

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AUGUST 14, 2012
JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE
6:30 P.M.

This meeting was called to order by James A. Williamson, Jr., Chairman.

Members Present:

James A. Williamson, Jr., Chairman
Sean M. Murphy, Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth B. Brunero, Clerk
Joseph Florio, Jr.
Vincent D. Bradley

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David G. Lussier, Esquire

Attorney Present:

Administrators Present:

Kenneth M. Sheehan, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Caroline Caswell, Assistant Superintendent of
Schools
Brian Dillon, Principal, John F. Deering Middle
School
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform,
Compliance and Technology
Michael R. Petrarca, Director of Administration and
Transportation
Karen Tarasevich, Principal, West Warwick High
School
Kenneth Townsend, Director of Property Services and
Transportation
Paul Vigeant, Director of Special Education and Pupil/
Personnel Services

Recording Secretary:

Michelle M. Colozzo

1. Open Session

Open Session

Mr. Williamson opened the meeting at 5:40 P.M.

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2. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present:
Mr. Williamson, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Brunero,
Mr. Florio, and Mr. Bradley.

3. Motion to go into Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session according to RI General Laws 42-46-4 and 42-46-5, Subsection (a) Paragraphs 1 and 2

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR.
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GO INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION ACCORDING TO RI
GENERAL LAWS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5,
SUBSECTION (a), PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2.**

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The
following members voted in the affirmative: Sean M.
Murphy, Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero,
Joseph Florio, Jr., and James A. Williamson, Jr.
Motion unanimously passed.

4. Executive Session

Executive Session

- a) Personnel**
- b) Litigation**
- c) Contracts**

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

5. Open Session

Open Session

6. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present:
Mr. Williamson, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Brunero,
Mr. Florio, and Mr. Bradley.

7. Reading of Mission Statement

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Mrs. Brunero read the Mission Statement of the West
Warwick Public Schools.

*The West Warwick Public Schools, in partnership with
the entire community, is dedicated to providing all
learners with access and opportunity to a challenging*

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comprehensive education while developing 21st Century Skills in a safe, personalized learning environment.

8. Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

MOTION

Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

MOTION MADE BY VINCENT D. BRADLEY THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Sean M. Murphy, Joseph Florio, Jr., Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Williamson said one housekeeping item: we have a change in the meeting schedule—it came to our attention that the September meeting is scheduled for the same day as the primary, so we are moving the September meeting up to the 18th at 6:30 here. He said we also have personnel matters to deal with, so we will have a special meeting on August 23rd at 4 o'clock at the administration building.

9. Student Recognition

Student Recognition

Mr. Sheehan said that he has invited John Morrison, a graduate of West Warwick High School so that the School Committee could recognize him for being named the Providence Journal 2012 Honor Roll Boy. He said as you may be aware, the Providence Journal names one male and one female in the state. Mr. Sheehan said John has received a \$5000 scholarship; he said it is an honor to have one of West Warwick's finest student athletes be recognized—we are very proud of him.

The School Committee honored and congratulated John Morrison and presented him with a certificate.

10. Audience of Citizens

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None.

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11. Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report

Mr. Williamson said he would pass on his report.

12. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Sheehan said he will be making a presentation in September about the classification system.

13. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

a) Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes: July 9, 2012

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b) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: July 9, 2012

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c) Approval: Executive Session Minutes: July 10, 2012

c) Approval: Executive Session Minutes: July 10, 2012

d) Approval: Open Session Minutes: July 10, 2012

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e) Approval: Payment of Bills: \$1,539,968.28

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY VINCENT D. BRADLEY THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Sean M. Murphy, Joseph Florio, Jr., Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

14. Presentation: Standards-Based Report-Card Reporting/Approval of Trimesters – John F. Deering Middle School

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Mr. Sheehan introduced Mr. Buddy Comet, a 6th grade teacher, and Mr. Brian Dillon, Principal of John F. Deering Middle School.

