

**MINUTES**  
**WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2013**  
**WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**10 HARRIS AVENUE**  
**5:00 P.M.**

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

**Members Present:**

Sean M. Murphy, Chairperson  
Christopher R. Messier, Clerk  
Joseph Florio, Jr.  
Stephen H. Lawton

**Members Absent:**

Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vice-Chairperson

**School Committee  
Attorney Present:**

Andrew Henneous, Esquire

**Administrators Present:**

Karen A. Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools

**Recording Secretary:**

Michelle M. Colozzo

**1. Open Session**

**Open Session**

Mr. Murphy opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

**2. Roll Call**

**Roll Call**

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

**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**

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## 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 Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

### 4. Executive Session

#### Executive Session

- a) **Discussion: Contracts: West Warwick Teachers' Alliance and Council 94, Local 3546**
- b) **Personnel**

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

### 5. Open Session

#### Open Session

The School Committee returned to Open Session.

### 6. Roll Call

#### Roll Call

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

### 7. Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

#### Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

**MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON 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., Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

## MOTION

### 8. Approval: Memorandum of Agreement

#### Approval: Memorandum of Agreement Between West Warwick School Committee and West Warwick Teachers' Alliance Re: Rate of Pay Grievance

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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: Rate of Pay Grievance dated May 13, 2013.

## 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: RATE OF PAY GRIEVANCE DATED MAY 13, 2013.** Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

### 9. Approval: Memorandum of Agreement

**Approval: Memorandum of Agreement Between West Warwick School Committee and Council 94, Local 3546**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the West Warwick School Committee and Council 94, Local 3546 around Foster Grandparents.

## MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL 94, LOCAL 3546, AROUND FOSTER GRANDPARENTS.** Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

### 10. Approval: Communications Contract

**Approval: Communications Contract**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the Telecommunications

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Consultant Proposal submitted by The Upton Group, Ltd. for the West Warwick Public Schools.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE UPTON GROUP, LTD. FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUBJECT TO FINAL REVIEW OF THE CONTRACT.** Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr., for discussion

Mr. Henneous said when he spoke to the School Committee at the last meeting, his understanding was that the structured agreement was to design the RFP, and Mr. Moretsky said that was not his understanding, and he will explain what the \$4,800 would cover. Mr. Moretsky said the \$4,800 will cover everything except the formal part of the RFP because there could be three or four different RFP's. Mr. Henneous said the information that the School Committee gets will belong to the Committee at the end of the process. He said if you want to use Mr. Moretsky going forward, he could design the RFP, but if you don't want to, you don't have to.

Mr. Lawton said for the \$4,800, you get the initial analysis. Mr. Murphy added and the recommendations. Mr. Moretsky said you could put in a hardware system or something in the cloud. He said normally when he writes an RFP, he does it so it could be answered either way—some vendors might give a hardware proposal and some might give a cloud proposal. Mr. Moretsky said with e-rate, you get money back if you do something in the cloud, so you are getting more money back than you would with hardware.

Mr. Messier said for the amount of \$4,800, we get analysis, audit, and recommendations as to how to save money—short of doing an RFP.

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

**11. Approval: Out-of-State Field Trip Request**

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip request submitted by the 8 Black Team to travel by school bus with approximately 64 students to the Freedom Trail, Boston, Massachusetts, on November 4, 2013.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST SUBMITTED BY THE 8 BLACK TEAM TO TRAVEL BY SCHOOL BUS WITH APPROXIMATELY 64 STUDENTS TO THE FREEDOM TRAIL, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, ON NOVEMBER 4, 2013.**

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

**12. Approval: Home Instruction Plans**

**Approval: Home Instruction Plans**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the home instruction plan of Mrs. Amy Lusignan to provide home schooling for her children during the 2013-2014 school year.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE HOME INSTRUCTION PLAN OF MRS. AMY LUSIGNAN TO PROVIDE HOME SCHOOLING FOR HER CHILDREN DURING THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR.**

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

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**13. Audience of Citizens**

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None.

**14. School Committee  
Discussion for the  
Good and Welfare of  
the School System**

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Welfare of the School System**

None.

**15. Adjournment**

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**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR.  
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADJOURN  
THE MEETING.** Motion seconded by Christopher  
R. Messier. The following members voted  
in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R.  
Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Sean M. Murphy.  
Motion passed 4 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at: 5:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christopher R. Messier, Clerk

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Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder