

Warwick School Committee Minutes
Meeting May 10, 2016
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met at Toll Gate High School on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Ms. Furtado called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE

Bethany A. Furtado Chair
Eugene A. Nadeau Vice Chair
M. Terri Medeiros Clerk [present at 6:00 p.m.]
Jennifer Ahearn
Karen Bachus

Present: Superintendent Thornton, Katherine Duncanson and Attorney Andrew Henneous

MOTION 2016-174: 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), (a)(4) and (a)(9).

MOTION PASSES (3-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye M. Terri Medeiros – not present for vote
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye Karen Bachus – not present for vote
Jennifer Ahearn - Aye

Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Superintendent Thornton, Katherine Duncanson, Anthony Ferrucci, Lynn Dambruch, Steve Ruscito, Anne Siesel, Denise Bilodeau, Kathleen Desrosiers, Sara Monaco, Jennifer Connolly, Douglas Alexander, Steve Gothberg, Robert Corrente
Attorney Andrew Henneous

MOTION 2016-175: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to seal the minutes of Executive Session for May 10, 2016

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

There were no votes taken in Executive Session to report.

Recognition of Skills USA Medal Winners and Veterans Science Olympiad Team

Approval of Minutes of Public Session

MOTION 2016-176: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Ahearn, to approve the Minutes of the Open Session for April 12, 2016, April 13, 2016, April 25, 2016 and April 28, 2016.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Approval of Executive Minutes

MOTION 2016-177: Moved by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Furtado, to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session for April 12, 2016, April 13, 2016, April 25, 2016 and April 28, 2016.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Approval of transfers:

MOTION 2016-178: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to accept the transfers presented to the Committee.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Approval of Warrants:

MOTION 2016-179: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Ms. Nadeau, to accept the warrants presented to the Committee.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Layoff of Certified Teachers – the Chair announced we will not be answering questions regarding the discrepancy in the amount of layoffs allowed, as the matter will be decided by the Court.

Ms. Duncanson: the following certified teachers will be laid off at the completion of the 2015-16 school year due to enrollment changes, program changes, district consolidation and/or fiscal constraints: Heather Place, Alison Toronczak, Valery Nardacci, Geraldine Baxter, Amy Sanita, Susan Thomas, Jason Huddon, Christine Beltrami, Therese Bozigian, Adrian Vargas, Marlana DeLuca, Marlaina Corpolongo, Kelly Harrington, Dee Recore, Deborah Furness-Saletin, Leslie Hahn, Heidi Banville, John Wilkicki, Colin Smith, Jerelyn LeClerc-Pimental, Michael Cerullo, Colleen Benoit, Ryan Lombardi, Amy Brown, Peter Fitzpatrick, Timothy May, Nicholas Durand, Jared DeAlmo, Matthew Acciaioli, Michael Seidenberg, Kim Kimball, Donna Barrette, Michelle Barrett, Heather Russo, Kelsey Shottek, Brooke Sullivan, Eric Kratz, Ryan Garno, Kathryn Chasse, Jeremiah Ryan, Brendan Friel, Terri Dubis, Jonni Goddard, John McDonnell, Jonathan Pratt, Adam Ricci, Joseph Giorno, Robert Simone, Traci-Lyn Marrocco, Caitlin Regan, Joshua Petersen, Kerri O'Rourke, Diana Delgado, Lauren Cerra, Darryl Anthony, Kerry Leamy, Stephen Shelton, Elizabeth Nawrocki, Erin Harnedy, Lori Sheridan, Pamela Caito, Amanda Camara, Kristal Gardiner, Susan Cranston

MOTION 2016-180: Moved by Ms. Ahearn, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to accept the recommendation for layoffs.

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)

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

Appointments:

MOTION 2016-181: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the appointment of **Lynn Burke**, assistant principal of teaching and Learning at Pilgrim High be accepted upon School Committee approval effective for the 2016-17 school year.

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)

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

Retirements

MOTION 2016-182: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the **retirement of Anne McCormack**, reading specialist/consultant at Holden be accepted upon School Committee approval effective the last day of school for the 2015-16 school year; that the **retirement of Beverlee-Ann Powell**, elementary teacher at Oakland Beach be accepted upon School Committee approval effective the last day of school for the 2015-16 school year; and that the **retirement of Debra Callaci**, English as a Second Language Teacher at Park School be accepted upon School Committee approval effective the last day of school for the 2015-16 school year;

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Public Comment: Ms. Bozigian, English teacher at Toll Gate said she was told by central administration, during April vacation, that she would be laid off. She said her building principal and department head were not aware of this and said the lack of communication is unprofessional and unkind. A teacher trumps a new piece of technology or a new consultant every day of the week. Ms. Netcoh commented that combining classes with intensive level kids won't work, smaller classes are important, but you are making larger classes and you had an opportunity to consolidate administration and you didn't. The budget currently has a zero dollar amount for the teachers' contract, which shows you are not negotiating in good faith. Pilgrim Junior Mary Mullane said teachers I was expecting to depend on next year for things like my senior project, which has to be started now, may not be there. She asked why Pilgrim was getting more students from the consolidation than Toll Gate. Michael Pierce remarked we are still having conversations in May about what programs will look like next year. There is no confidence in a large portion of the administration. Mr. Lautieri said teachers are more than just numbers on a piece of paper. If this is how you treat the staff, then what does that say about how you feel about children? Dean Johnson was upset about the way the layoffs were handled. George Landrie said he was really angry and really sad. Tonight is one of the darkest moments in Warwick Public Schools history.

Approval of Career Center Students participation in Skills USA Competition June 19-25, 2016 in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. McCaffrey requested approval for 20 students and 4 teachers to participate departing on June 19th and returning on June 25th. The SkillsUSA Championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation.

MOTION 2016-183: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Bachus, approval of Career Center Students participation in Skills USA Competition June 19th-June 25th, 2016.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Agenda item “Red Flex Bus Camera Project” has been tabled at the request of the Superintendent

Junior High Exploratory Curriculum

MOTION 2016-184: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of the Junior High Exploratory Curriculum.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Junior High Chromebook Implementation – Mr. Alexander reported on the plan for distribution for the chromebooks.

Social Skills Improvement System (SSIS) rating scales – Dr. Connolly proposed purchasing SSIS for elementary and middle schools. This is designed to assess individuals and small groups in order to evaluate social skills, problem behaviors and academic competence. This purchase is funded through the IDEA grant.

MOTION 2016-185: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval.

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)

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

Contract award – movers to assist with consolidation – Mr. Ferrucci – Request is made to award a contract to Conlon Moving and Storage for assisting in moving equipment and supplies due to the consolidation over the summer of 2016. The budget has \$200,000 available – the proposal is \$370,000. We are recommending a contract to Conlon Moving for a total not to exceed \$200,000. If needed, we will return with a change order if additional outside services are warranted.

MOTION 2016-186: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval.

MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)

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

Emergency contract award: elevator repair – Thyssen Krupp – Mr. Ferrucci was seeking approval to award an emergency contract for repairing the elevator at Veterans to Thyssen Krupp Elevator Repairs in the proposed amount of \$8,403. This is an unbudgeted building and grounds expense for Fy2016.

MOTION 2016-187: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of the contract award to Thyssen Krupp.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

FY2016 Monthly Fiscal Report (Mr. Ferrucci)

For the period ending 5/4/16:

Total Revenue received	\$151,306,639
Total Expenditures	\$115,151,887
Total Encumbrances	\$ 6,200,562

[Excludes salaries and fringe benefits]

Summary Review of non-salary and fringe benefits costs

School Committee	School Committee	School Committee	School Committee	School Committee
Approved Budget	Revised Approved Budget	Revised Approved	Revised Approved	Revised Approved
7/15/15	7/15/15	8/11/15	11/10/15	3/8/16
\$25,770,266	\$25,945,266	26,795,266	27,099,371	28,027,558

Year to Date	Percentage
Exp.&Encumberance	of Non-Staff costs
4/4/16	
\$24,491,098	87.4%

Bids/Change Orders:

MOTION 2016-188: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of the bid award for art supplies.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Adoption of Policy Parental Involvement 2nd reading

MOTION 2016-189: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of the second reading for Policy Parental Involvement with revisions.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

Information and Proposals

School Committee meeting in June will be held on June 8th.

Ms. Bachus commented we have amazing teachers in Warwick and apologized to everyone for the manner in which this happened.

MOTION 2016-190: 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: 8:30 p.m.