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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) Paragraphs 2 and 9

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), PARAGRAPHS 2 and 9.

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

4. Executive Session

Executive Session

- a) Update: Council 94 Grievance
- b) Personnel
- c) Contracts

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

5. Open Session

Open Session

Mr. Murphy opened the public session at 6:38 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. Messier 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 Skills in a safe, personalized learning environment.

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8. Pledge of Allegiance

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Mrs. Brunero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

9. Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. 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.

10. Student Representative

Student Representative

Christina Levesque, President of the Student Council, reported on the following events/activities at West Warwick High School:

- Homecoming Pep Rally was held on Friday
- Homecoming Dance was held on Saturday night
- The Junior Class won the highly contested Spirit Award
- Over 450 people attended the dance in the gym
- The first blood drive of the year, 41 pints of blood were collected, saving 123 lives.
- Freshman class elections were held.

11. Audience of Citizens

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None.

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12. Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report

Mr. Murphy said he will keep it brief. He congratulated the football team on their 30 point homecoming victory.

Mr. Murphy said he wanted to make a comment about Greenbush School. He said Mrs. DeAngelis made a comment about parent involvement in her newsletter--parents becoming involved is a prerequisite for success.

Mr. Murphy commended Mrs. Peluso for collecting 800 canned goods with Kathy Rocco.

Mr. Murphy said last month we had a meeting with the Town Council looking to further consolidate wherever we can in the community. We had a jump start—the Superintendent and Mr. Cimino, Maggie Baker, and Fred Presley.

Mr. Murphy said he also wanted to congratulate the Centennial Committee—Mr. Giroux and others. They had a Centennial Dinner last month acknowledging 100 years for West Warwick.

Mr. Murphy said we do not have an item on the agenda for staff recognition, but we have two employees who made achievements: Laura Carley who received the Golden Apple Award and Steve DeBlois who received the Rhode Island School Psychologist of the Year Award.

13. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tarasevich spoke briefly about the Healthy Kids program

Mrs. Tarasevich also spoke briefly about the Rhode Island Alternative Assessment. She said our students did extremely well and scored proficient with distinction. Mrs. Tarasevich extended her congratulations to the students and staff.

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Mrs. Tarasevich said this past weekend was the annual technology conference in Providence, and we had good representation from our district: Jim Monti and Patricia D'Alfonso who presented. She said this was another opportunity for West Warwick to show the good work they are doing. Mrs. Tarasevich said she and Keith Remillard also attended.

Mrs. Tarasevich said NECAP is well underway, and she thanks everybody for their efforts. We are off to a great start.

14. Consent Agenda

a) **Approval: Executive Session Minutes: September 10, 2013**

b) **Approval: Open Session Minutes: September 10, 2013**

c) **Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes: September 25, 2013**

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e) **Approval: Payment of Bills: \$1,809,011.98**

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MOTION

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

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15. Approval: Home Instruction Plans

Approval: Home Instruction Plans

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the home instruction plans of Cheryl Lipps and Sue Perry for the 2013-2014 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE HOME INSTRUCTION PLANS OF: CHERYL LIPPS AND SUE PERRY FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

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.

16. Presentation: Toshiba Grant

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Mrs. Tarasevich said we have Bob Ferland from Axion here to present a check in the amount of \$14,000 for copy machines we use. Mrs. Tarasevich asked Mrs. Baker if she would like to explain the grant, and the opportunity we have been awarded here. Mrs. Baker said Mr. Ferland went out on his own to do this. He knew we were looking for Chromebooks so he went out and looked for a grant.

Bob Ferland from Axion Business Technologies addressed the School Committee. He said he is the President and Founder of Axion Business Technologies and Riso Products of Boston. He said he really appreciates the School Committee having him here today. He said usually he is approaching School Committees in Massachusetts and Rhode Island asking for money and now he is actually giving money. He said he was going through some websites and he found that West Warwick was trying to raise funds for Chromebooks, so he approached Toshiba, and Keith Gates, the District Sales Manager for Toshiba, who said they have a matching program for U.S. dealers.

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Mr. Ferland said we looked at what we could afford and came up with the number of \$7,000 and Toshiba was able to match that.

Keith Gates, District Sales Manager, Toshiba, spoke briefly to the School Committee about the Explorer Vision program. He said over the last 20 years in both the U.S. and Canada, there have been winning projects for K-12 teams of up to four students with mentors and teachers. He said for the top prize winners in the category, every member of that student team gets a \$10,000 savings bond, and the second place team gets a \$5,000 savings bond.

Mr. Ferland presented a facsimile of the check to the School Committee.

17. Presentation: Warning Schools Data **Presentation: Warning Schools Data**

Mrs. Tarasevich gave a presentation on warning schools data. She said R.I.D.E. has a new accountability system, and a few of our schools are listed as warning schools.

Mrs. Tarasevich explained the scoring for each sub-category. She also went through the six classifications: commended, leading, typical, warning, focus, and priority.

Mrs. Tarasevich listed the scores of our schools and gave the reasons for the warning status.

18. Presentation: Coaching Hiring Practices **Presentation: Coaching Hiring Practices**

Mr. Gregory Kortick, Athletic Director, said that he sat down for a meeting with the Superintendent, Jim Williamson, and Sean Doyle and talked about some misconceptions about how we hire coaches. He said the Superintendent asked if he would speak about how we go about hiring coaches when we do have openings.

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Mr. Kortick said we have 22 sports at the high school and 10 at the middle school. We have about 206 student athletes participating in sports at the high school and 130 at the middle school. Mr. Kortick said there are 48 coaching positions. The only middle school sport that has an assistant is track.

Mr. Kortick said the coaching requirements are:

- 1) valid coaching certificate from R.I.D.E., which is a five-year certificate
- 2) Red Cross First Aid certification, which is a three-year certificate
- 3) CPR certification
- 4) NFHS “Fundamentals of Coaching” Course
- 5) Annual NFHS “Concussion in Sports” Course

He said volunteers are also supposed to do this —it costs about \$200. Mr. Murphy asked do we offer the programs? Mr. Kortick said the fundamentals course is \$50, the concussion course is free, and the first aid course is \$50 and that is good for three years. He said it is \$100 to apply for a certificate from RIDE, which is good for five years.

Mr. Kortick said coaching positions are posted on the following schedule:

Fall: June 1st

Winter: October 1st

Spring: February 1st

Mr. Kortick said applications are then screened, and he noted that Lori Sorel from the Human Resources Office has been very helpful in this process.

Mr. Kortick said next an Interview Committee is formed consisting of:

The Athletic Director
A Building Administrator
A Coach
A Parent
A Student-Athlete

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Mr. Kortick said as a group they rank the candidates and make recommendations to put forth a name. He said that Lori Sorel prepares letter that he signs and gives to the Superintendent, and the Superintendent brings it before the School Committee for approval.

Mrs. Tarasevich asked if epi-pen training is part of their training, and Mr. Kortick said we are looking into that. Mr. Kortick said that parents fill out a general information sheet which is kept for the length of the child's career—it will be there for four years. This sheet would contain information such as allergies and would become part of a report generated and given to coaches so that they will have the information at their fingertips.

Mrs. Tarasevich asked if epi-pen training is part of the coaches' requirements. Mr. Kortick said no, but it has been discussed; he has talked to Ken Townsend about setting up epi-pen training for coaches and AED training for all coaches. Mr. Florio asked about volunteer coaches. Mr. Kortick said we do have volunteer coaches, and the R.I. Interscholastic League requires anyone who is on the field to have everything. He said that he has looked into ways that we can maybe help those individuals pay for that, possibly using some of the fundraising money.

Mr. Florio asked if they get BCI's, and Mr. Kortick said yes.

Mr. Kortick noted that Lori Sorel keeps track of all of the coaching requirements and is really good at notifying him when something is missing or there is a problem.

The School Committee thanked Mr. Kortick for his presentation.

19. Discussion: Chapter I – West Warwick Public Schools Policy Manual

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Schools Policy Manual**

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be a discussion of Chapter I of the West Warwick Public Schools Policy Manual. She explained the three-step process for policies: discussion, first reading, and second reading.

Mr. Messier said he will start making a master schedule for the policy approvals.

The School Committee discussed Chapter 1, and thanked Mr. Williamson for his work.

20. Approval: Bid Award

Approval: Bid Award: Fire Alarm Devices – John F. Deering Middle School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the bid tendered by AFA Protective Services of 240 Chestnut Street, Warwick, RI, in the amount of \$15,300 for the purchase of Fire Lite equipment only at this time.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BID AWARD TO AFA PROTECTIVE SERVICES OF 240 CHESTNUT STREET, WARWICK, RI, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,300 FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE LITE EQUIPMENT. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Messier asked if the town knows they are paying for this, and Mr. Townsend said yes. Mr. Townsend said as money becomes available, the work will be completed.

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.

21. Approval: First Reading: Graduation Waiver Policy

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the first reading of the Graduation Waiver Policy for the West Warwick Public Schools.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE GRADUATION WAIVER POLICY FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Murphy asked for an explanation.

Mrs. Tarasevich explained this policy for students who do not meet the new NECAP requirement for high school graduation which begins in June 2014. She noted that students who go through the waiver process and are alternatively assessed will not be eligible for a high school diploma—they will receive a certificate of completion.

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.

22. Approval: Memorandum of Agreement

Approval: Memorandum of Agreement Between West Warwick School Committee and West Warwick Teachers' Alliance Re: 1st Amendment of Memorandum of Agreement Dated January 8, 2013 Concerning the Adoption of An Educator Evaluation Manual

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: 1st Amendment of Memorandum of Agreement Dated January 8, 2013 Concerning the Adoption of An Educator Evaluation Manual.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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DATED JANUARY 8, 2013 CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF AN EDUCATOR EVALUATION MODEL. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mrs. Tarasevich explained that as we go through this process, we are learning more about it. She said R.I.D.E. has approved a differentiated process for educator evaluation; now we will have more options for teachers of how they will be evaluated.

Mr. Murphy asked if teachers have to complete one evaluation annually. Mrs. Tarasevich said yes, every teacher has to be evaluated every year.

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.

23. Approval: Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Approval: Out-of-State Field Trip Request: West Warwick High School AP Calculus Students to WPI Mathematical Sciences Invitational Math Meet, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip request for West Warwick High School AP Calculus Students to WPI Mathematical Sciences Invitational Math Meet, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 22, 2013.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL AP CALCULUS STUDENTS TO WPI MATHEMATICS SCIENCES INVITATIONAL MATH MEET, WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, OCTOBER 22, 2013. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr., for discussion.

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Mr. Lawton asked if they take a big school bus or a small one, and Mrs. Tarasevich said they will take a small one. She said this is a great trip. Mr. Murphy said he knows we have had some winners in the past.

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

24. Approval: Bus to Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, Connecticut, for West Warwick High School Junior Prom, May 16, 2014

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the bus to Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, Connecticut, for the West Warwick High School Junior Prom, May 16, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BUS TO MYSTIC AQUARIUM, MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT, FOR THE WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR PROM, MAY 16, 2014. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr., for discussion.

Mr. Murphy noted that this trip was approved in June and we asked them to come back to us saying they need a bus.

Mrs. Tarasevich said it is an option for kids to avoid driving themselves.

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.

25. Approval: Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Approval: Out-of-State Field Trip Request: West Warwick High School AP Art Students to Hynes Convention Center, Boston, Massachusetts, November 3, 2013

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip request for West Warwick High School AP Art Students to Hynes Convention Center, Boston, Massachusetts, November 3, 2013.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL AP ART STUDENTS TO HYNES CONVENTION CENTER, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, NOVEMBER 3, 2013.

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Murphy commended our art students and noted in the past we have had Golden Key winners.

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.

26. Approval: Revised School Improvement Plan – John F. Horgan Elementary School

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the revised school improvement plan for John F. Horgan Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REVISED SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B.

Brunero. 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.

27. Approval: Parental Leave

Approval: Parental Leave: English Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request for parental leave submitted by Nicole Spencer, English Teacher, at John F. Deering Middle School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR PARENTAL LEAVE SUBMITTED BY NICOLE SPENCER, ENGLISH TEACHER, AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

28. Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

Consent to Superintendent's Appointments:

a) Title 1 Coordinator

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Donna Peluso to the position of Title I Coordinator.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DONNA PELUSO TO THE POSITION OF TITLE 1 COORDINATOR.

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

Mr. Vigeant noted that Mrs. Peluso has been a principal for approximately 18 years and has led a Title I school for much of that time.

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 Mrs. Peluso.

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b) Title II and III Coordinator

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Keith Remillard to position of Title II and Title III Coordinator.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KEITH REMILLARD TO THE POSITION OF TITLE II AND TITLE III COORDINATOR. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Murphy noted that it is great that we were able to get two candidates from within.

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

c) .5 ESL Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Lisa DiSandro to the position of .5 ESL Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School, effective August 27, 2013.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LISA DISANDRO TO THE POSITION OF .5 ESL TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 27, 2013. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Messier said it was great to see the funding source.

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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.

d) .5 Science Teacher, Secondary Alternative Program – Maisie E. Quinn School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School
Committee give advice and consent to the
appointment of Thomas Carrocia to the position of .5
Science Teacher, Secondary Alternative Program at
Maisie E. Quinn School, effective September 16,
2013.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR.
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE
ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS CARROCIA TO
THE POSITION OF .5 SCIENCE TEACHER,
SECONDARY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AT
MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013.** Motion seconded by
Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding
Mr. Carrocia's education and teaching experience.

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.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed
Thomas Carrocia.

e) .5 Registered Nurse – John F. Deering Middle School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School
Committee give advice and consent to the
appointment of Maria Botelho to the position of .5
Registered Nurse at John F. Deering Middle School.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA BOTELHO TO THE POSITION OF .5 REGISTERED NURSE AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr., for discussion.

Mr. Messier asked if we have more than one nurse at Deering Middle School, and Mr. Vigeant said yes. He said the part-time position is to take care of a medically fragile student.

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

f) Long-Term Substitute Business Teacher – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Christopher Wilson to the position of Long-Term Substitute Business Teacher at West Warwick High school, effective September 10, 2013 and continuing through November 1, 2013.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER WILSON TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE BUSINESS TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 AND CONTINUING THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2013. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Mr. Wilson's education and teaching experience.

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

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

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Christopher Wilson.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Jeanne Rotatori to the position of Long-Term Substitute Science Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School, effective September 10, 2013 and continuing through the remainder of the 2013-2014 School Year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JEANNE ROTATORI TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SCIENCE TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Ms. Rotatori's education and teaching experience.

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

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Jeanne Rotatori.

h) Long-Term Substitute English Teacher – West Warwick High School

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

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appointment of Barbara Rogers to the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at West Warwick High School effective September 24, 2013 and continuing through December 20, 2013.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA ROGERS TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE ENGLISH TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 AND CONTINUING THROUGH DECEMBER 20, 2013. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

i) Two (2) Long-Term Substitute Speech/Language Pathologists (Job Share) – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Deborah Gerstenblatt to the position of .6 Long-Term Substitute Speech/Language Pathologist at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective October 11, 2013 and continuing for approximately twelve (12) weeks.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH GERSTENBLATT TO THE POSITION OF .6 LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 11, 2013 AND CONTINUING FOR APPROXIMATELY TWELVE (12) WEEKS. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero.

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Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Mrs. Gerstenblatt's education and teaching experience.

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 Deborah Gerstenblatt.

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Debra Colavecchio to the position of .4 Long-Term Substitute Speech/Language Pathologist at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective October 11, 2013 and continuing for approximately twelve (12) weeks.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA COLAVECCHIO TO THE POSITION OF .4 LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 11, 2013 AND CONTINUING FOR APPROXIMATELY TWELVE (12) WEEKS.

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Ms. Colavecchio's education and teaching experience.

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 Debra Colavecchio.

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- j) **One (1) Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant/Personal Care Attendant Floater, Severe/Profound Preschool Program – Maisie E. Quinn School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Anya Randall to the position of Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant/Personal Care Attendant Floater, Severe/Profound Preschool Program at Maisie E. Quinn School, effective September 24, 2013.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANYA RANDALL TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT/PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT FLOATER, SEVERE/PROFOUND PRESCHOOL PROGRAM AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 24, 2013. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Ms. Randall's education and teaching experience.

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

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Anya Randall.

- k) **Two (2) Yearbook Advisors – West Warwick High School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointments of Richard Grenier and Eric White to the positions of Yearbook Advisors at West Warwick

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High School for a three-year term, expiring in June 2016.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF RICHARD GRENIER AND ERIC WHITE TO THE POSITIONS OF YEARBOOK ADVISORS AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM, EXPIRING IN JUNE 2016. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

1) Two (2) S.M.I.L.L.E. Leaders – John F. Deering Middle School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointments of Christopher Baccei and Eugene Gallo to the positions of S.M.I.L.L.E. Leaders at John F. Deering Middle School, term expiring in June, 2015.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF CHRISTOPHER BACCEI AND EUGENE GALLO TO THE POSITIONS OF S.M.I.L.L.E. LEADERS AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, TERM EXPIRING IN JUNE, 2015. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Messier asked about these positions.
Mrs. Tarasevich said this is an after-school activity.

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.

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m) One (1) S.M.I.L.E. Leader – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Eugene Gallo to the position of S.M.I.L.E. Leader at West Warwick High School, term expiring in June 2015.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF EUGENE GALLO TO THE POSITION OF S.M.I.L.E. LEADER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, TERM EXPIRING IN JUNE 2015. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr., for discussion.

Mr. Lawton asked about Mr. Gallo taking the position at both schools. Mrs. Tarasevich noted that no one else applied.

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

n) One (1) School Improvement Leader – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of George Patton to the position of School Improvement Leader at West Warwick High School, term expiring in June 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE PATTON TO THE POSITION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEADER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, TERM EXPIRING IN JUNE 2014. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The

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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.

Mrs. Tarasevich noted that George Patton is an Industrial Technology Teacher and has been an active member of the School Improvement Team since she has been here and she thinks he will be a great asset.

o) One (1) Grade 2 Lead Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of William Nero to the position of Grade 2 Lead Teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM NERO TO THE POSITION OF GRADE 2 LEAD TEACHER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion

Mr. Messier noted that he has worked with Mr. Nero, and he is a phenomenal teacher.

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.

p) Part-Time Teacher Assistant, After-School Detention Program – John F. Deering Middle School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Barbara Mattson to the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant, After-School Detention Program at John F. Deering Middle School.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA MATTSON TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT, AFTER-SCHOOL DETENTION PROGRAM AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. 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.

29. Audience of Citizens

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None.

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

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Mr. Messier said there are some interesting options available regarding publicizing and streaming our meetings. He said that he has had discussions with Mr. Monti and they will discuss this with the Technology Committee to see what our best options are.

31. Adjournment

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at: 8:20 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Christopher R. Messier, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder