

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting January 19, 2016
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at the Administration Building on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Ms. Furtado called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE

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

The Chair noted that the employees involved in the hearings this evening have been notified of their right to have the hearing held in open session but have opted for executive session.

MOTION 2016-38: 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 session reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

MOTION 2016-39: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session for January 19, 2016.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado(Aye); M. Terri Medeiros(Aye); Eugene A. Nadeau(Aye); Karen Bachus(Aye); Jennifer Ahearn(Aye)

Appointment of Buildings & Grounds

MOTION 2016-40: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, that the appointment of **Steven Gothberg**, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Step 1 of the Administrative pay scale be approved.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado(Aye); M. Terri Medeiros(Aye); Eugene A. Nadeau(Aye); Karen Bachus(Aye); Jennifer Ahearn(Aye)

Employee Non-renewal

MOTION 2016-41: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Bachus, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for non renewal of a director.

MOTION PASSES (3 ayes 2 nays)

Jennifer Ahearn(Aye) Eugene A. Nadeau (Nay)
M. Terri Medeiros (Nay) Karen Bachus (Aye)
Bethany A. Furtado (Aye)

Employee Termination

MOTION 2016-42: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to terminate a certified employee.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Contract Award – ADA Assessment - Dr. Connolly – SMMA has submitted a proposal to provide architectural and planning services for accessibility evaluations for 22 Warwick school buildings. Evaluations of site arrival points, exterior accessible routes, building entrances, interior accessible routes, restroom facilities and other features based on the building. The proposal sum is \$101,750.00 for the project. This will help us set an agenda and priority list school by school. This is an urgent matter to address, as a class action law suit would be expensive.

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MOTION 2016-43: Moved by Ms. Bachus, and seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve the contract award for an ADA Assessment.

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)

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

[Ms. Ahearn said she was opposing because we did not go out to bid.]

Lippitt Elementary Students Attending Veterans/Toll Gate - Proposed change: Lippitt to Toll Gate – Lippitt area students currently in grades 8-11, attending Gorton Junior High and Veterans High to attend Toll Gate High School. Lippitt will account for 86 students at Toll Gate. The following numbers were discussed: 2016-2017 Junior High enrollment – Veterans Junior High 873 students (capacity 49%) and Winman Junior High School 552 students (capacity 45%). Veterans middle School with Lippitt 2017-2018 (Grades 6, 7 and 8) 1,283 students (73%) capacity. Winman Middle School without Lippitt 2017-2018 – 824 students (67%) capacity.

MOTION 2016-44: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to approve.

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)

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

MOTION 2016-45: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Bachus, 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: 8:45 p.m.