

Warwick School Committee  
Meeting of April 10, 2018  
Open Session

The Warwick School Committee met at Veterans Jr. High School on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE

Bethany A. Furtado Chair  
Eugene A. Nadeau Vice Chair  
M. Terri Medeiros  
Karen Bachus  
David Testa

MOTION 2018-72: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, 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), and (a)(9).

MOTION PASSES (3-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye  
David Testa – not present for vote.

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – not present for vote

Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION 2018-73: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to seal the Minutes of Executive Session for April 10, 2018.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa - Aye

RECOGNITION

Pilgrim High School Hockey Team Division III State Champions: Ty Balutowski, Andrew Canning, Kyle DiMascio, Derek Plowman, Mike Sollenberger, Jack Clements, Matt Pacheco, Tyler Parks, Ryan Pietros, Zack Sayles, Charlie Dale, Collin Driscoll, Dylan Gallagher, Chris Quirk, A.J. Sherlock, Eric Stevens, Kat Canning, Sam Clements, James Cook, Dan DeRobbio, Will Morissette, Sean Noel:

Coaches: Mike Boyajian, Jr., Mike Boyajian, Sr., Ken Fogarty, Brian Pariseault, Mike Masse

Approval of Minutes of Public Session(s)

MOTION 2018-74: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of the Open Session Minutes for February 22 as amended and the Open Minutes for March 6, 2018.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa - Aye

Vote of Minutes of Executive Session(s)

MOTION 2018-75: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of the Executive Minutes for March 6, 2018.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa - Aye

Approval of Warrants

MOTION 2018-76: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of 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 David Testa - Aye

**Approval of Transfers**

**MOTION 2018-77:** Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of the transfers presented to the committee.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - AyeM. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa - Aye**Professional Retirements**

Kathleen McCarthy: Grade 1, Francis Effective end of 2017-2018

Suzanne Fowler: Grade 2, Francis Effective end of 2017-2018

Diane Newman-Goins: Special Educator, Holliman Effective end of 2017-2018

Richard Dickson: Special Educator, Toll Gate Effective end of 2017-2018

Joanne Pelletier, Principal, Winman Middle School effective at the end of 2017-18

**Professional Resignations**

William Parker: Phys. Ed, Toll Gate Effective 4/2/2018

Marcia Laliberte: School Nurse Teacher, Cedar Hill Effective end of 2017-2018

Stacey Chadronet: Guidance Counselor, Toll Gate Effective end of 2017-2018

Christopher LeBlanc: Business Teacher, Toll Gate Effective 4/1/2018

**MOTION 2018-78:** Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of the professional retirements and resignations.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - AyeM. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa - Aye**Unrestricted Leave of Absence**

**MOTION 2018-79:** Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of the unrestricted leave of absence of Michele Paton, Principal Sherman Elementary Effective 2018-2019

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - AyeM. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa - Aye**Classified Retirement(s)/Resignation(s)**

**MOTION 2018-80:** Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of the retirement of Angela Johnston, Elementary Secretary, WELC at Drum Rock, effective July 5, 2018

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - AyeM. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa - Aye**Appointment(s)/Transfer(s)/Re-assignment(s)**

**MOTION 2018-81:** Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, that the appointment of Melissa Lundin, Teacher Assistant, Holliman Elementary, be accepted effective April 11, 2018

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - AyeM. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa - Aye

Discussion/Action Administrative Contracts – tabled at this time

Discussion Consolidation/Principal Assignments for SY 2018-19 (no vote required)

Ms. Duncanson announced the 2018-2019 principal assignments plan:

Elementary: Cedar Hill Michelle Depot; Greenwood Roy Costa; Holliman Joseph Coffey; Hoxsie Gary McCombs; Lippitt Martin Susai; Norwood Sabrina Antonelli; Oakland Beach Paul Heatheron; Park Marilyn Feeney; Robertson Brian Dillon; Scott Virginia Bolano; Sherman Michelle Paton (LOA); Warwick Neck Patricia Cousineau; Wyman Ronald Celio; Warwick Early Learning Center Mindy Mertz.

Middle School: Veterans: David Tabor, Lynn Prentiss, Allison Nascenzi

Winman: Donna Zannelli

High School: Pilgrim: Gerry Habershaw, Andrew Longon, Pamela Bernardi, Bruce Fairbanks

Toll Gate: Candace Calouri, John Livsey, Timothy Kane, Frederick Schwiezer

Career and Technical Center: William McCaffrey

Washington DC – May 3, 4, 5, 2018

Request for annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington DC for Winman Junior High students scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION 2018-82 Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of the Washington DC trip for Winman Junior High students May 3, 4, 5, 2018.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa – Aye

Update Elementary Consolidation: by Ms. Dambruch

Update: Grade 6 Assimilation: by Mr. Littlefield

Discussion/Action – Amendments to 2017-18 School Year Calendar

Last day of school June 21<sup>st</sup> for Vets, Pilgrim, Robertson, Park, Oakland Beach, Scott, Toll Gate, Career Center and Winman. All others last day of school June 20<sup>th</sup>

Discussion/Action 2018-19 School Year Calendar – Additions – revisit

Adding to the 2018-19 school year calendar “Primary Day” and “Election Day”

Discussion to accept calendar A starting school before Labor Day or calendar B starting school after Labor Day. It was noted that this should be revisited every year because Labor Day will fall later into September. Ms. Bachus, Mr. Testa and Mr. Nadeau were in favor of starting school after Labor Day. Ms. Medeiros commented she listened to a majority of people about giving up February vacation and start after Labor Day, and now hearing should not have done that. Ms. Furtado said she has received many emails majority start before Labor Day. The following Motion was made:

MOTION 2018-83: Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Ms. Bachus to accept calendar A starting after Labor Day.

MOTION PASSES (3 ayes 2 nays)

Bethany A. Furtado – Nay  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Nay  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa – Aye

(Noted: this should be revisited each year as Labor Day falls later into the month)

Discussion/Action Resolution Supporting School Construction General Obligation Referendum

Resolution of the Warwick School Committee

Supporting School Construction General Obligation Referendum

WHEREAS: Governor Gina Raimondo and General Treasurer Seth Magaziner have proposed that the General Assembly place a referendum on the November ballot authorizing the approval and issuance of \$250 million in General Obligation Bonds to support the renovation of existing schools and the construction of new schools; and

WHEREAS: A report by the Rhode Island School Building Authority identified that an investment of \$2.2 billion is needed to address school infrastructure deficiencies; and

WHEREAS: That same report state that to make school facilities, at a minimum, warm, safe and dry would require and investment of \$627 million; and

WHEREAS: The average age of school buildings in Rhode Island is over 60 years; and

WHEREAS: According to Rhode Island General Law § 16-2-17 (a) Each student, staff member, teacher, and administrator has a right to attend and/or work at a school which is safe and secure, and which is conducive to learning; and

WHEREAS: Rhode Island schools should be as energy efficient as possible;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Warwick School Committee respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to support Article 5 of 2018-H7200 that would place a referendum before the voters incurring debt of \$250 million for the renovation of existing and the construction of new public schools, with the stipulation that equitable funds be made available to all districts in Rhode Island to achieve the goals of the referendum.

RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every Rhode Island Municipality, School Committee, State Senator, State Representative, and the Governor.

MOTION 2018-84: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval of said Resolution.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
 Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
 Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa – Aye

Discussion/Action – lighting and other energy savings equipment self-funding lease program  
 Mr. Ferrucci reported that National Grid approached us with another utility cost savings program that would allow WPS to invest in energy efficient equipment using a portion of the annual savings to pay for the equipment while providing a decrease in annual utility payments. It is now close to eight months since we first approached the City, and Attorney Henneous and Mr. Ferrucci have agreed that we should seek an advisory opinion from the School Committee as to their wishes concerning this opportunity. He suggested authorizing a letter to the City Solicitor to get a definitive answer.

MOTION 2018-85: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to direct our attorney (Attorney Henneous) to make a formal request to the City Solicitor as to whether or not we should proceed.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
 Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
 Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa – Aye

Discussion/Action – contract award Special Services Autism Program teaching kits  
 Recommended awarding contract to Star Autism Support, Inc. Req#SP180147

Star Program Grants Funds	10,784.00 + Shipping \$479.60 –	11,263.60
Pro-Ed Inc. Req#SP180148 – Edmark Level 1 and 2	\$39,043 + shipping \$1,018.80	<u>40,061.80</u>
	Total	51,325.40

MOTION 2018-86: Moved by Ms. Medeiros, seconded by Ms. Furtado, approval.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
 Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
 Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa - Aye

Discussion/Action: FY2018 Monthly Fiscal Report:

For period ending 3/29/18:

Total Revenue Received	\$150,931,474
Total Expenditures:	\$107,275,556
Total Encumbrances:	7,008,622
SC Approved Budget 7/11/17	31,590,334
SC Revised Approved 8/15/17	31,475,334
SC Revised Approved 11/10/17	31,064,824
SC Revised Approved 1/18/18	29,737,305
SC Revised Approved 3/6/18	30,167,233
Year to Date Exp.&Encumber 3/29/18	26,072,181
Percentage Non-staff costs	86.4%

### Discussion/Action FY 2019 Superintendent Recommended Budget

Mr. Ferrucci reported that overall the expenditure budget as compared to the most recently approved revised budget of 3/6/18 is projected to increase by 2.78%, an expenditure total increase of +\$4,625,742. **Notable inclusions** in FY2019: new chrome books for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders and continuing replacing teacher chromebooks; moved 6<sup>th</sup> graders to middle school; expansion of technology network security and stabilizing WIFI; addition on one Kindergarten classroom; continuing building improvement program with a level funded budget of \$900,000; providing building improvements to meet consolidation and middle school initiative; providing funding for teacher raises (\$3,922,564); provide funding for WISE raises(\$507,302) **Notable challenges to be addressed FY2019:** state funding cut by \$1,051,826 due to change in contribution rate (reduced from 40.5% to 38.5%); loss of prior year carryover <\$1.2M> which historically funded any capital projects; out of district tuition costs rose by \$600,000; debt services projected to rise another \$175,000; due to consolidation and 6<sup>th</sup> grade move to Middle Schools; trimming staff thereby providing enough resources to considerable reduce impact of these notable challenges.

The balanced budget being recommended does request an increase of funding of \$6,900,526 which is a 5.6 increase over current year allocation of \$122,482,464. If approved the total budget would be \$170,749,358.

### Bids/Change Orders:

Lunch tables: recommended Hertz Furniture Systems, LLC :

1 lunch table Scott Elementary	969.13
24 lunch tables Middle Schools @ \$969.13	23,259.12 for a total of \$24,228.25

MOTION 2018-87: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, approval.

### MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa - Aye

Science Supplies - Recommended to award bid #18-0020 for science supplies to be split between two bidders: Ward Science Item #s: 1 thru 11, 13 and 17 as proposed \$7,374.74 and Fisher Scientific Items#: 12, 14 and 16 as proposed \$ 175.00 for a total of Total: \$7,549.74

MOTION 2018-88: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Medeiros, approval.

### MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa – Aye

### Change Order – Barba Professional Accounting Services

Mr. Ferrucci sought approval for a change order for FY2018 and approval of last year of contract for Barba Professional Services and reported both expenses are budgeted as follows:

FY2018 Change Order +\$20,080.00 and FY2019 Contract \$57,536.00

MOTION 2018-89: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, approval.

### MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa – Aye

Elimination of Regulations – Dr. Siesel recommended elimination of regulations with policy attached to it some of which have not been used in years.

MOTION 2018-90: Moved by Mr. Testa, seconded by Ms. Bachus, approval,

### MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa – Aye

Discussion DCYF Mandatory Reporting – table until next meeting.

Public comment -

Ms. Netcoh commented if we are getting rid of these regulations hope there is a policy. She also commented on the annex for Vets and concern for student safety. When parents go into Aspen to check on grades, there is no longer cumulative average only quarter. She said it is time to restore department heads at the middle school. Councilman Ladouceur commented that the Mayor releases the bond not the City Council. Ms. Cobden commented on the policy subcommittee. Michael Pierce commented on the lighting contract and said financing is not with Nationalgrid. He talked about the annex connection at Vets and someone would have to be there to open and close the door for safety. He said it would be a serious problem for sixth graders.

MOTION 2018-91: Moved by Ms. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Bethany A. Furtado – Aye  
Eugene A. Nadeau - Aye

M. Terri Medeiros – Aye  
Karen Bachus – Aye David Testa – Aye

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.