

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
JANUARY 8, 2013
JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE
5:30 P.M.

This meeting was called to order by Sean M. Murphy, Chairman.

Members Present:

Sean M. Murphy, Chairman
Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vice-Chairman
Christopher R. Messier, Clerk
Joseph Florio, Jr.
Stephen H. Lawton

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Andrew Henneous, Esquire

Attorney Present:

Administrators Present:

Kenneth M. Sheehan, Superintendent of Schools
Margaret Baker, Director of Financial Operations
Gregory Kortick, Athletic Director
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform,
Compliance and Technology
Donna M. Peluso, Principal, John F. Horgan
Elementary School
Philip Solomon, Assistant Principal, West Warwick
High School
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. Murphy opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

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2. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present:
Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Brunero, Mr. Messier,
Mr. Florio, and Mr. Lawton.

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) Paragraph 2

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ACCORDING TO RI GENERAL LAWS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5, SUBSECTION (a), PARAGRAPH 2. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. 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

Open Session began at 6:45 P.M.

6. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present:
Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Brunero, Mr. Messier,
Mr. Florio, and Mr. Lawton.

7. Reading of Mission Statement

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Mr. Lawton read the Mission Statement of the West Warwick Public Schools.

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The West Warwick Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, is dedicated to providing all learners with access and opportunity to a challenging 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 JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

9. Student Representative

Student Representative

Madison Fisher, Student Council President at West Warwick High School, reported on upcoming events at West Warwick High School, including:

- The third blood drive will be held on February 1st.
- Mid-term exams will take place February 18th through February 24th.

10. Staff Recognition

Staff Recognition

The School Committee recognized Elaine Smith and Fatima Barbosa for achieving National Board Certification.

11. Audience of Citizens

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None.

12. Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report

Mr. Murphy welcomed everyone to the first full meeting since the November election officially. He

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said he would also like to congratulate Steve Lawton and Chris Messier for being elected. Mr. Murphy said he has complete confidence in their abilities—they both have children in the system and they have the ability to listen to constituent's needs and have the objectiveness to discuss matters civilly with the full committee and do their best to be fiscally sound.

Mr. Murphy said the School Committee will be transparent and always available. He said some school districts don't offer an Audience of Citizens which we do twice—we encourage people to come up. Mr. Murphy said we recognize we are a department of the town and we need to have positive relations. We can't continue to neglect education or safety issues—we have to overcome pressure to cut programs—and that is his goal as chairman of the committee. He also hopes that when children leave West Warwick they will have the skills they need to have in college and the workplace.

13. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Sheehan said that he would forego his report and add it to the February meeting. He said at that time, we will have been more than halfway through the school year, and he will give a State of the West Warwick Schools address: where we are, where we have been, and where we are going, and he will have copies for the press.

14. Consent Agenda

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a) Approval: Executive Session Minutes: November 13, 2012

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c) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: November 19, 2012

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d) Approval: Payment of Bills: \$617,669.10

MOTION

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MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

15. Approval: Homeschool Plans

MOTION

Approval: Homeschool Plans

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the homeschool plan submitted by Jennifer Smith to provide homeschooling for her child for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE HOMESCHOOL PLAN SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER SMITH TO PROVIDE HOMESCHOOLING FOR HER CHILD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

16. Update: West Warwick Public Schools Security Measures Taken and What the Future Holds

Update: West Warwick Public Schools Security Measures Taken and What the Future Holds

Mr. Townsend provided an update for the School Committee.

Mr. Townsend said the Monday after the tragedy in Newtown, he met with the critical incident team consisting of employees, teachers, social workers to go over the critical incident plans and to have plans in place. The districtwide safety team committee had a meeting, and the recommendation was to put a subcommittee together to go over security measures

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throughout the district which would include representation from the School Committee, Town Council, law enforcement, the Trust, and our security company. Mr. Townsend said the reason we haven't put that together yet is that the state has asked for our critical incident plans which we have sent to the state for review. They are supposed to be getting back to us about the direction they will go. Mr. Townsend said we wanted to be a little ahead of them so we have started putting plans together. He said we had our door company come in because a lot of the doors in the district don't close properly, and we are looking at taking care of those. Mr. Townsend said as soon as he gets all of that information, he will put that information together and he will have the subcommittee meet and he hopes the state comes up with their directives and he is hoping they come up with some money. Mr. Townsend said just exterior doors and some type of secure buzzing system at the main entrances is approximately \$400,000; and that includes no security force—no labor. He said we are looking at putting a security force together and to monitor people entering and exiting the buildings.

Mr. Townsend said he will continue to work with the state and will continue to have critical incident meetings. He said we will do our normal drills for these types of incidents and we will continue to move forward.

Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Townsend for his update.

Mr. Messier asked would it be better to have the committee named and ready to go when the state directives come down so that we are ready to go. Mr. Townsend said we have already contacted the Town Council president to give us a name. He said he needs to get all of his information put together—he doesn't want to meet prematurely—he wants to have enough information—he wants to have answers to questions. Mr. Florio said we don't know if this will be a legislature bill. Mr. Townsend said he hasn't heard.

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Mr. Sheehan said the state is in committees from the commissioner looking at a state bid to purchase security equipment. He said we don't have \$400,000—we really have to look at some state assistance—they are looking for state bid assistance.

Mr. Townsend said he has been in touch with property services directors throughout the state, and West Warwick is ahead of most communities—a lot of schools are looking at putting Columbine locks which we already have except for Quinn—he feels we are ahead of the curve. Mr. Townsend said as part of the UASI grant, 9 communities received money in the last four or five years which allowed us to put in surveillance cameras at the high school and middle school and Greenbush.

Mr. Florio asked how do we handle opening doors from the inside. Mr. Townsend said the high school and middle school have receptionists, so the front door is open. He said we are checking doors to make sure they latch properly. Regarding the elementary schools, we met as an administrative team along with the principals and we came up with the decision to lock all the doors at the elementary schools, and the secretaries and clerks will ask who they are and let them in. Mr. Messier asked if Wakefield Hills is the same. Mr. Townsend said yes, you only get in the lobby and you can't get any further; Greenbush is the same way.

Mr. Florio asked what about the vendors coming in the back of the high school and middle school. Mr. Townsend said food service comes to the high school, and if it is one of his vendors, they contact him and a maintenance man or custodian will be with them. Mr. Sheehan said Mr. Lawton and Mr. Florio have volunteered to be on the committee. Mr. Townsend said unless anything else comes up, it will be a week or two. Mr. Florio asked going out of the building, will that be a problem, and Mr. Townsend said no.

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Mr. Townsend said at the front doors at the high school, the receptionist has been moved forward, and they wanted to put up a barrier to funnel kids to the counter, but that violates the fire code—there would be no fire exits because they would be blocked.

The School Committee thanked Mr. Townsend for his update.

17. Presentation: West Warwick High School CALL Initiative

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Mrs. Patricia D'Alfonso gave a presentation to the School Committee on the West Warwick High School Call Initiative.

Mrs. D'Alfonso said last March she was contacted by the AFT National Office with an opportunity they thought she may be interested in bringing to the high school: Brown University was putting a research group together and funding would provide professional development for teachers at the national level. Mrs. D'Alfonso said she approached Karen Tarasevich, and they met with the department leaders because we needed a Math, English, Science, and Social Studies teacher to participate in the grant; it would require a lot of time, but they felt it would be beneficial. We were talking about not using department heads/leaders but trying to build a second tier of leadership. Mrs. D'Alfonso said literacy has been the talk of the town since 2008, and West Warwick and the high school is ahead of the game. She said we went through a rigorous application process—of 60 high schools that applied, they chose 9, and we were one of them. The teachers committed to a lot of work.

The high school test scores zoomed to the top in the state—81% met or exceeded proficiency. The teachers participated about three hours per week—it's a long-term process which started last summer and continues through next year. The 9 Social Studies,

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Math, Science, and English teachers met and they learned from each other. They will identify four more teachers who will go through the process next year. This is really a feather in the cap of West Warwick High School. Mrs. D'Alfonso said she believes we were selected because of the foundation the high school already had in literacy—she thinks they saw us as being able to contribute to the process.

Mr. Sheehan said in 2007, this high school was in fact Central Falls—it was going to be taken over by the state—the high school was low-performing and the district was low-performing. As part of the District Negotiated Agreement, the high school started putting together strategies that would be approved by R.I.D.E. With the Scaffolded Literacy, they trained an entire staff through the Professional Development Academy. If someone said how did you get from 2007 to 82% of your students, it's primarily because of the work of Pat D'Alfonso and the high school teachers and the work of scaffolded literacy, and they went to Deering also. He said we didn't rest on our laurels—it's always about trying to stay ahead of the curve—this is why West Warwick is moving forward, and our student achievement is moving forward at the same time.

Mrs. D'Alfonso said there has been a significant shift in the common core standards as well.

Mr. Messier said it sounds like we have taken a very reactive approach and made it more pro-active. Mr. Sheehan said he gets a sense we don't have to set the bar—they are setting the bars for themselves which is even better. He said he is very proud of the teaching staff and the administrators in West Warwick—he couldn't be more pleased with the growth that has taken place with them as professionals, in how they teach our kids every single day.

The School Committee thanked Mrs. D'Alfonso for her presentation.

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18. Approval: Contract: School Committee Attorney

Approval: Contract: School Committee Attorney

Mr. Sheehan said as you have gone through the contract, he would recommend at this time that you approve the contract for the attorney for the West Warwick Public Schools. He said at the last meeting, Andrew Henneous of the firm of Brennan, Recupero, Cascione, Scungio and McAllister was appointed to that position.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT OF ANDREW HENNEOUS, ESQUIRE, SCHOOL COMMITTEE ATTORNEY. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Murphy said this is effective the first of the new year, and Mr. Sheehan said the ending date is June 30th—what the committee is looking at is whether the committee wants to put all of the attorney pieces under one firm—those three pieces are labor negotiations, School Committee, and Special Education. Currently the school department has Jon Anderson as the Special Education Attorney and we do not want to interrupt any cases currently going on. Mr. Sheehan said then we will do a cost savings analysis—will it be a cost saving to have Mr. Henneous as opposed to Mr. Anderson, and then we will make a decision in July whether to extend Mr. Henneous's duties or extend the contract.

Mr. Florio said he has worked with Mr. Henneous over the last six or eight months, and he highly recommends him.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated Mr. Henneous.

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19. Approval: Delivery Truck Bid Award

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Mr. Sheehan said what you have is a delivery truck bid, and he assumes Mr. Townsend is recommending that it go to Columbia Ford in Connecticut—it's up to the committee to decide—there are three companies listed. He said he would leave it to the School Committee's decision.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BID AWARD SUBMITTED BY COLUMBIA FORD, 234 ROUTE 6, COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,474.96 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2012 – 550 SERIES DELIVERY TRUCK. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Lawton asked about the bid from Columbia Ford in Connecticut—there are no hidden charges, no delivery fees? Mr. Townsend said the bid is what is on the paper. Mr. Florio asked about the 18-24 weeks delivery. Mr. Townsend said they order from Ford. Mr. Florio said Flood Ford is a 12-week delivery. Mr. Townsend said last time there was a 12-week delivery and we didn't get it until 18 weeks—they put it in the bid specs, but they really have no control—it has to do with the manufacturer of the trucks who sets delivery of the trucks. Mr. Townsend said this is a two-wheel drive, and most of the trucks built for New England are four-wheel drive.

Mr. Townsend said the bid specs only called for a two-wheel drive delivery truck and Columbia Ford will deliver it to him. Mr. Messier said so the delivery time frame will be about the same.

Mr. Murphy said this truck is being purchased through a school-run program—there won't be any other cost? Mr. Sheehan said the discussion is the bid from Flood Ford of East Greenwich is \$800 more than the bid from Columbia, Connecticut. We always go to the

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low bid, but now you are looking at service, and they are right down the street.

Mr. Townsend said we service our own trucks, but we could bring it to any dealer. He said the town services all of our trucks from day one and it doesn't affect the warranty. He said the last pick up we purchased from Massachusetts, the warranty went to Tasca, and Tasca took care of us. Mr. Florio said he hates to see it go to someone out of state; in his mind, a local vendor is better, but he doesn't have a fighter in this fight.

Mr. Murphy said it is \$800 more, but it's not exceeding our budget, not coming off our bottom line. Mr. Messier asked why are we approving this, and Mr. Sheehan said because by statute, you have to. Mr. Messier said so this is our decision, not Sodexo's, and Mr. Sheehan said right. Mr. Lawton said they are getting the money out of the lunch fund. Mr. Florio asked they are the only companies that put in bids. Mr. Lawton said if they don't submit the bid by the bid date, they are not considered. Mr. Townsend said most companies were e-mailed, and his administrative assistant called all the Ford dealerships in the area. Mr. Sheehan said these trucks are not on the lot—it's custom made. Mr. Florio said if it's not making any difference where we get it and it's a low bid.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

20. Approval: Memorandum of Agreement

Approval: Memorandum of Agreement between the West Warwick Teachers' Alliance Re: Mutual Adoption of an Educator Evaluation Manual

Mr. Sheehan said because this is a contract item, the School Committee was given a presentation during Executive Session, and he recommended that the School Committee approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the West Warwick Teachers'

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Alliance Re: Mutual Adoption of an Educator Evaluation Manual.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WEST WARWICK TEACHERS' ALLIANCE RE: MUTUAL ADOPTION OF AN EDUCATOR EVALUATION MANUAL. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Lawton said in Executive Session, he was very impressed—it was good to hear that we are on the front end and not the back end.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

21. Approval: West Warwick High School 2013-2014 Program of Studies

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Mr. Sheehan said that he is bringing the Program of Studies for the high school probably a month earlier than usual because we are looking at the development of the master schedule earlier rather than later—we are looking at staffing and the budget process. Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the West Warwick High School 2013-2014 Program of Studies.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL 2013-2014 PROGRAM OF STUDIES. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Florio asked how does this affect our budget? Mr. Sheehan said there are safeguards built in—if you don't have the appropriate enrollment, the class won't

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run. It allows you to project the staffing you will need for next year and what the electives are that students will choose, so that Mrs. Baker and I have better numbers for the budget. Mr. Murphy asked why Portuguese, Spanish, and English are the only languages mentioned. Mrs. Tarasevich said any of our documentation, general education or special education, it is our responsibility to provide them in those languages because we do have significant populations in those languages.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

22. Discussion and Approval of the Sub-Committee to Name School Buildings

Discussion and Approval of the Sub-Committee to Name School Buildings

Mr. Sheehan said he was asked by the Chairman of the School Committee to place this item on the agenda for discussion and approval. He said it was the wish of the chair for the purpose of naming school buildings, cafeterias, etc.—having an appropriate venue policy by which to do this in the district – that is for your discussion.

Mr. Murphy said he is looking to put a sub-committee together—we have had buildings and scoreboards named in the past and we never had any sub-committees and he would like put together a committee with a former chairman of the School Committee, a former Athletic Director, a West Warwick School Committee member, a member of the Wizards' Association and a parent who is not a member of the Wizards Association.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE SAID COMPOSITION OF A SUB-COMMITTEE TO NAME SCHOOL BUILDINGS. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

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Mr. Sheehan asked is it your intention to form this sub-committee, and Mr. Murphy said yes.

Mr. Messier asked so when an item comes up, we could activate a committee? Mr. Messier asked if we have a list of potential sub-committees—we could put together a policy. He asked if we have a list of all the sub-committees we have put forward.

Mr. Florio said suppose Centreville or one of the banks or companies says we will give you \$5 million if you put our name on the high school; it's not limited to people in our community—it could be a benefactor? Mr. Murphy said that the committee would have to take it under consideration.

Mr. Townsend said we have a building committee—when the naming of rooms or areas or rooms within buildings—it was always under the School Committee—when the library was named for Ida Cayouette and the playground was named for Dan Burns. He said the School Committee just approved Petrarca Park in front of the high school—they have in the past named specific areas, but any naming of buildings is put before the building committee and the Town Council.

Mr. Murphy said we will get legal counsel's opinion.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

23. Approval: Out-of-State Field Trip

Approval: Out-of-State Field Trip: West Warwick High School Students to Sunday River Ski Area and Gorham, New Hampshire, March 22-24, 2013

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip for the West Warwick High School Students to Sunday River Ski Area and Gorham, New Hampshire, March 22-24,

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2013. This would be approximately 35-45 students, and this is an annual ski trip.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP FOR WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SUNDAY RIVER SKI AREA AND GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE, MARCH 22-24, 2013. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

24. Approval: Maternity Leaves

Approval: Maternity Leaves:

a) Grade 1 Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the maternity leave of Denise McCarthy, Grade 1 Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School, commencing approximately March 4, 2013 and continuing through approximately May 31, 2013.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MATERNITY LEAVE OF DENISE MCCARTHY, GRADE 1 TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, COMMENCING APPROXIMATELY MARCH 4, 2013 AND CONTINUING THROUGH APPROXIMATELY MAY 31, 2013. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

b) Special Education Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School

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Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee approve the maternity leave of Jennifer Degraide, Special Education Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School, commencing approximately February 17, 2013 and continuing through approximately May 17, 2013.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MATERNITY LEAVE OF JENNIFER DEGRAIDE, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, COMMENCING APPROXIMATELY FEBRUARY 27, 2013 AND CONTINUING THROUGH APPROXIMATELY MAY 17, 2013.

Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

25. Acceptance of Resignation

Acceptance of Resignation: Part-Time Bus Monitor – West Warwick Public Schools

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Stephen Kukulka from the position of Part-Time Bus Monitor for the West Warwick Public Schools, effective December 5, 2012.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF STEPHEN KUKULKA FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME BUS MONITOR FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 5, 2012.

Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

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**26. Consent to
Superintendent's
Appointments**

Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

**a) Reappointment and Compensation:
Attendance Officer**

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the reappointment of Jill Sabatine to the position of attendance officer for the West Warwick Public Schools effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, and compensation will continue to be at the same rate she is currently receiving. He said she does an absolutely outstanding job.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JILL SABATINE TO THE POSITION OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND COMPENSATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT THE SAME RATE SHE IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

b) .5 ESL Teacher – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Lauren Kalian to the position of .5 ESL Teacher at John F. Horgan Elementary School, effective December 18, 2012.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LAUREN KALIAN TO THE

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POSITION OF .5 ESL TEACHER AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 18, 2012. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed

c) Long-Term Substitute Physics Teacher – West Warwick High School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Glen Dewell to the position of Long-Term Substitute Physics Teacher at West Warwick High School, effective February 25, 2013 and continuing through the end of the school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF GLEN DEWELL TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE PHYSICS TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 25, 2013 AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

d) Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher – West Warwick High School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Carol Pizzuti to the position of Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at West Warwick High School, effective December 4, 2012.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROL PIZZUTI TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 4, 2012. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

**e) Long-Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher –
John F. Horgan Elementary School**

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Katelyn Kelly to the position of long-term substitute Grade 3 teacher at John F. Horgan Elementary School, effective November 15, 2012.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KATELYN KELLY TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE GRADE 3 TEACHER AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 15, 2012. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

**f) Long-Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher –
John F. Horgan Elementary School**

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Patricia Carlson to the position of long-term substitute Kindergarten teacher at John F. Horgan Elementary School, effective January 9, 2013.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA CARLSON TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9, 2013. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Patricia Carlson has a Bachelor's Degree from Rhode Island College in Early Childhood Education and Psychology. She has experience as head Kindergarten teacher with the YMCA and has been an educator and service coordinator with Early Intervention and substitute teacher for North Kingstown & Jamestown.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Patricia Carlson.

g) Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Brooke Robinson to the position of Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BROOKE ROBINSON TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

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Mr. Vigeant said Brooke Robinson has a Bachelor's Degree from U.R.I. in English and Middle and Secondary Education and a Master's Degree from U.R.I. in Special Education at the Middle and Secondary Level. She recently completed her student teaching at Deering Middle School and has been working as a day-to-day substitute and has been highly recommended by the teachers she is working with.

Mr. Murphy said he liked the piece about technology in the classroom.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Brooke Robinson.

h) Long-Term Substitute Behavior Assistant – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Catherine Ochs to the position of Long-Term Substitute Behavior Assistant at John F. Horgan Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CATHERINE OCHS TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE BEHAVIOR ASSISTANT AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Catherine Ochs has a Bachelor's Degree from Roger Williams where she majored in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree from Salve

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Regina in Administration of Justice. She has served as Campus Police Officer at Brown University and she started working for the West Warwick Police Department in 1986 and retired in 2011. She has been serving as a substitute teacher and teacher assistant since September 2011.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Catherine Ochs.

i) Athletic Coaches for Winter Sports (1 year term):
Assistant Co-Ed Wrestling – West Warwick High School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Gordon Gendron to the position of Assistant Co-Ed Wrestling Coach at West Warwick High School for a one year term.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF GORDON GENDRON TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CO-ED WRESTLING COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM.

Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr., for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Gordon Gendron has experience in wrestling at the high school and college levels and he was a volunteer coach in the 2010-2011 season.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph

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Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Gordon Gendron.

Assistant Girls' Indoor Track – West Warwick High School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Caitlin Cannon to the position of Assistant Girls' Indoor

Track Coach at West Warwick High School for a one-year term.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CAITLIN CANNON TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT GIRLS' INDOOR TRACK COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

Assistant Co-Ed Ice Hockey – West Warwick High School

Mr. Sheehan recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Keith Mosca to the position of Assistant Co-Ed Ice Hockey Coach at West Warwick High School for a one-year term.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KEITH MOSCA TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CO-ED ICE HOCKEY COACH AT WEST WARWICK

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HIGH SCHOOL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM.

Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr., for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Keith Mosca has been serving as Head Coach for the West Bay Islanders since 2007, and he played semi-pro at one point in his life.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Keith Mosca.

27. Audience of Citizens

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A man from the audience asked, with regard to the subcommittee for the naming of schools and facilities, does the Town Council have anything to say about naming school property. Mr. Sheehan said that is an excellent question; although they are under our direction and authority, in fact the buildings are owned by the town and they provide the upkeep.

The man from the audience said he came from a town recently where the School Committee was going to make a decision, and the Town Council overruled them and they had to rewrite the policy.

Mr. Messier said we won't be naming any property or buildings per se, but things inside the building.

Mr. Murphy said this is not for a major building—it is for a special room.

Mr. Sheehan said you have a new attorney and it is a very good idea and suggestion, and he would suggest that Mr. Henneous's first task be to research the School Committee's ability to name a building without Town Council approval or participation. Mr. Florio asked about when they named the football

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field after Coach Maznicki, and Mr. Townsend said that was put before the Town Council.

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

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Mr. Murphy asked if any directors or principals would like to speak. Mrs. Tarasevich said she wanted to thank Mrs. D'Alfonso for the CALL Initiative, a wonderful opportunity. She said she wanted to thank her publicly because it was a lot of work for the teachers but also for Mrs. D'Alfonso.

Mr. Townsend said he wanted to remind everyone that the Drama Department is putting on "Legally Blonde" starting Friday and Saturday and next Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; and the kids put in a lot of hard work.

Mr. Kortick said he wanted to bring your attention to, on Saturday, January 19th, the Boys and Girls Basketball Teams will be playing a double-header at 3 and 5 for Coaches Versus Cancer to bring awareness to cancer research. He said he spoke to the family of Bruce Vanasse because it would be about one year of Bruce's passing, so we will probably do some recognition of Bruce and his family at half-time. The girls will play at 3, and the boys will play at 5, on January 19th.

29. 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: Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:10 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Christopher R. Messier, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder