

MINUTES  
WOONSOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011**  
**7:30 PM – OPEN SESSION**  
**Woonsocket Middle School @ Hamlet**  
**60 Florence Drive, Woonsocket, RI 02895**

**Call to Order by Mr. Dubois.**  
**Moment of Silence**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Marc Dubois, Chairman	Present
	Eleanor Nadeau, Vice Chairwoman	Present
	Linda Majewski	Present
	Anita McGuire-Forcier	Absent
	Vimala Phongsavanh	Present

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**PUBLIC GOOD & WELFARE:**

**Prior to the start of Public Good & Welfare, Chairman Dubois reported that the collective bargaining was continued to a future meeting.**

**Denise Auclair, PAC Co-Chair:** Wanted the WSC members to experience what the 9<sup>th</sup> graders going for scheduling are facing with the 6-period day schedule that was adopted. Her son is going into the 10<sup>th</sup> grade and was one of 10 students chosen for the ROTC. He also wanted a college-prep course and his band class. "He bumped one of his classes that he needed to graduate to his senior year so he could fit another class into his schedule. We're waiting to find out if it might be available through e-Learning. A guidance counselor said that they had seen 25 kids that had to make hard choices that same day and were very upset."

**Estelle Bubble, Woonsocket resident and Teacher Assistant:** Wanted to see if they had made a decision on moving the playground from Second Avenue School to Fifth Avenue School because she has people lined up to do it. Dr. Gerardi confirmed that Chris Beauchamp could install it. Mrs. Bubble added that Ray Riel is involved and is in construction. Dr. Gerardi didn't have the contact info for Mr. Riel. He has asked Mr. Fontaine to get in touch with Mr. Beauchamp and take a look at it to see if the equipment can be dug out without damaging it. Bubble will email Mr. Riel's contact info to Dr. Gerardi.

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**RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Robert Gerardi**

Dr. Gerardi congratulated Leonora Hughes, Lodging Management Program instructor at Woonsocket Career & Technical Center, who was named RI Teacher of the Year by the American Hotel & Lodging Association. She will be honored on June 15, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia, along with fellow teachers from throughout the United States. He also congratulated the Woonsocket High Baseball team for their recent 8 to 5 win over Davies. He congratulated Renay Sawyer, Grade 3 teacher at Citizens Memorial School, for organizing the Box Tops collection for the Citizens Memorial School. Because of her efforts, the school received several hundred dollars to use for school items. On behalf of Mr. Celio, Gerardi recognized the building maintenance people who did such a wonderful job putting the new cafeteria floor in at Fifth Avenue School.

Motion to receive and place on file: L. Majewski 2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Dubois (Unanimously Approved)

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 7, 2011 SPECIAL OPEN; April 13, 2011 OPEN/CLOSED**

Motion to approve as corrected: L. Majewski 2<sup>nd</sup>: V. Phongsavanh (Unan. Approved)

Mrs. Majewski made a correction on Pg. 4 of the Open Session for April 7, 2011, in the last paragraph. Instead of "the consultant payments could come out of Title II", it should read: ***The consultant salaries could come out of Title II.***

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda with the following exemptions: V. Phongsavanh**

\*Purchases/Transfers Over \$2,000: Clean Care of N.E. & Western Oil, Inc. removed by L. Majewski

**2<sup>nd</sup>: E. Nadeau (Unanimously Approved)**

CONSENT AGENDA:

**1. Personnel Actions**

Certified Appointments/Non-Certified Appointments

**2. Purchases/Transfers Over \$2,000**

***Clean Care of N.E./Emergency Services/WHS/Local removed by L. Majewski***

CCF/Contract Services/Grants & Assessment/Title I ARRA Grant

Curriculum Associates, Inc./Ed. Supplies/WMS/ARRA IDEA B Grant

Frey Scientific/Ed. Supplies/Mt. St. Charles/title II Grant

***Western Oil, Inc./Repairs/Bernon Heights/Local by L. Majewski***

**3. Field Trip/Conference Requests: NONE**

**4. Home Schooling Requests: NONE**

**5. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

EXEMPTIONS FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

**2) Purchases/Transfers Over \$2,000:**

***Clean Care of N.E. / Emergency Services (\$7,690.72 Local):*** Mrs. Majewski asked what this expenditure was for. Mrs. Busby explained that this was a service to clean the drain in the Biotech lab at the high school that was backing up and causing a health hazard. "The grant that was going to pay for it fell through, so we are paying for out of our capital improvement funds," said Busby.

***Western Oil, Inc. / Repairs at Bernon Heights (\$2,000 Local):*** Mrs. Majewski asked what this was for. Busby explained that this was to address water in the oil tank at Bernon Heights by pumping it out.

**Motion to approve both exemptions: E. Nadeau**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: L. Majewski (Unanimously Approved)**

**COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Ms. Phongsavanh announced that the next Health and Wellness Committee meeting will be on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the WMS @ Hamlet at 3:30 p.m. They will discuss bullying issues. Mrs. Majewski reported that the Curriculum Committee met on Monday and is looking at revising the policies in light of the changes that were made. She would like the secondary grading policy put back on the agenda for revision, as well as the policy for the middle school since students will need to pass more of their courses to move to the high school because of the number of units required. Their next meeting will be next Monday at 3:30 p.m. SELAC will meet the first Thursday in June at 6:30 p.m. at Pothier Elementary.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

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**CONFERENCES**

**Parent Involvement Presentation--NEFEPA (L. Filomeno):** She attended a conference for Title 1 Directors and IDEA Directors along with Dr. Gerardi, Stacey Busby, and Carole Lerner. They participated in a workshop that was very interesting and she wanted to bring the information to the WSC. "It could bring together all of our initiatives for parent involvement under our strategic plan," she said. She discussed six types of involvement to work towards a goal for student learning or behavior. "This model was done by the Michigan State Title 1 Director," Filomeno noted. A sample of the action plan for one year was provided, as well as sample practices. She asked the WSC to consider this approach for designing an action plan for the Woonsocket school district and possibly holding a workshop to discuss it further. Dr. Gerardi said that he was extremely impressed with what they are doing in Michigan and that is why he wanted to present it here.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Gerardi**

Dr. Gerardi announced that he recorded a message this afternoon that will go out to all parents and guardians by phone through our all-call system. The message was that the dress code policy that has been in effect since the beginning of the year will continue to be enforced. He wants parents and guardians to know that if their children do not comply with the dress code, they will receive consequences. He asked that parents and guardians help the WED by reinforcing this policy with their children.

**Motion to receive and place on file: E. Nadeau**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: L. Majewski (Unanimously Approved)**

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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOOD & WELFARE:**

**V. Phongsavanh:** Pass.

**M. Dubois:** Thanked Dave Richards of WOON Radio for continuing to broadcast the WSC meetings free of charge and not interrupting the broadcast with commercials. He noted that tonight's meeting will be available through the station's website because Game 7 of the Bruins playoffs will be broadcast instead. He was glad that Dr. Gerardi did the all-call to put students and parents on notice about the uniforms.

**L. Majewski:** Said that when the WSC voted on the grading policy, at the meeting she asked that the grading scale be placed on the report card so that people would know what the corresponding number grade is. It wasn't done and she would like a notification to go out to them now. Majewski noted that she did vote "no" on the grading policy change—she wanted the public to know that. She thanked everyone for coming tonight.

**E. Nadeau:** Pass.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.: L. Majewski

**2<sup>nd</sup>: E. Nadeau (Unanimously Approved)**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy G. Belisle, WSC Recording Secretary