Mr. Comet gave a presentation on standards-based report cards.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY VINCENT D. BRADLEY THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE TRIMESTERS AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The School Committee had a brief discussion. The following members voted in the affirmative: Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

15. Approval: Revised 2012-2013 School Calendar

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Mr. Sheehan said in light of the vote just taken, he is recommending the School Committee approve the revised calendar which reflects Deering Middle School's move to trimesters.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY VINCENT D. BRADLEY THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REVISED 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR. Motion seconded by Sean M. Murphy. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Elizabeth B. Brunero, Sean M. Murphy, Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

16. Presentation: Classification System

Presentation: Classification System

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee table this item and place it on the September agenda.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY VINCENT D. BRADLEY THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THE PRESENTATION ON THE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted

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in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion to table unanimously passed.

17. Approval: Proposal for Health and Physical Education Requirements at West Warwick High School

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Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the proposal for health and physical education requirements at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY VINCENT D. BRADLEY THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

18. Discussion: Request for Forensic Audit

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Mr. Bradley said he asked for this item because of the nature of how the department was organized for many years. He said Mr. Petrarca did everything that the department was responsible for, and he worked most Saturdays and Sundays. Mr. Bradley said he thought some form of audit should be made. He said that he probably used the wrong terminology; he had talked to the auditor who said there was an extension of the audit that they could do that would cost approximately \$15,000-\$20,000.

Mr. Bradley said his suggestion is that we table this, but that someone in the organization sit down with the auditor and make a recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. Williamson asked Mr. Bradley if he was requesting this, and Mr. Bradley said he leaves it up to the Chairman to assign the next step.

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19. Approval: Second Reading: Revised Policies

Approval: Second Reading: Revised Policies

- a) Attendance Policies
 - 1) High School
 - 2) Middle School
 - 3) Elementary School
- b) Sexual Harassment Policy
- c) Instructional Organization
- d) Curriculum
- e) Student Awards and Incentives
- f) Placement, Promotion and Retention
- g) Curriculum Guides
- h) Transportation

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the second reading of the following revised policies:

- a) Attendance Policies
 - 1) High School
 - 2) Middle School
 - 3) Elementary School
- b) Sexual Harassment Policy
- c) Instructional Organization
- d) Curriculum
- e) Student Awards and Incentives
- f) Placement, Promotion and Retention
- g) Curriculum Guides
- h) Transportation

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY VINCENT D. BRADLEY THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE FOLLOWING REVISED POLICIES:

- a) Attendance Policies
 - 1) High School
 - 2) Middle School
 - 3) Elementary School
- b) Sexual Harassment Policy
- c) Instructional Organization
- d) Curriculum
- e) Student Awards and Incentives
- f) Placement, Promotion and Retention

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g) Curriculum Guides

h) Transportation

20. Approval: Second Reading: Homeschool Policy

Approval: Second Reading: Homeschool Policy

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the second reading of the Homeschool Policy.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY VINCENT D. BRADLEY THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE HOMESCHOOL POLICY. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr. Sean M. Murphy, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

21. Approval: Renewal of Contract: Answering Service

Approval: Renewal of Contract: Answering Service

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the renewal of the contract with Judy Cavalieri to provide answering services for the West Warwick Public Schools for the 2012-2013 school year at a cost of \$1700 per month for a 10-month period—there is no increase in the annual contract.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY VINCENT D. BRADLEY THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH JUDY CAVALIERI TO PROVIDE THE ANSWERING SERVICES FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Sean M. Murphy, Joseph Florio, Jr., Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

22. Approval: Renewal of Contract: School Physician

Approval: Renewal of Contract: School Physician

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the renewal of the contract with Thundermist

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Health Center to continue to provide school physician services for the West Warwick Public Schools during the 2012-2013 school year at a cost of \$7500 for a 10-month period.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY VINCENT D. BRADLEY THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH THUNDERMIST HEALTH CENTER TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS DURING THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR AT A COST OF \$7500 FOR A 10-MONTH PERIOD. Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley, for discussion.

Mr. Murphy asked if there is a physician present at all home games including the playoffs, and Mr. Sheehan said yes. Mr. Vigeant said it is the exact same contract as last year.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

23. Approval: Renewal of Contract: School Dentist

Approval: Renewal of Contract: School Dentist

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the contract renewal for Dr. Albert Arcand to continue to provide dental services for the West Warwick Public Schools during the 2012-2013 school year, at a cost of \$500 per month for a 10-month period.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR DR. ALBERT ARCAND TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE DENTAL SERVICES FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS DURING THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR, AT A COST OF \$500 PER MONTH FOR A 10-MONTH PERIOD. Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley. The

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following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

24. Approval: Discretionary Leave

Approval: Discretionary Leave: Grade 6 Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the request for discretionary leave during the 2012-2013 school year from Alicia Proulx, Grade 6 teacher at John F. Deering Middle School. He said that Alicia Proulx has been offered an Induction Coach position for the Rhode Island Department of Education for this coming school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR DISCRETIONARY LEAVE DURING THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR FROM ALICIA PROULX, GRADE 6 TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

25. Approval: Maternity/ Parental Leave

Approval: Maternity/Parental Leave: Grade 2 Collaborative Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the request for maternity/parental leave from Coreen Gingerella, Grade 2 Collaborative Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR MATERNITY/PARENTAL LEAVE FROM COREEN GINGERELLA, GRADE 2 COLLABORATIVE TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion

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seconded by Vincent D. Bradley. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

26. Approval: Modification of Resignation Date – Director of Administration and Transportation

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Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the modification of the resignation date of Michael Petrarca, Director of Administration and Transportation, to August 31, 2012. He said that Mr. Petrarca will be working five additional days to make sure there is a smooth transition with regard to the payroll which is a very complex process.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MODIFICATION OF THE RESIGNATION DATE OF MICHAEL PETRARCA, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND TRANSPORTATION, TO AUGUST 31, 2012.

Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley. The following members voted in the affirmative: Sean M. Murphy, Joseph Florio, Jr., Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

27. Acceptance of Resignation for Retirement Purposes

Acceptance of Resignation for Retirement Purposes: Reading Specialist – West Warwick High School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Margaret-Mary Ragosta from the position of Reading Specialist at West Warwick High School, effective immediately.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES OF MARGARET-MARY RAGOSTA FROM THE POSITION OF READING

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SPECIALIST AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley. The following members voted in the affirmative: Sean M. Murphy, Joseph Florio, Jr., Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

28. Acceptance of Resignations

Acceptance of Resignations:

- a. Reading Specialist – John F. Horgan Elementary School**
- b. Elementary S.M.I.L.E. Leader**
- c. Teacher Assistant – Summer NECAP Preparation Program**
- d. Teacher Assistant – On Layoff**
- e. Part-Time Custodian – Wakefield Hills Elementary School**
- f. Head Co-Ed Soccer Coach – West Warwick High School**
- g. Assistant Co-Ed Soccer Coach – West Warwick High School**
- h. Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coach – John F. Deering Middle School**

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee accept the resignations of:

- a) Mara Cole from the position of Reading Specialist at John F. Horgan Elementary School
- b) Geri Giroux from the position of Elementary S.M.I.L.E. Leader
- c) Lynn Kilkenny from the position of Teacher Assistant in the Summer NECAP Preparation Program
- d) Christian Riley from the position of Teacher Assistant On Layoff
- e) Dani Pimentel from the position of Part-Time Custodian at Wakefield Hills Elementary School
- f) Richard Grenier from the position of Head Co-Ed Soccer Coach at West Warwick High School

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- g) Greg Gonsalves from the position of Assistant Co-Ed Soccer Coach at West Warwick High School
- h) Kristen Nelson from the position of Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coach at John F. Deering Middle School

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF:

- a) **MARA COLE FROM THE POSITION OF READING SPECIALIST AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- b) **GERI GIROUX FROM THE POSITION OF ELEMENTARY S.M.I.L.E. LEADER**
- c) **LYNN KILKENNY FROM THE POSITION OF TEACHER ASSISTANT IN THE SUMMER NECAP PREPARATION PROGRAM**
- d) **CHRISTIAN RILEY FROM THE POSITION OF TEACHER ASSISTANT ON LAYOFF**
- e) **DANI PIMENTEL FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME CUSTODIAN AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- f) **RICHARD GRENIER FROM THE POSITION OF HEAD CO-ED SOCCER COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**
- g) **GREG GONSALVES FROM THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CO-ED SOCCER COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**
- h) **KRISTEN NELSON FROM THE POSITION OF HEAD CO-ED CHEERLEADING COACH AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

29. Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

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- a) **Director of Financial Operations**

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Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Margaret Baker to the position of Director of Financial Operations.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET BAKER TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS. Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley.

Mr. Vigeant said Margaret Baker is a 1994 graduate of Johnson and Wales University, having received a B.S. degree and went on to obtain her M.B.A. in May 2005 from Bryant University. He spoke about her experience in the private sector and said she has worked as the Assistant Business Manager for the Pawtucket School Department since 2008.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. The following member voted in the negative: Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 1.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Margaret Baker.

b) .5 Assistant Special Education Director

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Denise DiFranco to the position of .5 Assistant Special Education Director during the 2012-2013 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DENISE DIFRANCO TO THE POSITION OF .5 ASSISTANT SPECIAL

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EDUCATION DIRECTOR DURING THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley.

Mr. Vigeant said Denise DiFranco has worked in the capacity of Assistant to the Special Education Director during the 2011-2012 school year and she is a retired Special Education teacher of the school system.

Mr. Vigeant said Mrs. DiFranco is the only certified candidate who applied for the upcoming school year.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Sean M. Murphy, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Denise DiFranco.

c) .5 Industrial Technology Teacher – West Warwick High School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Peter Laurie to the position of .5 Industrial Technology Teacher at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PETER LAURIE TO THE POSITION OF .5 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

d) .5 Mathematics Teacher – Maisie Quinn Alternative Program

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Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Marcelline Zambuco to the position of .5 Mathematics Teacher in the Maisie Quinn Alternative Program for the 2012-2013 School Year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARCELLINE ZAMBUCO TO THE POSITION OF .5 MATHEMATICS TEACHER IN THE MAISIE QUINN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley.

Mr. Vigeant said Mrs. Zambuco has worked as a math teacher for over 30 years, she is a retired teacher and was the only qualified candidate who applied. He said this would be her third year in this position.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

e) .5 Science Teacher – Maisie Quinn Alternative Program

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of William James to the position of .5 Science Teacher in the Maisie Quinn Alternative Program.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM JAMES TO THE POSITION OF .5 SCIENCE TEACHER IN THE MAISIE QUINN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM. Motion seconded by Sean M. Murphy.

Mr. Vigeant said Mr. James was not present.

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The following members voted in the affirmative:
Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

f) Long-Term Substitute English Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Margaux Michaud to the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School for the 2012-2013 school year.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARGAUX MICHAUD TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE ENGLISH TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley.

MOTION

Mr. Vigeant said Margaux Michaud is a 2006 graduate of Rhode Island College having received a Bachelor of Arts in English and completed her teacher certification at Providence College in 2011. He said she student taught at West Warwick High School and comes highly recommended by her cooperating supervising teacher.

The following members voted in the affirmative:
Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Margaux Michaud.

g) Long-Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

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Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Lori Lang to the position of Long-Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective August 28th through November 30th.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LORI LANG TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 28TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 30TH.

Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley.

Mr. Vigeant said that Lori Lang graduated in December 1998 from URI having a major in Early Childhood and has worked in several long-term positions for the West Warwick Public Schools.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vincent D. Bradley, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

- h) Teacher – 21st Century Community Learning Center (Grade 5 Transition Program – Summer)**
- i) Certified Staff – Jump Start to Kindergarten Program – John F. Horgan Elementary School**
- j) Teacher Assistants – Jump Start to Kindergarten Program – John F. Horgan Elementary School**
- k) Teacher Assistant – Summer NECAP Preparation Program – Wakefield Hills Elementary School**
- l) School Newspaper Co-Advisors – John F. Deering Middle School**

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m) S.M.I.L.E. Leaders – John F. Deering Middle School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointments of the following individuals:

- h) Tessa Nunes to the position of Teacher in the 21st Century Community Learning Center (Gr. 5 Transition Program – Summer)
- i) Amanda Bagley, Lynn Dion, Melissa O’Keefe, Aimee Petrangelo, and Gina Richards to the positions of Certified Staff in the Jump Start to Kindergarten Program at John F. Horgan Elementary School
- j) Paula Gardosik and Lynn Killen to the positions of Teacher Assistants in the Jump Start to Kindergarten Program at John F. Horgan Elementary School
- k) Joyce Thornton to the position of Teacher Assistant in the Summer NECAP Preparation Program at Wakefield Hills Elementary School
- l) Pamela Kershaw and Melissa Pare-Rogers to the positions of School Newspaper Co-Advisors at John F. Deering Middle School
- m) Pamela Kershaw and Geraldine Giroux to the positions of S.M.I.L.E. Leaders at John F. Deering Middle School

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

- h) Tessa Nunes to the position of Teacher in the 21st Century Community Learning Center (Gr. 5 Transition Program – Summer)**
- i) Amanda Bagley, Lynn Dion, Melissa O’Keefe, Aimee Petrangelo, and Gina Richards to the positions of Certified Staff in the Jump Start to Kindergarten**

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Program at John F. Horgan Elementary School

- j) Paula Gardosik and Lynn Killen to the positions of Teacher Assistants in the Jump Start to Kindergarten Program at John F. Horgan Elementary School**
- k) Joyce Thornton to the position of Teacher Assistant in the Summer NECAP Preparation Program at Wakefield Hills Elementary School**
- l) Pamela Kershaw and Melissa Pare-Rogers to the positions of School Newspaper Co-Advisors at John F. Deering Middle School**
- m) Pamela Kershaw and Geraldine Giroux to the positions of S.M.I.L.E. Leaders at John F. Deering Middle School**

Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

30. Approval of Contract

Approval of Contract: Director of Financial Operations

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the contract of Margaret Baker, Director of Financial Operations.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT OF MARGARET BAKER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley. The following members voted in the affirmative: Sean M. Murphy, Joseph Florio, Jr., Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

31. Approval of Contract

Approval of Contract: Assistant Special Education Director

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Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the contract of Denise DiFranco, Assistant Special Education Director for the 2012-2013 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT OF DENISE DIFRANCO, ASSISTANT SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR, FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley. The following members voted in the affirmative: Sean M. Murphy, Joseph Florio, Jr., Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

32. Approval of Revised Job Description

Approval of Revised Job Description: Assistant Director of Educational Reform, Compliance, and Technology

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the revised job description of Frank Mealy, Assistant Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION OF FRANK MEALY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL REFORM, COMPLIANCE, AND TECHNOLOGY. Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Sean M. Murphy, Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

33. Approval: Revised Contract: Assistant Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology

Approval: Revised Contract: Assistant Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the revised contract of Frank Mealy, Assistant Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REVISED CONTRACT OF FRANK MEALY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL REFORM, COMPLIANCE AND TECHNOLOGY. Motion seconded by Vincent D. Bradley. The following members voted in the affirmative: Sean M. Murphy, Joseph Florio, Jr., Vincent D. Bradley, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

34. Audience of Citizens

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Felix Appolonia of 10 Fernwood Drive, said he is a lifelong West Warwick resident. Mr. Appolonia expressed concerns about the information that is being circulated out in the public concerning the actual costs of educating students in the West Warwick Public Schools. Mr. Sheehan responded to Mr. Appolonia's questions.

35. School Committee Discussion for the Good and Welfare of the School System

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Mr. Williamson said we are not doing reports this month. Mr. Monti said Mr. Mealy is away on vacation, but he did text him and he wanted to thank the School Committee for the affirmative vote.

Mr. Bradley said he thinks the School Committee should think about changing the location of the School Committee meetings to the Senior Center.

Mr. Bradley also spoke about the lack of hope in the entire country right now.

Mr. Sheehan spoke about the sense of hope he experiences in the schools; he said our kids are upbeat and our educators are motivating. Mr. Sheehan also said that the culture in our schools is that our students accept one another 100%.

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36. Adjournment

Adjournment

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR.
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADJOURN
THE MEETING.** Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Vincent D. Bradley, Sean M. Murphy Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., and James A. Williamson, Jr. Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth B. Brunero, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder