

**WOONSOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2004
7:00 PM – OPEN/CLOSED SESSION
Woonsocket Area Career Technical Center
400 Aylsworth Avenue
ROOM #303 - MULTI MEDIA LAB**

**Call to Order by Dr. D'Acchioli
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll Call:	Marc Dubois, Acting Chairman	Present
	Michael Bileau	Present
	Allen Auclair	Present
	John Ward	Present
	Michelle Williams	Present

Dr. D'Acchioli moved the order of business to take the reorganization of the School Committee first.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION – Dr. D'Acchioli, Superintendent

**Election of Committee Chairperson: Motion to nominate Marc Dubois as Chairman: M. Bileau
2nd: A. Auclair/J. Ward (Unanimously approved)**

**Election of Committee Vice-Chairperson: Motion to nominate Michael Bileau: J. Ward
2nd: M. Dubois (Unanimously approved)**

Mr. Dubois took over the meeting at this point.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- ❖ **Mrs. Nadeau, Bailey Street, Woonsocket:** Addressed the WSC regarding the recent vote for the superintendent's contract, urging them to not take the vote this evening. She said that the Attorney General has not yet responded to a document sent to him in regards to legality of the vote. Speaking to John Ward, she stated that she was the person who called The Larry Poitras Show last Thursday. To Mr. Ward she said, "You are arrogant, condescending and a bully!" Mr. Ward said that he didn't mention anyone's name in his telephone call.
- ❖ **Donna Houle, Ward Street, Woonsocket:** Voiced her concerns about the summer reading program and thanked Linda Filomeno for following up on them.
- ❖ **Kim Chapala, Assistant Library Director, Harris Public Library:** Introduced herself to the WSC members and said she would be attending meetings from now on.

RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. D'Acchioli congratulated Ruth Plante on her recent coaching award for her outstanding performance as coach of the girls' volleyball team.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 6/23/04 Open w/attachments

Motion to approve: M. Bileau 2nd: J. Ward (Approved Unanimously)

CONSENT AGENDA Motion to approve: J. Ward 2nd: M. Bileau (Unan. Approved)

1. Personnel Actions

Certified Appointments/
Non-Certified Appointments

*Dr. D'Acchioli noted a change on Pg. 4,
for Pamela Paige. The number of hours
Should be up to 6 hours a day.*

2. Purchases/Transfers Over \$2,000: (See Attached)

Advanced Construction Technologies Corp./Asbestos Removal/Citizens & WMS/Local
 AGI Consulting Group, LLC/Workshops/District/Grant
 Allied Auto Parts/Vehicle Supplies/WACTC/Voc. Rev.
 Apple Computer/Emac 8 Pack/Technology/Article 18
 Atrion Networking Corp./Switches/Bernon, Pothier,WMS/Technology/Article 18
 Audio Concepts/Projectors/Mt. St. Charles/Grant
 AutoZone/Vehicle Supplies/WACTC/Voc. Rev.
 Century Consultants/Services & Software Support/Technology/Local
 Commercial Business Equipment/Duplicator Supplies/Bernon/Local
 CORE Business Technologies/Internet Drops/WHS/Local
 Dan Moran & Associates/Nursing Services/WHS/Local
 Dell Computers/File Server/Technology/Grant
 Dell Computer/ Computers/Technology/Article18
 Diane Vachon/Nursing Services/Globe/Local
 DISYS/Catalyst Switches/WHS/Article 18
 ECMD/Storage Units/WACTC/Local
 Electro Standards Laboratories/Wiring/Bernon/Technology/Article 18
 Follett Software Co./Service Agreement/District/Local
 Good Shephard Catholic School/Language, Social Studies,& Reading Curriculum/Good Shepherd/Grant
 Konica Office Products, Inc/Copier Usage/Bernon, Social/Local
 Mary Silva, C.A.G.S./Evaluation Services/Sp. Ed/Local
 Mentor, Inc./Even Start Adult Ed/ESL Program/Even Start/Grant
 Nextel Communications/Wireless Phone Service/Technology/Local
 RINET/Services/Technology/Local
 Sonitrol Systems of RI/entry Access System/Good Shephard/Grant
 Susan Prentiss/Physical Therapy Services/District/Local
 Verizon Wireless/Mobil Phone Service/Facilities/Local
 White Fuel Co./Heating Fuel/District/Local
 PHONIC Ear/Hearing Spec. Ed. Local
 Phonak Hearing Systems/Hearing/sSpec.Ed./Local
 Phychological Corp/Speech/Spec Ed/Local
 Konica/Copier/Savoie,Gov. Pothier/Local
 Tillinghast,Licht,Perkins, Smith& Cohen/Promac/Services/Local
 Childcraft Education Corp./Supplies/Gov. Pothier/Local
 Browning-Ferris Ind./Trash Removal/WACTC/Local
 Scott Foresman/Supplies/Gov. Pothier/Local
 Woonsocket Teachers' Guild/Registrations/Summer Institute/Article 18

Michelle Williams questioned the Nextel and Verizon services, asking if it was for cell phones. Mrs. Goodman explained that the WED is entering into a contract for these phones and will be reimbursed by E-Rate. Mr. Auclair asked about the purchases for non-public schools. Mrs. Goodman explained that the WED acts as the fiscal agent, but the money isn't actually coming out of our budget. Dr. D'Acchioli added that management doesn't give the WED the right of veto power over their purchases. "We absorb the bill for any administrative costs associated with being their fiscal agent, however" Auclair replied.

3. Home Schooling (2)

Charles & Linda Sulima for Daniel, Gr. 7; Aaron, Gr. 9; Rachel, Gr. 11; and Jason, Gr. 12. Ms. Lyn Schleicher for Emily, Gr. 7.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:**1. Bid Awards:**

- **#04-13 Athletic Uniforms:**

Motion to approve awarding the bid for athletic uniforms to Grogan Marciano, Mansfield, MA in the amount of \$13,380.04: JW *2nd: A. Auclair/ M. Bileau*

Ms. Williams asked by the bid from Marciano is so much higher than the other bids. Mrs. Goodman explained that some vendors only bid on part of the lists of items. Some bidders bid on all of them, such as Marciano.

- **#04-29 Fire Alarm & Sprinkler Inspection & Testing:**

Motion to approve awarding the bid for Fire Alarm & Sprinkler Inspection & Testing to Fire-Tec, Inc., of Manville, RI, for the total amount of \$22,500 for a three-year contract: J. Ward

2nd: A. Auclair/ M. Bileau

- **#04-26 Awnings – WACTC:**

Motion to approve awarding the bid for an Awning with Side Panels to The Awning Factory, Inc., of Warwick, RI, for the total amount of \$43,600.00: J. Ward

2nd: A. Auclair / M. Bileau

VOTE TAKEN FOR ALL THREE AT ONCE: Unanimously Approved

2. Renewal of Delta Dental Contract:

Motion to renew the Delta Dental Contract as per the recommendation of administration: J. Ward
2nd: M. Bileau (Unanimously approved)

3. Nullification of June 9, 2004 vote to rescind Superintendent's Contract

Motion to approve nullification of 6/9/04 vote to rescind Supt.'s contract: J. Ward
2nd: M. Bileau **Roll Call Vote: (JW-yes / AA-yes / MB-yes / MW-no / MD-yes) Passed 4 to 1.**

Mr. Auclair pointed out that this discussion has been ongoing for the past couple of months. Based on discussions with Mr. Ackerman, WED attorney, at the last meeting, Mr. Auclair believes that this would be in the best interest of the district. "I would love to wait for the Attorney General's opinion, but I don't see that happening for several months," said Auclair. "The issue with the Attorney General has to do with the legality of the vote. There's no question about the rescission vote," Mr. Ward pointed out. Mr. Dubois said he had questioned the legality of the meeting and knew about the investigation. However, with July and August being vacation time, he feels that it may take awhile for a decision. He listened to Mr. Ackerman and has faith that the Attorney General's office will come to a conclusion.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. D'Acchioli spoke about purchase orders for school supplies being processed, with some already having been received. He said that, to date, we have 220 kindergarten students. We may need to add kindergarten classes. There were 560 kindergarten students this past school year in the district. No decisions on the subject of age requirements will be made until after Labor Day. We are still waiting for confirmation of our state budget allocation. Some changes have taken place the amount of expenses and revenues. The number of teacher assistant layoffs has been reduced to 9. Capital projects in the

district are on schedule; however, the hot water heater at the WHS just died and to have it repaired is about \$7,100. We are going ahead with the purchase because it takes 6 to 8 weeks to deliver the parts. Announced that the first day of school for students is Tuesday, August 31st.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOOD AND WELFARE:

M. Williams: Reported that she had a nice day at the RIDE retreat at the middle school today. Said we have a lot of work to day and she looks forward to going to future seminars. She asked that Mr. Ackerman be present at the WSC meetings because we have had many questions for him. If a question regarding the bi-laws should come up, it would be helpful for him to be present.

A. Auclair: Also asked that Mr. Ackerman be present at the WSC meetings and suggested putting an amendment to the job description for the school attorney, but he found out that he has no job description. Mr. Auclair also attended the retreat today and found it very informative. "One thing Todd Flaherty made clear is that we made a change to the promotion policy at the middle school and now we need to do everything we can to see that students are promoted." He would like to see a follow-up retreat in a year. Auclair mentioned that the first Parent Advisory Meeting was held on July 8th. Topics covered communication and making sure parents are educated in the lingo for the educational terms. The next meeting is next Wednesday, August 4th, at 7 p.m. here at the WACTC. He invited parents, teachers, citizens, etc. to come. Extended his apologies to the Korean Vets because he was unable to attend the dedication of the memorial.

M. Bileau: He attended the retreat also. Asked about the fire alarm system in the WACTC building. Dr. D'Acchioli hadn't gotten a recent update from Mr. Riley. Nancy Belisle, WACTC secretary, was recording the minutes for the meeting and notified them that the system is operational at this time. Mr. Bileau spoke to Bill Legare of Valley Transportation about bus drivers and he told Bileau that they have everyone they need and more for the start of school. The drivers get 100 hours of training before they can pick up students, which exceeds state requirements. Mr. Bileau has gotten calls about putting a sign directing people to the Harris School, because it's behind Mt. St. Francis and it would help grandparents, parents, etc., in finding it. Mr. Bileau attended the dedication of the Korean War Monument.

J. Ward: Congratulated the vets for putting on a great ceremony. He was unable to attend. Thanked Dr. Flaherty and others from the Dept. of Education for the retreat. Asked about requests to put in place a directive to limit idling busses outside of schools. Dr. D'Acchioli contacted Mr. Legare and he said that they already do shut the diesel busses off. Mr. Ward suggested the same thing for the Marriott truck. He also wants signs put up about no idling outside schools and loading docks. Asked Dr. D'Acchioli to ask Mr. Parrillo to set aside some time for the WSC to tour all the school buildings prior to school opening. He was unable to attend the Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting, but congratulated everyone involved. He hopes to attend the next meeting. Ward was in contact with a former PTO member, Diane Begin, regarding information regarding revision of the bi-laws back in the early 90's. Congratulated Mr. Dubois on becoming chairman and offered his assistance if it's needed.

Public session ended at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Motion to convene into Executive Session: J. Ward Second: A. Auclair/ M. Williams
Roll Call Vote: JW – yes / MW – yes / AA – yes / MD – yes / MB - yes

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy G. Belisle
 Substitute WSC Recording Secretary