

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AUGUST 13, 2013
WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL
WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE
5:30 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
Stephen H. Lawton

Member Absent:

Joseph Florio, Jr.

**School Committee
Attorney Present:**

Andrew Henneous, Esquire

Administrators Present:

Karen A. Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools
Margaret Baker, Director of Financial Operations
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform,
Compliance and Technology
Philip Solomon, Assistant Principal, West Warwick
High School
Kenneth Townsend, Director of Property Services

Recording Secretary:

Michelle M. Colozzo

1. Open Session

Open Session

Mr. Murphy opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call

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

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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 STEPHEN H. LAWTON 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 Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

4. Executive Session

Executive Session

- a) **Discussion: Contracts:
School Committee Attorney**
- b) **Memorandum of Understanding between the West Warwick School Committee and the West Warwick Teachers' Alliance Re: Dean of Students**

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

5. Open Session

Open Session

Mr. Murphy opened the public session at 6:30 P.M.

6. Roll Call

Roll Call

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

7. Reading of Mission Statement

Reading of Mission Statement

Mr. Lawton 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 comprehensive education while developing 21st Century

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Skills in a safe, personalized learning environment.

8. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Messier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

9. Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

MOTION

Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

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: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

10. Student Representative

Student Representative

None.

11. Recognition: Answering Service Provider

Recognition: Answering Service Provider

Mrs. Cavalieri was not present to be recognized.

12. Audience of Citizens

Audience of Citizens

None.

13. Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report

Mr. Murphy indicated since there was a long agenda, he would pass on his report. He said hopefully everyone is having a great summer and spending time with their families and keeping it safe.

14. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tarasevich indicated she would keep her report brief since we have a lot to talk about. She said we are very busy getting ready for school: Property Services as always is very busy putting the finishing touches on all the buildings – they look great – everything is nice and shiny; they are working on busing, and last minute personnel appointments will

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be done tonight.

Mrs. Tarasevich said likewise, she hopes everyone is enjoying the summer.

15. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

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| a) Approval: Executive Session Minutes: July 9, 2013 | a) Approval: Executive Session Minutes: July 9, 2013 |
| b) Approval: Open Session Minutes: July 9, 2013 | b) Approval: Open Session Minutes: July 9, 2013 |
| c) Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes: July 23, 2013 | c) Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes: July 23, 2013 |
| d) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: July 23, 2013 | d) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: July 23, 2013 |
| e) Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes: July 30, 2013 | e) Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes: July 30, 2013 |
| f) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: July 30, 2013 | f) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: July 30, 2013 |
| g) Approval: Payment of Bills: \$830,049.41 | g) Approval: Payment of Bills: \$830,049.41 |

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Messier noted that he had recused himself at two meetings in July and this was not noted in the minutes.

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He asked if this should be noted in the minutes, and Mr. Henneous said that it should be.

MOTION WAS AMENDED TO: THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE MINUTES AMENDED TO REFLECT MR. MESSIER'S RECUSALS.

MOTION

The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Approval: Home Instruction Plans

16. Approval: Home Instruction Plans

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the home instruction plans of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brodeur, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Carlton, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Dozier, Ms. Elizabeth Fillion, Ms. Deborah Hoisington, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hoy, Ms. Barbara Hoyle, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Mallette, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. Derek Noel, Ms. Jennifer Obispo, Ms. Borivone Sweetland, Ms. Andrea Vallette.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE HOME INSTRUCTION PLANS OF: MR. AND MRS. KENNETH BRODEUR, MR. & MRS. EDWARD CARLTON, MR. & MRS. AARON DOZIER, MS. ELIZABETH FILLION, MS. DEBORAH HOISINGTON, MR. & MRS. THOMAS HOY, MS. BARBARA HOYLE, MR. & MRS. LAWRENCE MALLETTE, MR. & MRS. ANDREW NELSON, MR. & MRS. DEREK NOEL, MS. JENNIFER OBISPO, MS. BORIVONE SWEETLAND, MS. ANDREA VALLETTE. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

MOTION

Mr. Lawton asked is this more than normal? Mrs. Tarasevich said it's few more with a few more to come—she received one more today.

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Mr. Messier asked have we ever sent out a survey to see why they are on home schooling? Mrs. Tarasevich said she doesn't know that we have that data. She said generally speaking, there are a lot of reasons: medical, religious, personal preference.

Mr. Murphy asked what kind of standardized testing do they have to do? Mrs. Tarasevich said students that receive home instruction are required to meet the same levels of proficiency as the students in our schools. Mr. Murphy asked created by who? Mrs. Tarasevich replied that they have options of what they present for approval. Mr. Murphy said he thinks we got into it extensively last year. He asked if there was any more discussion on this item, and there was none.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

17. Presentation: YMCA BLAST Program at John F. Deering Middle School

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Mr. Murphy said we have members from the YMCA to do the presentation.

Mr. Messier said he actually sat down with the participants last week and they provided him with a quick synopsis of what they were doing over the summer. He said he thought it was very interesting and very educational and he asked them here to present to the Committee.

The students from the program gave a presentation which included the following topics:

- Getting more school spirit with school colors and a mascot and getting bigger lockers for the first floor.

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- Having a School Spirit Committee during the school year because attendance might increase and students would take more pride in school and behavior might improve.
- The Wizard mascot could go to games and cheer on the teams. The students noted that the YMCA has purchased the mascot costume. The mascot could go to classes and pat people on the back when they do a good deed. The mascot could go to dances and go to 4th grade classes and get the students excited before they come to Deering Middle School.
- To raise money, they will be collecting cell phones that they can donate and they will get the money.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she had a chance to stop in at the showcase, and the students did a really great job—everyone was great. She said every student was able to speak about their role in the project—really impressive and the kids did a really great job.

Update: Public Relations Committee

18. Update: Public Relations Committee

Mr. Messier said the Public Relations Committee is planning on meeting this month—August 26th at 3 o'clock, which is the first day for teachers. He said at the Open Houses, they hope to try to get more recruits for the Public Relations Committee and get the word out on what they are doing.

Update: Fire Code Renovations

19. Update: Fire Code Renovations

Mr. Townsend provided an update on the fire code renovations. He reiterated that we have had a plan since 2005, and the continuing problem is receiving the necessary funding.

Healthy Kids Award – Elementary Schools

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20. Healthy Kids Award – Elementary Schools

Mrs. Tarasevich said she was pleased to announce that all three elementary schools will receive a bronze award from the United States Department of Agriculture as part of Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” initiative, and every one of the schools will receive \$500 as a result.

Presentation: Communication System

Mr. Murphy introduced Lou Moretski who gave a presentation on a townwide communication system.

21. Presentation: Communication System

Discussion: Reassigning Policy Updates to Clerk

22. Discussion: Reassigning Policy Updates to Clerk

Mrs. Tarasevich said in the past, policies have been revised as they have come up and they were addressed. She explained that Mr. Williamson is going to go through the policy book and realign them to state law, the town charter, and the BEP. The purpose of the committee would be to review that work and bring it to the School Committee for review and approval. Mr. Murphy said he doesn’t know if we need to have a sub-committee, and that will be discussed when Mr. Florio is here.

Discussion: Current Sub-Committee Assignments (School Committee Members)

23. Discussion: Current Sub-Committee Assignments (School Committee Members)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee table this item until all members are present.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THE DISCUSSION OF CURRENT SUB-COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS) UNTIL ALL MEMBERS ARE PRESENT. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion to table passed 4 to 0.

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Discussion: CCRI Athletic Field House for West Warwick High School Graduation

24. Discussion: CCRI Athletic Field House for West Warwick High School Graduation

Mrs. Tarasevich said per Mr. Messier's request that the School Committee would have a discussion tonight regarding the possible use of the CCRI Athletic Field House for the West Warwick High School Graduation.

The School Committee had a brief discussion and Mr. Townsend supplied information about the costs involved which would be higher at CCRI than the Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

Approval: Bid Award: Kitchen Equipment – West Warwick High School

25. Approval: Bid Award: Kitchen Equipment – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the bid award submitted by Alpha Restaurant Supplies in the amount of \$12,750 for kitchen equipment at West Warwick High School. She said bids were opened on August 9, 2013, three bids were received, and Alpha Restaurant Supplies was the low bidder.

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BID AWARD SUBMITTED BY ALPHA RESTAURANT SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,750 FOR KITCHEN EQUIPMENT AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

MOTION

Mr. Messier asked this is being paid for by, and Mrs. Baker answered food services.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

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Approval: Memorandum of Agreement between the West Warwick School Committee and the West Warwick Teachers' Alliance Re: Dean of Students

**26. Approval:
Memorandum of
Agreement**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the memorandum of agreement between the West Warwick School Committee and the West Warwick Teachers' Alliance Re: Dean of Students.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE WEST WARWICK TEACHERS' ALLIANCE RE: DEAN OF STUDENTS WITH THE LANGUAGE CHANGES SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Approval: Revisions to West Warwick High School Student Handbook

**27. Approval: Revisions to
West Warwick High
School Student
Handbook**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee table this item.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THE REVISIONS TO THE WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B.

Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Approval: Contract with Thundermist Health Center

28. Approval: Contract

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**with Thundermist
Health Center**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the contract with Thundermist Health Center to provide services for the West Warwick Public effective for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THUNDERMIST HEALTH CENTER EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2013-2014 AND 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEARS. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Messier asked if we could take care of this earlier in two years when the contract will be up.
Mr. Murphy noted that playoffs should be included in the contract.

The following members voted in the affirmative:
Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

**29. Discussion/Approval:
Contracts: School
Committee Attorneys**

**Discussion/Approval: Contracts: School
Committee Attorneys**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the contracts of Attorneys Andrew Henneous and Jon Anderson.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACTS OF ATTORNEYS ANDREW HENNEOUS AND JON ANDERSON. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative:
Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

**Approval: Maternity Leave: Long-Term
Substitute Special Education Academic Resource
Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School**

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30. Approval: Maternity Leave

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request for maternity leave submitted by Stacey D’Uva, Long-Term Substitute Special Education Academic Resource Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR MATERNITY LEAVE SUBMITTED BY STACEY D’UVA, LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE ACADEMIC RESOURCE TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Approval: Discretionary Leave: Grade 1 Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School

31. Approval: Discretionary Leave

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request for discretionary leave submitted by Bianca Rivera, Grade 1 Teacher at John F. Horgan Elementary School during the 2013-2014 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR DISCRETIONARY LEAVE SUBMITTED BY BIANCA RIVERA, GRADE 1 TEACHER AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DURING THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Acceptance of Resignations:

- a) **Part-Time Teacher Assistant – John F. Horgan Elementary School**

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32. Acceptance of Resignations

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Donna Mandeville from the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant at John F. Horgan Elementary School. Mrs. Tarasevich noted that this is a verbal resignation; we do not have a written one.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DONNA MANDEVILLE FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

MOTION

Mr. Murphy noted that we have a policy that we have to have a written resignation. Mr. Messier said the policy was going to be that we formally let them know that if they didn't resign in writing, they were going to be terminated, and Mr. Murphy said if they don't let us have a letter in so many days, we will terminate them, so we can have documentation for the file.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

b) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Maisie E. Quinn School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Joan Duffy from

the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Maisie E. Quinn School.

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOAN DUFFY FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton.

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MOTION

The following members voted in the affirmative:
Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton,
Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy.
Motion passed 4 to 0.

c) Special Education Severe/Profound Kindergarten Teacher – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Ashley Fusaro from the position of Special Education Severe/Profound Kindergarten Teacher at John F. Horgan Elementary School.

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ASHLEY FUSARO FROM THE POSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SEVERE/PROFOUND KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

MOTION

Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

a) .5 Math Teacher/Secondary Tutorial Program – Maisie E. Quinn

33. Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Marcelline Zambuco to the position of .5 Math Teacher/Secondary Tutorial Program at Maisie E. Quinn School.

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 MATH TEACHER/SECONDARY TUTORIAL

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MOTION

FPROGRAM AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Marcelline Zambuco.

b) .5 Science Teacher/Secondary Tutorial Program – Maisie E. Quinn School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Thomas White to the position of .5 Science Teacher/Secondary Tutorial Program at Maisie E. Quinn School for the 2013-2014 school year..

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS WHITE TO THE POSITION OF .5 SCIENCE TEACHER/ SECONDARY TUTORIAL PROGRAM AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

MOTION

c) .5 Social Studies Teacher/Secondary Tutorial Program – Maisie E. Quinn School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Kristin Giorgio to the position of .5 Social Studies Teacher/Secondary Tutorial Program at Maisie E. Quinn School.

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KRISTIN GIORGIO TO THE POSITION OF .5 SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER/SECONDARY TUTORIAL PROGRAM AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL.

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

MOTION

Mrs. Tarasevich said that Ms. Giorgio has a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary History, and she has worked as a substitute teacher in West Warwick.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Kristin Giorgio.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich 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 MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER 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: Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

MOTION

e) Long-Term Substitute Art Teacher – West Warwick High School

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Martina Marasco to the position of Long-Term Substitute Art Teacher at West Warwick High School for the 2013-2014 school year.

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARTINA MARASCO TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE ART TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

MOTION

Mr. Murphy asked how long has this person been out, and Mrs. Tarasevich said she believes this is Ms. Marasco's third year in the position. Mr. Messier noted that this is a medical leave—it's not the same as a discretionary leave but he asked we are going to continue to reappoint this long-term substitute? Mr. Hennous said he would look at the contract.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Lynda Nikodem to the position of Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year.

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LYNDA NIKODEM TO

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THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

MOTION

Mrs. Tarasevich said that Lynda Nikodem has a Bachelor's Degree from Rhode Island College and a Master's Degree from Johnson and Wales and has been serving as a substitute teacher for us since May 2004. She has been appointed to several long-term substitute positions.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Lynda Nikodem.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the

appointment of Kayla Markey to the position of Long-Term Substitute Special Education Academic Resource Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School.

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KAYLA MARKEY TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION ACADEMIC RESOURCE TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mrs. Tarasevich said that Kayla Markey has a

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Bachelor's Degree from Providence College, did her student teaching at Deering Middle School, and has been a substitute and long-term substitute teacher in the district.

MOTION

The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Kayla Markey.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Jared Santurri to the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School.

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JARED SANTURRI TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE ENGLISH TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mrs. Tarasevich said that Jared Santurri has a Bachelor's Degree from URI, did his student teaching in our district, and has been a substitute teacher.

MOTION

The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Jared Santurri.

i) Long-Term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher –

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Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Katelyn Kelly to the position of Long-Term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School, effective at the beginning of the school year and continuing through December 20, 2013.

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KATELYN KELLY TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE GRADE 2 TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 20, 2013. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mrs. Tarasevich said that Katelyn Kelly has a Bachelor's Degree from URI and has been a substitute teacher for us since September 2010 and recently had a long-term substitute assignment.

MOTION

The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Katelyn Kelly.

j) Long-Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Valerie Herman to the position of Long-Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School effective at the beginning of the school year and continuing through October 25, 2013.

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MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF VALERIE HERMAN TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND CONTINUING THROUGH OCTOBER 25, 2013.

Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mrs. Tarasevich said that Valerie Herman has a Bachelor's Degree from Roger Williams University and a Master's Degree from Rhode Island College and has been a substitute teacher.

MOTION

The following members voted in the affirmative:
Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton,
Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy.
Motion passed 4 to 0.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Valerie Herman.

k) Six Part-Time Teacher Assistants

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointments of the individuals listed below to the positions of Part-Time Teacher Assistants for the West Warwick Public Schools:

Karen Anderson – West Warwick High School
Danielle Tierney – West Warwick High School
Michelle Altruda – West Warwick High School
Lorraine French – Wakefield Hills Elementary School
Amanda Nico – Wakefield Hills Elementary School
Amber Mansfield – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE

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**ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENTS OF THE INDIVIDUALS
LISTED BELOW TO THE POSITIONS OF
PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANTS FOR THE
WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

**KAREN ANDERSON – WEST WARWICK HIGH
SCHOOL**

**DANIELLE TIERNEY – WEST WARWICK
HIGH SCHOOL**

**MICHELLE ALTRUDA – WEST WARWICK
HIGH SCHOOL**

**LORRAINE FRENCH – WAKEFIELD HILLS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**AMANDA NICO – WAKEFIELD HILLS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**AMBER MANSFIELD – WAKEFIELD HILLS
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

MOTION

Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion. There was a question about what was the correct number of appointees, and the answer was that six people were being recommended.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed the new teacher assistants.

Audience of Citizens

Ms. Lori Huntley, teacher at Deering Middle School and Teacher Mentor Coordinator, congratulated the new teachers and said that she would be contacting them on Wednesday or Thursday regarding the new teacher orientation that will be held next Tuesday.

Mrs. Angel Messier, 129 Legris Avenue, addressed the School Committee regarding her concerns about the School Committee policy which doesn't allow

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34. Audience of Citizens

family members of School Committee members to be hired. Mrs. Messier spoke about her education and her preparation for the position of Teacher Assistant which she started long before her husband was elected to the School Committee. Mrs. Messier stated that she is being discriminated against and this policy needs to be changed.

Mr. Philip Kelly, President of Council 94, Local 3546, spoke on behalf on Mrs. Messier, having worked with her and said he thinks the School Committee is making a big mistake and the policy has to be changed.

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

Mr. Murphy said he sent a letter to the Town Council requesting a meeting two weeks ago and he has yet to receive any response. If he does not hear back, he will be sending another letter this week.

Adjournment

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

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: Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

36. Adjournment

Christopher R. Messier, Clerk

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MOTION

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder