

Warwick School Committee Minutes  
Meeting February 9, 2016  
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Toll Gate High School on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Mr. Nadeau called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

**COMMITTEE**

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

Administration present: Superintendent Thornton, Attorney Henneous, Justin Martin, Anthony Ferrucci

MOTION 2016-46: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Bachus, 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), (a)(4), (a)(9).

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Open Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.**

Administration also present: Lynn Dambruch, Steve Ruscito, Jennifer Connolly, Anne Siesel, Kathleen Desrosiers, Sara Monaco, Dianne Silvia, Robert Corrente, Steve Gothberg,

**Vote to seal minutes of Executive Session**

MOTION 2016-47: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session of February 9, 2016.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Votes taken in Executive** – A vote of 4-0 was taken in favor of the superintendent's recommendation of nonrenewal for three part time administrators.

**Approval of Minutes of Public Session**

MOTION 2016-48: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, to approve the Minutes of the Open Session for January 12, 2016.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

MOTION 2016-49: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Bachus, to approve the Minutes of the Open Session for January 19, 2016.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Approval of Executive Minutes**

MOTION 2016-50: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Bachus, to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session for January 12, 2016.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

MOTION 2016-51: Moved by Ms. Ahearn to amend the Minutes of the Executive Session for January 19, 2016, seconded by Ms. Medeiros.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

{ It was noted that the amended minutes would come before the committee at the next meeting. }

**Approval of transfers:**

MOTION 2016- 52: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to accept the transfers presented to the Committee.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Approval of Warrants:**

MOTION 2016-53: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to accept the warrants for January 12, 2016 presented to the Committee.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

MOTION 2016-54: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Bachus, to accept the warrants for February 9, 2016 presented to the Committee.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Professional personnel items:**

**Rescission of Appointment**

MOTION 2016-55: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, that the appointment of **Jennifer Roe**, physics teacher Pilgrim High School be **rescinded** effective February 9, 2016 (non response).

**MOTION PASSES (3 ayes 1 abstain 1 absent)**

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

**Coaching appointments**

MOTION 2016-56: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Bachus, approval of the following coaching appointments: **Erik Stachusrski**, head coach boys' Lacrosse Pilgrim High School; **Blake Simpson**, assistant coach boys' Lacrosse at Pilgrim High School; **Margaret Shideler**, head coach boys' tennis Pilgrim High School be approved for one year only; **Alexander Gregson**, freshman coach boys' basketball Veterans High School be approved for one year only; **Alexander Gregson**, head coach boys' - Lacrosse at Veterans High School; **Matthew Hay**, assistant coach boys' Lacrosse Veterans High School be approved for one year only; **Michael Fratus**, assistant coach boys- baseball Veterans high School be approved for one year only; **Edward Kimmerlein**, head coach boys' outdoor track Veterans High School be approved for one year only; **Jean McGarry** head coach boys' volleyball Veterans High School be approved for one year only; **Norman Bouthellier**, assistant coach boys' outdoor track, Toll Gate High School be approved for one year only; **Michael DeCesare**, assistant coach boys' baseball Toll Gate High School; **Benjamin Upham**, assistant coach boys' ice hockey Toll Gate

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Classified Resignation:**

MOTION 2016-57: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, that the resignation of **Edmundo Botelho**, custodian @ Drum Rock be accepted effective January 12, 2016,

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Public Comment:** Ms. Sherman and Ms. Pellegrino defended the reading recovery program and asked that it not be replaced. Mr. Johnson asked how many layoffs there will be and asked how much money for transportation will increase; Peter Stone said keep the February break, summer is long enough, people plan winter vacations, and it is a good time to “air out the buildings.” Ms. Netcoh was in favor of keeping February break commenting parents will take the vacation anyway. She also said she had e-mailed articles to the members about scores being lower on computers and that this district is misusing STAR. David Testa, commenting on the recent article in the Beacon about principal and interest payments, said reject that offer. Darilyn Gorton spoke about students failing STAR texting. Further comments were made about the reading recovery program and how it helped because of the one on one program.

## **New Business**

### **Approval of Gorton Students’ trip to Washington, DC May 19 to 21, 2016**

MOTION 2016-58: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Bachus, to approve Gorton students trip to Washington, DC May 19 through May 21, 2016.

#### **MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

### **Approval of Toll Gate students’ trip to Spain, April 16 to 24, 2016**

MOTION 2016-59: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Bachus, to approve the Toll Gate students trip to Spain April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

#### **MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

### **Approval of Pilgrim students to participate in Band/Chorus trip to Pennsylvania April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016**

MOTION 2016-60: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, to approve Pilgrim students to participate in the Band/Chorus trip to Pennsylvania April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

#### **MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

### **Policy IKB – Homework (first reading)**

MOTION 2016-61: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Bachus, to **table the first reading of Policy IKB (Homework)**

#### **MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

(Seeking further information)

### **New Policy – Naloxone (first reading) – Dr. Connolly –**

MOTION 2016-62: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, to approve the first reading of the new policy regarding “Naloxone.”

#### **MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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| Bethany A. Furtado – Absent | M. Terri Medeiros – [absent] |
| Karen Bachus – Aye          | Eugene A. Nadeau – Aye       |
| Jennifer Ahearn - Aye       |                              |

### **New Policy – Students Acceptable Use of Technology (first reading)**

MOTION 2016-63: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to **table the first reading** of the new policy “Students Acceptable Use of Technology.”

#### **MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Preschool teacher and teacher assistant positions** – Dr. Connolly recommended approval.

MOTION 2016-64: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, to approve the additional preschool teacher and teacher assistant positions.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Senior Warehouse Person – Repairs and Maintenance Position** – Mr. Ferrucci proposed creating a new position which would be modeled after the current senior warehouse person (buildings and grounds). Repairs and maintenance will coordinate supplies for the maintenance mechanics, carpenters, plumbers and electricians. A vacancy was created in the business office due to a retirement and funding will be provided by not filling this position.

MOTION 2016-65: Moved by Ms. Bachus, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to approve the senior warehouse repairs and maintenance position.

**MOTION PASSES (3 ayes 1 nay)**

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

**2016-2017 School Year Calendar** - Dr. Thornton presented for discussion the 2016-2017 school calendar. There will be no vote taken this evening. He indicated there has been change to the State Calendar. Some districts have chosen to reduce the February vacation. There will be a survey to see what people think. Ms. Medeiros suggested if a change was to be made, two years notice should be given to allow families to plan vacation trips. This will be brought back next month with the results of the survey.

**Contract Award – Apple Computer Equipment Pilgrim AV**

MOTION 2016-66: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Bachus, approval of the contract award for Apple Computer Equipment at Pilgrim AV.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Contract Award – Renewal VMware Support – Walley Computer Assoc.**

MOTION 2016-67: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, approval of the contract award for renewal of VMware support to Walley Computer Associates.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Contract Award – Shanix Technology Projector & Screen – Lippitt**

MOTION 2016-68: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, approval of the contract award for Shanix Technology Projector & Screen at Lippitt.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Contract Award – Bandmans Company Band Uniforms Pilgrim**

MOTION 2016-69: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Bachus, approval of the contract award to Bandmans Company for bank uniforms at Pilgrim.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Contract Award – Emergency Marshall Electric Food Service Equipment Winman**

MOTION 2016-70: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, approval of the contract award to Marshall Electric Food Service for equipment at Winman.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

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

**Contract Award – Professional Development Check and Connect**

MOTION 2016-71: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, approval of the contract award for professional development check and connect.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – absent  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus - Aye

**Contract Award – HVAC System Replacement WACTC – (Tabled)**

MOTION 2016-72: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to **Table**.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – absent  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus - Aye

**Day One Workshops:**

Ms. Ahearn said she has had communication with *Day One* regarding proposal for different kinds of programming to see what kind of program meets our needs. Ms. Bachus remarked we have health teachers that should do this. DCYF will do training for free. This will be put on the agenda for next month with further information.

MOTION 2016-73: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, hold off for further discussion to March meeting.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – absent  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus - Aye

**Monthly Fiscal Report FY2016****FY2016 Monthly Fiscal Report as of 1/31/16**

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Total Revenue received | \$139,963,915 |
| Total Expenditures     | 73,052,024    |
| Total Encumbrances     | 8,754,386     |

[Excludes salaries and fringe benefits]

**Summary Review of non-salary and fringe benefits costs**

| School Committee<br>Approved Budget<br>7/15/15 | School Committee<br>Revised Approved<br>7/15/15 | School Committee<br>Revised Approved<br>8/11/15 | School Committee<br>Revised Approved<br>11/10/15 |
|--|---|---|--|
| \$25,770,266                                   | \$25,945,266                                    | \$26,795,266                                    | \$27,099,371                                     |

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| Year to date<br>exp.&encumber<br>1/31/16 | Percentage of<br>of non-staff costs<br>73.9% |
| \$20,013,065                             |  |

**Bids/Change Orders** – none presented

**Adoption of Policies:****Policy JGD: student suspension 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

MOTION 2016-74: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, approval of the second reading of Policy JGD (student suspension).

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – absent  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus - Aye

**Information and Proposals****School Committee Members - Superintendent/Staff**

Dr. Thornton remarked that the phone system is antiquated and every classroom should have a modern phone system; looking at more cameras; having a mutual link system which links every camera and cell phone. All systems should sync. He will bring information next month for

conversation. He explained the Vets situation and said that the threat was a computer generated phone call. Ms. Medeiros thanked the staff for the snow removal and said Special Ed Advisory will meeting February 10<sup>th</sup>; Ms. Bachus reported that the Educational Community Outreach will meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 at the Career Center.

MOTION 2016-75: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, to adjourn.

**MOTION PASSES (4-0)**

Bethany A. Furtado – absent  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye  
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus - Aye

**Meeting adjourned: 9:15 p.m.**