

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 5, 2013
WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
10 Harris Avenue
12:00 P.M.

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

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

**School Committee Liaison/
Consultant Present:** James A. Williamson, Jr.

Recording Secretary: Michelle M. Colozzo

1. Open Session **Open Session**

Mr. Murphy opened the meeting at 12:05 P.M.

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 1**

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,**

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SUBSECTION (a) PARAGRAPH 1. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

4. Executive Session

Executive Session

a) **Personnel: Interview of Candidate for Position of Superintendent of Schools**

5. Return to Open Session

Return to Open Session

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. 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.

6. Roll Call

Roll Call

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

7. Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

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MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

8. Appointment: Superintendent of Schools

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Mr. Murphy asked is there a motion to appoint Karen Tarasevich to the position of Superintendent of Schools of the West Warwick School District subject

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to agreement of a contract to be determined at a later date.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPOINT KAREN TARASEVICH TO THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF THE WEST WARWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT OF A CONTRACT TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE.

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.

Mr. Murphy commended Mrs. Tarasevich for her knowledge of the BEP, Special Needs, R.I.D.E. policies and obligations. He said it should be noted Mrs. Tarasevich made it through a rigorous screening process being chosen out of 30 applicants. Mr. Murphy also indicated Mrs. Tarasevich has the stamina and charisma to work in a demanding environment and has showed dedication to her current profession. He said she has always represented the community with the utmost professionalism and she is extremely respected by her peers. Mr. Murphy said it is his pleasure to announce Mrs. Tarasevich as the new Superintendent of the West Warwick Public Schools and he is confident with her at the helm, West Warwick will continue to lead the way in 21st century learning.

The School Committee congratulated Karen Tarasevich.

Mrs. Tarasevich thanked the School Committee and said it's a pleasure to work in the West Warwick School Department. She said she would like to thank everyone for their support during the process; and it means everything to her, everyone who spoke on her behalf. Mrs. Tarasevich said she is very excited.

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9. Adjournment

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADJOURN THE MEETING. 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.

Meeting adjourned at: 12:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher R. Messier, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder