

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 11, 2014
JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE
5:00 P.M.

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

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 Andrew Henneous/Aubrey Lombardo

Attorneys Present: Karen A. Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools
Margaret Baker, Director of Financial Operations

Administrators Present: Brian Dillon, Principal, John F. Deering Middle School
Jeffrey Guiot, Assistant Principal, West Warwick High School
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology
Joseph Renzi, Assistant Principal, John F. Deering Middle School
Philip Solomon, Principal, West Warwick High School
Kenneth Townsend, Director of Property Services
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 5:00 P.M.

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2. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Brunero, Mr. Messier, and
Mr. Lawton. Mr. Florio 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) Paragraphs 1, 2, and 9

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), PARAGRAPHS 1, 2, and 9.**

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.

4. Executive Session

Executive Session

- a) Grievance Hearing: R.I. Council 94, Local 3546**
- b) Discussion: Medicare Migration Negotiations**
- c) Personnel**
- d) Contracts**

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

5. Open Session

Open Session

Mr. Murphy opened the public session at 6:46 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. Messier 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. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Brunero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

9. Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER 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, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion passed 4 to 0.

10. Student Representative

Student Representative

None.

11. Audience of Citizens

Audience of Citizens

Mr. Messier said a lot of people have talked about how the School Committee doesn't talk about a lot of issues that are relevant to the community. He said as a government body, we have an obligation to publish an agenda with certain items; and we are not allowed to talk about or vote on anything that is not on the agenda. However, we do have an audience of citizens where the public has a right to talk about an item and we can decide if we want to put it on a special meeting or on the next meeting. He said this is the time and place for anyone to bring anything up that is not on the agenda.

12. Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report

Mr. Murphy said West Warwick is now Title Town. He said West Warwick is the Rhode Island

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Interscholastic League School of the year.

Mr. Murphy also said the Jazz Band competed this last week at Berklee and finished number one.

Mr. Murphy also spoke about the success of the Girls and Boys Soccer Team and the Cheerleaders and Brighton Landroche. He congratulated everyone on these accomplishments.

13. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tarasevich said she wanted to talk a little more about the chairman's comments about recent accomplishments. She said for the West Warwick High School Jazz Band to win first place in the Berklee Competition is a phenomenal feat because they were competing with the elite of the elite. Likewise, being recognized by the Interscholastic League as the School of the Year, because the criteria isn't just winning titles—it's about sportsmanship, professional development of the coaching staff; it really speaks to the whole student athlete and the school community—it's far beyond just winning the season.

Mrs. Tarasevich said these are two more really good examples of things that are happening in the district.

14. Consent Agenda

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| a) Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes: January 7, 2014 | a) Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes: January 7, 2014 |
| b) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: January 7, 2014 | b) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: January 7, 2014 |
| c) Approval: Executive Session Minutes: January 14, 2014 | c) Approval: Executive Session Minutes: January 14, 2014 |
| d) Approval: Open Session Minutes: January 14, 2014 | d) Approval: Open Session Minutes: January 14, 2014 |

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e) **Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: January 29, 2014**

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f) **Payment of Bills: \$1,509,468.65**

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. 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.

15. Approval: Home Instruction Plans

Approval: Home Instruction Plans

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee table this item for this evening because we didn't receive the needed information.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THIS ITEM. 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.

16. Approval: Out-of-State Field Trip Requests

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip request submitted by Christine Kirch, Science Teacher at West Warwick High School to travel by school bus with approximately sixty-five (65) students to Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, Connecticut, on April 14, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINE KIRCH, SCIENCE TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK

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HIGH SCHOOL, TO TRAVEL BY SCHOOL BUS WITH APPROXIMATELY SIXTY-FIVE (65) STUDENTS TO MYSTIC AQUARIUM IN MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT, ON APRIL 14, 2014.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip request submitted by Jeffrey Parenteau, Social Studies Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School, to travel by school bus with approximately eighty-six (86) students to Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, Connecticut, on March 17, 2004.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST SUBMITTED BY JEFFREY PARENTEAU, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, TO TRAVEL BY SCHOOL BUS WITH APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY-SIX (86) STUDENTS TO MYSTIC AQUARIUM IN MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT, ON MARCH 17, 2004. 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.

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip request submitted by Bridget Beliveau, Music Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School, to travel by school bus with approximately 65-70 students to the Great East Music Festival and Six Flags New England in Agawam, Massachusetts, on May 23, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP

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REQUEST SUBMITTED BY BRIDGET BELIVEAU, MUSIC TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, TO TRAVEL WITH 65-70 STUDENTS TO THE GREAT EAST MUSIC FESTIVAL AND SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND IN AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS, ON MAY 23, 2014. 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.

- 17. Approval: Permission for the West Warwick High School Junior Prom (Class of 2016) to be held at Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, Connecticut, in May of 2015**

Approval: Permission for the West Warwick High School Junior Prom (Class of 2016) to be held at Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, Connecticut, in May of 2015

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request from Wayne Brusseau, Class Advisor at West Warwick High School, for permission to have the Junior Prom at Mystic Aquarium in May 2015.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM WAYNE BRUSSEAU, CLASS ADVISOR AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, FOR PERMISSION TO HAVE THE JUNIOR PROM AT MYSTIC AQUARIUM IN MAY 2015. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Messier asked if proms still count as an out-of-state field trip. Mrs. Tarasevich said this is an out-of-state trip. She said the high school has had the prom there for a couple of years, and it has worked out great—it's beautiful and the students really do spend time looking at the fish. Mr. Murphy asked if everyone can take the bus if they choose to. Mrs. Tarasevich said we have encouraged kids to take the bus or car pool or take a party bus. She said we have had a very good experience. Mr. Messier asked where the senior prom is held, and Mrs. Tarasevich answered Newport.

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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.

18. Approval: First Reading: Revised Transportation Policy

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the first reading of the revised transportation policy.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE REVISED TRANSPORTATION POLICY.

Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Messier asked about a sixth grader being bused and a seventh grader in the same family not being bused—he said that makes absolutely no sense because the bus will be there anyway.

Mrs. Tarasevich said that was one of the reasons for the revision—so that we would have the same alignment—that’s what this recommendation addresses.

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.

19. Approval: First Reading: Revised Diploma Waiver Policy

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the first reading of the revised Diploma Waiver Policy.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE

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REVISED DIPLOMA WAIVER POLICY. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Messier said he will hold any questions until he re-reads it.

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.

- 20. Approval: First Reading: West Warwick High School Certificate of Academic Achievement Policy**

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the first reading of the West Warwick High School Certificate of Academic Achievement Policy.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT POLICY. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Messier said this is required by the Rhode Island Department of Education. Mrs. Tarasevich said Mr. Vigeant and Mr. Solomon did a presentation at the last meeting. She said they have done a very good job not only with the policy but with the communication to families also, especially this year now that it's here.

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.

- 21. Approval: Contract Non-Renewals: Administrators**

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the non-renewal of the contract of Brian J. Dillon, Principal of John F. Deering Middle School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE NON-RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT OF BRIAN J. DILLON, PRINCIPAL OF JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Murphy asked if Mr. Dillon was present, and Mr. Renzi said Mr. Dillon had to step out, and Mr. Vigeant added that Mr. Dillon has a personal commitment that couldn't be avoided.

Mr. Murphy said if any members of the audience are here to talk on this issue, they will have two minutes to talk.

The following staff members addressed the School Committee in support of Mr. Dillon: Kimarie Banes, Karen Simpson, Lisa Pimental, and Patricia Cairo.

A roll call vote was taken, and 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.

Mr. Murphy said Mr. Dillon knows he has rights to come and speak to the board.

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee table the non-renewal of the contract of Donna Peluso, Principal of John F. Horgan Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THE NON-RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT OF DONNA PELUSO, PRINCIPAL OF JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY

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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.

22. Approval: Teacher Layoffs

Approval: Teacher Layoffs

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the following teacher layoff:

Deborah Perrotta, Long-Term Substitute Grade 6 Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TEACHER LAYOFF: DEBORAH PERROTTA, LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE GRADE 6 TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. 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.

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the following teacher layoff: Janet Patrone, Long-Term Substitute Grade 6 Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TEACHER LAYOFF: JANET PATRONE, LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE GRADE 6 TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE 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.

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the following teacher layoff:

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Kristin Giorgio, .5 Social Studies Teacher at Maisie E. Quinn School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TEACHER LAYOFF: KRISTIN GIORGIO, .5 SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT MAISIE E. QUINN 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.

23. Approval: Contracts

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- a) Director of Property Services and Transportation
- b) Director of Reform, Compliance, and Technology
- c) Director of Special Education and Pupil/Personnel Services
- d) Principal – Greenbush Elementary School
- e) Assistant Principal – John F. Deering Middle School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee table Items a through e.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE ITEMS A THROUGH E. 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.

24. Approval: Parental Leave Extension

Approval: Parental Leave Extension: Kindergarten Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the parental leave extension of Jeanne Greco, Kindergarten Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School through April 28, 2014.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A PARENTAL LEAVE EXTENSION SUBMITTED BY JEANNE GRECO, KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. 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.

25. Acceptance of Resignations

Acceptance of Resignations

a) **Part-Time Bus Monitor – West Warwick Public Schools**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Nicole Thornlimb from the position of bus monitor for the West Warwick Public Schools, effective January 16, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF NICOLE THORNLIMB FROM THE POSITION OF BUS MONITOR FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 16, 2014.

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.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation submitted by Lori Peters from the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant at John F. Horgan Elementary School, effective January 17, 2014.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION SUBMITTED BY LORI PETERS FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY 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.

c) Assistant Co-Ed Volleyball Coach – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation submitted by Josh Bednarczyk from the position of Assistant Co-Ed Volleyball Coach at West Warwick High School, effective January 24, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION SUBMITTED BY JOSH BEDNARCZYK FROM THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 24, 2014. 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.

d) Head Co-Ed Tennis Coach – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation submitted by Meghan McGovern from the position of Head Co-Ed Tennis Coach at West Warwick High School, effective January 31, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION SUBMITTED BY

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MEGHAN MCGOVERN FROM THE POSITION OF HEAD CO-ED TENNIS COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2014. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Williamson when the new tennis courts will be ready and also the lights on the football field. Mr. Williamson said he thinks there was an issue with getting the money. Mr. Murphy said maybe Mr. Williamson could look into that with Mr. Presley and Mr. Beattie. Mr. Lawton said he has called twice and there's been one meeting. Mr. Murphy said there are only three courts and in order to play high school tennis, you need to have four, and there are no bleachers there. Mr. Murphy said he is looking to have a larger facility at Riverpoint Park and hopefully host some tournaments.

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.

e) Head Girls Softball Coach – John F. Deering Middle School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation submitted by Jeffrey Petrarca from the position of Head Girls Softball Coach at John F. Deering Middle School effective February 7, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION SUBMITTED BY JEFFREY PETRARCA FROM THE POSITION OF HEAD GIRLS SOFTBALL COACH AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 7, 2014. 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.

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Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

a) **Interim Special Education Department Chair (Grades 9-12) – West Warwick High School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Jessica Haskell to the position of Interim Special Education Department Chair (Grades 9-12) at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA HASKELL TO THE POSITION OF INTERIM SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHAIR (GRADES 9-12) AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL.

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Ms. Haskell was not present tonight.

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.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Danielle Howman to the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at West Warwick High School, effective February 26, 2014 through May 29, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIELLE HOWMAN TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

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ENGLISH TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 26, 2014 THROUGH MAY 29, 2014. 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.

**c) Full-Time Special Education Teacher
Assistant/Floater in the Self-Contained
Behavior Alternative Program – Greenbush
Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Heather Jones to the position of Full-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant/Floater in the Self-Contained Behavior/Alternative Program at Greenbush Elementary School, effective February 24, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF HEATHER JONES TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT/FLOATER IN THE SELF-CONTAINED BEHAVIOR/ ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 24, 2014. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Ms. Jones has an Associate's Degree from CCRI in General Studies with a Minor in Elementary Education. She worked as a teacher assistant for 4-1/2 years for the Providence School Department, and she was unanimously selected by the Interview Committee.

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

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The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Heather Jones.

**d) Part-Time Special Education Teacher
Assistant/PCA – Wakefield Hills Elementary
School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Rachel Read to the position of Part-time Special Education Teacher Assistant/PCA at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective January 21, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF RACHEL READ TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT/PCA AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 21, 2014. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said we are equally as pleased to welcome Rachel Read, who has a Bachelor's Degree from URI and has been serving as a Substitute Teacher Assistant since December 2012.

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 Rachel Read.

27. Audience of Citizens

Audience of Citizens

Mr. Sean Doyle, President of the West Warwick Teachers' Alliance addressed the School Committee. Mr. Doyle said it is a very unsettling time of year when the district takes a look at what the needs are for

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staffing. It is the time of year when layoff notices are issued. He said it is very unsettling, and this year wasn't as unsettling as it was two years ago on Valentine's Day when 27 notices were given out. Mr. Doyle said he commends the Superintendent, Paul Vigeant, and Jim Monti—it is clear to him they took the analysis of staffing very seriously this year—it would be very easy to lay off 30 people—and to go through enrollment and make sure you are affecting less lives in adverse ways means right now we have three people on layoff, and he is pretty optimistic that we will be able to bring them back somewhere. Mr. Doyle thanked the Superintendent, Paul Vigeant, and Jim Monti for taking the time and effort not to issue a bunch of layoff notices and sort it out later.

Mr. Williamson said he had an update on the tennis courts thanks to Mr. Townsend and the Parks and Recreation Director—they will be done by June. Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Williamson.

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

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

Mr. Messier spoke about the need for the large potholes on the driveway into the high school and middle school to be taken care of. Mr. Townsend reported that those holes have been filled in.

Mr. Murphy thanked the people who spoke on Mr. Dillon's behalf. Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Dillon for his 11 years of service to the district; he had taken charge when we were moving the fifth graders up to the middle school. Mr. Murphy wished Mr. Dillon and his family the best of luck going forward.

Mr. Messier said if anyone is interested in being on the Policy Subcommittee, please e-mail him and he will put them on the list for information.

29. Adjournment

MOTION

Adjournment

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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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: 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher R. Messier, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder