools (closing Aldrich and Gorton Junior Highs and repurpose Warwick Veterans as a super junior high in 2015-16; implement secondary consolidation and plan the conversion of junior highs (Winman and Vets) to middle schools in 2016-17; implement middle school conversion and plan for elementary consolidation in 2017-18 and implement elementary consolidation in 2018-19. SMMA's contract has been fulfilled. The over 1000-page plan can be found on the school's website.

Some of the concerns and issues raised by those in attendance were number of students going to Toll Gate and Pilgrim; traffic study at Pilgrim; who advising subcommittees; money paid to SMMA part of the overall amount or charging additional; traffic study was done in June when seniors were already out of school; what about students the students who walk to Vets who will now have to be bused; feeder pattern with 10 elementary schools to Pilgrim and six elementary Toll Gate; how many subcommittees are there and who are the members; are buildings capable of handling all students and are we prepared for 2016.

The following are the subcommittees: • Facilities Committee (work started on HVAC systems; • Public Relations Committee(consolidation link to website is being updated; principals shared message by monthly newsletters) • Public Relations (district wide ConnectEd message; • Curriculum Committee (inventory of assets underway; Science and SS will change order of courses; senior high school program of study has been completed; 2017-2018 middle school exploratory course and a redesign being examined; also library redesign for junior and high schools; • Scheduling Committee (awaiting final course offerings from Curriculum Committee); • Middle School Transition Committee (information on middle school and content area certification requirements have been sent; an informational meeting for teachers interested; visits to model middle schools are taking place; • Staffing Committee(recommended Jr. High 1 principal and 2 assistant principals; Senior High 1 principal and 3 assistant principals; recommendation of additional assistant principal positions posted internally; • Technology Committee, • Legal Committee; • Logistic Committee (student enrollment numbers based on October 1st; also recommended Park School become part of Toll Gate feeder; feeder districts to be approved to enable work in terms of transportation, logistics and schedule; exploring where career and tech programs will be housed for 2016-2017school year; and proposed feeder districts will allow flexibility of career and technical students to attend high school for their academic subjects where the program is housed. This eliminates travel time from base high schools)

PROPOSED Feeder Pattern breakdown

Pilgrim High School – students from Veterans JHS, Francis, Holden, Holliman, Hoxsie, Lippitt, Norwood, Oakland Beach, Sherman, Warwick Neck and Wyman

Toll Gate High School – students from Winman JHS, Cedar Hill, Greenwood, Park, Robertson, Scott and Wickes

The School Committee is being asked to approve the feeder districts in order to enable the work to proceed in terms of transportation, logistics and scheduling. The proposed feeder district will allow adequate flexibility to consider having students engaged in career and technical education attend the high

school for their academic subjects where the career and technical program is housed. This will eliminate the travel time spent traveling from current base high schools.

Further discussion and issues raised by audience members: if we have influx of people – we might be back to double session; who is on each of the subcommittees; if you wish to be a member to contact Ms. Furtado; director of technology being posted; if there is enough class room space; planning students' schedules; course offerings and more AP classes; do we have certified AP teachers; certification for middle school teachers and offering of course work; URI three course endorsement and will work with us; course work can be taken at CCRI as well as on line.

Superintendent Thornton recommendation proposed feeder pattern.

MOTION 2015-293: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, accept feeder plan

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)

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

Additional assistant principal positions

Dr. Thornton: I recommend that assistant principal vacancies on the secondary level be posted internally and that all existing assistant principals who are not displaced by consolidation will remain in their current assignments unless they successfully bid into vacancies.

MOTION 2015-294 Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, assistant principal vacancies on the secondary level be posted internally and that all existing assistant principals who are not displaced by consolidation will remain in their current assignments unless they successfully bid into vacancies.

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)

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

Amendment to above motion:

MOTION 2015-295 Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to amend Motion 2015-294 to include one assistant principal at Winman, one assistant principal at Pilgrim, one assistant principal at Toll Gate and two assistant principals at Veterans Junior.

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)

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

Post internally 2016-2017 position of principal at Veterans Junior High

Dr. Thornton: I recommend posting internally for the 2016-2017 SY position of principal of Veterans Jr. High School.

MOTION 2015-296 - Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to approve the recommendation to post internally for the 2016-2017 SY position of principal of Veterans Jr. High School.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

MOTION 2015-297: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Furtado, 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 8:50 p.m.