

**MINUTES**  
**WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**JUNE 10, 2014**  
**JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE**  
**5:30 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 Attorney Present:** Andrew Henneous
- Administrators Present:** Karen Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools  
Jeffrey Guiot, Assistant Principal, West Warwick High School  
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology  
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 5:35 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 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 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.

### 4. Executive Session

#### Executive Session

- a) **Personnel**  
**Discussion: Central Office Administration**
- b) **Contracts**
- c) **Litigation**

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

### 5. Open Session

#### Open Session

Mr. Murphy opened the public session at 6:45 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

Mrs. Brunero 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills in a safe, personalized learning environment.*

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### 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 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 Recognition

#### Student Recognition

The School Committee recognized the following students:

#### West Warwick High School Varsity Baseball Team Association of Baseball Umpires of Rhode Island – Sportsmanship Award

Ernie Wright, III, Raymond Zincone, Jr., Andrew In, Kody Greenhalgh, Timothy Fournier, Thomas Doran, Jake Woodside, Matthew Grenier, Gregory D'Ambrosca (Capt.), Brogan Guilmette, Christopher Gaipo, Dylan Rocha, Richard McNeil (Capt.), Evan Barrerra, Michael Pellerin, Tyler Boisclair, Matthew Hopper, Charles Tashjian, Christopher Stafford

Head Coach: Richard Grenier

Assistant Coaches: Richard Grenier, Jr., Richard Lizotte

#### West Warwick High School Boys JV Volleyball Team Division II State Champions

Allen Flyntz, Bryan Pacheco, Joshua Xavier, Joseph Paquette, Tyler Coburn, Nicholas Joaquin, Patrick O'Connell, Brian Moretti, Daniel Perry, Jan-Dave Bismonte, Luis Salazar, Steven Costa, Jacob Leander

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Head Coach: Jean McGarry

## 11. Student Representative

### Student Representative

None.

## 12. Audience of Citizens

### Audience of Citizens

None.

## 13. Chairperson's Reports

### Chairperson's Report

Mr. Murphy apologized for not being able to attend graduation—he had two other events that night. He said that graduation is a great time—students have achieved a milestone in their life. Mr. Murphy extended congratulations to all of the students who received their diplomas. He said he wanted to also thank the parents who were role models in the students' lives and all of the employees, teacher, teacher assistants, and administrators, and the students themselves for having the drive and determination to get their diplomas. Mr. Murphy said he also wanted to congratulate two individuals who live in his neighborhood and went to the vocational program at Tollgate and received their diplomas.

Mr. Murphy also spoke about the Financial Town Meeting. He said 800 people came out in an effort to move the town forward and voted for a tax increase—something that needed to be done. Mr. Murphy said that revenue also needs to be increased in the town. Mr. Murphy spoke about an item coming up later on the agenda—the proposed Mayoral Academy. He said that if 100 students from West Warwick attended, that would take \$1.5 million out of the town.

## 14. Sub-Committee Reports

### Sub-Committee Reports

Mr. Messier provided the following sub-committee updates:

- a) Policy -- Meetings are scheduled out through the rest of the year. There have been two

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meetings so far, and participation has been extremely lax. He hope we can get more people to come out and join us. The next meeting is Tuesday of next week at 6:30 here at Deering.

- b) Technology – we will be talking about streaming later. Mr. Messier has a list of people who are interested; he needs to start making calls and finding out the best time to meet. Anyone who is interested can contact him.
- c) Health and Wellness – Mr. Florio was not present to talk about this.
- d) Facility Needs and g) Safety and Security – Mr. Townsend said funding hasn't come through, but if it does, he will put a meeting together. Bids are going out for the sprinkler system and new water meter to get that accomplished over the summer.
- e) Recreation – Mr. Lawton said we haven't had a meeting, but he has four or five people who are interested. He said Riverpoint Park has new lights going up. Mr. Lawton said that there has been one meeting on the town side.
- f) Public Relations – Mrs. Patricia D'Alfonso said they had an organizational meeting last Thursday—there are several new parents on board and other members from the school community. The topic of discussion was around being a sending school district to the Mayoral Academy.

### 15. Superintendent's Report

#### Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tarasevich said she would like to reiterate Mr. Murphy's comments about graduation—it is one of the greatest, if not the greatest night of the year. Mrs. Tarasevich extended thanks to the high school administration and Mr. Townsend for getting the

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Veterans' Memorial Auditorium set up. Mrs. Tarasevich also said she had a Meet and Greet at Horgan for Mr. Desrosiers, and she also wanted to publicly thank Kathleen Winslow for her help and support—she did a phenomenal job for us.

### 16. Consent Agenda

#### Consent Agenda

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| a) Approval: Executive Session Minutes:<br>May 13, 2014                 | a) Approval: Executive Session Minutes:<br>May 13, 2014              |
| b) Approval: Open Session Minutes:<br>May 13, 2014                      | b) Approval: Open Session Minutes:<br>May 13, 2014                   |
| c) Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes:<br>June 4, 2014 | c) Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes: June 4, 2014 |
| d) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes:<br>June 4, 2014      | d) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: June 4, 2014      |
| e) Approval: Payment of Bills:<br>\$1,804,796.09                        | e) Approval: Payment of Bills: \$1,804,796.09                        |

#### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.** 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. Discussion/Approval: Increases in Student Lunch Pricing

#### Discussion/Approval: Increases in Student Lunch Pricing

Mr. Townsend and Mrs. Donna Walker from Sodexo addressed the School Committee regarding the increases in student lunch pricing. The Rhode Island Department of Education has notified us that we must increase lunch prices by 12 cents, and since they have

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a cap on lunch price increases of 10 cents per year, they are recommending an increase of 10 cents for the coming year and 2 cents for the following year.

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the increases in student lunch pricing.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE INCREASES IN STUDENT LUNCH PRICING.** 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.

### 18. Approval: Bid Award/Grant Award

#### Approval: Bid Award/Grant Award: Wireless Classroom Initiative

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the bid award/grant award for the Wireless Classroom Initiative (WCI).

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BID AWARD/GRANT AWARD FOR THE WIRELESS CLASSROOM INITIATIVE.** Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Messier asked if the prices were still valid since they were from last year, and Mr. Monti answered that they are still valid. Mr. Monti briefly outlined the work that will take place at the individual schools.

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: Resolution Regarding Mayoral Academy

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be a discussion/approval of the resolution to support the exclusion of the Town of West Warwick as a proposed sending district to the Kent County Prep Mayoral Academy Charter School.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE EXCLUSION OF THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK AS A PROPOSED SENDING DISTRICT TO THE KENT COUNTY PREP MAYORAL ACADEMY.** Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

The School Committee had a discussion about the Mayoral Academy and the reasons they are approving a resolution to exclude West Warwick as a sending district including that the town has just approved a five-year plan, and that if 100 students were to go to the Mayoral Academy, that would represent a \$1.5 million loss to the district. Mr. Sean Doyle, President of the West Warwick Teachers' Alliance also addressed the School Committee on this issue.

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.

### **20. Approval: Out-of-State Field Trip Requests**

#### **Approval: Out-of-State Field Trip Requests**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip request submitted by Catherine Boutin, Grade 8 Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School to travel by commercial bus to Washington, DC, with Deering Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, April 29 – May 2, 2015.

### MOTION

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

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### **BOUTIN, GRADE 8 TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL TO TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL BUS TO WASHINGTON, DC, WITH DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS, APRIL 29 – MAY 2, 2015.**

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.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she would like to thank the people involved in this trip; she knows it's a lot of work to fundraise and go on the trip; it's a big undertaking, but it's a great opportunity, and she wants to thank everyone for taking this on.

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.

### **21. Discussion: Relocation of School Committee Meeting**

#### **Discussion: Relocation of School Committee Meeting**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the discussion continue regarding the relocation of school committee meetings.

The School Committee discussed relocating the meetings, including the issues of accommodating the number of people who attend meetings and parking and accessibility to the building.

After discussion, Mr. Murphy said that the School Committee could direct Mr. Townsend to talk to the Deering librarian about the layout of the library in terms of accommodating more people. Mrs. Tarasevich said that she thinks that's a good next step, and we can see what that yields.

### **22. Discussion/Approval: Resolution**

#### **Discussion/Approval: Resolution: Amend Article XII of the Rhode Island Constitution**

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be a discussion/approval of the Resolution to Amend Article XII of the Rhode Island Constitution

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE XII OF THE RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTION.** Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

After discussion, the School Committee decided they would like to see the House and Senate bills on this issue before they take action, and agreed to table the issue.

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

### 23. Approval: Second Reading of Policy

#### **Approval: Second Reading: Revision of Health Services Policy (School Exclusion and Dismissal Section)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the second reading of the Revision of Health Services Policy (School Exclusion and Dismissal Section).

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE REVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES POLICY (SCHOOL EXCLUSION AND DISMISSAL SECTION).** 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.

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**24. Acceptance of Resignations for Retirement Purposes**

**Acceptance of Resignations for Retirement Purposes:**

**a) Full-Time Secretary (Guidance) – West Warwick High School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended with regret that the School Committee accept the resignation for retirement purposes from Patricia Garrahan, Full-Time Secretary, Guidance Office at West Warwick High School, effective June 27, 2014.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES FROM PATRICIA GARRAHAN, FULL-TIME SECRETARY, GUIDANCE OFFICE AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 27, 2014.**

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mrs. Tarasevich said that Mrs. Garrahan provided the district with tremendous service for a long, long time, and this is with regret.

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) Full-Time Secretary – Professional Development Office – Administration**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended with regret that the School Committee accept the resignation for retirement purposes from Mary Kelly, Full-Time Secretary – Professional Development Office – Administration, effective June 27, 2014.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT**

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### **PURPOSES FROM MARY KELLY, FULL-TIME SECRETARY – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE –**

**ADMINISTRATION.** Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mrs. Tarasevich said that Mrs. Kelly provided tremendous support to the Technology Department and the Professional Development Academy, and she will be missed.

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.

### **c) Full-Time Teacher Assistant – John F. Deering Middle School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation for retirement purposes from Janet Swanson, Full-Time Teacher Assistant at John F. Deering Middle School, effective June 17, 2014.

### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES FROM JANET SWANSON, FULL-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, 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.

### **d) Full-Time Custodian – John F. Horgan Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation for retirement purposes from Stephen Henault, Full-Time Custodian

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at John F. Horgan Elementary School, effective  
June 27, 2014.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES FROM STEPHEN HENAULT, FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 27, 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.

#### **e) Full-Time Custodian – Greenbush Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended with regret that the School Committee accept the resignation for retirement purposes from Dennis Belanger, full-time custodian at Greenbush Elementary School.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES FROM DENNIS BELANGER, FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 27, 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.

## **25. Acceptance of Resignations**

### **Acceptance of Resignations:**

#### **a) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – West Warwick High School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Michelle Altruda, Part-Time Teacher Assistant at West Warwick High School, effective June 17, 2014.

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**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MICHELLE ALTRUDA, PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, 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.

**b) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – West Warwick High School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended with regret that the School Committee accept the resignation of Amanda Nico, Part-Time Teacher Assistant at West Warwick High School, effective June 17, 2014.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF AMANDA NICO, PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, 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 unanimously passed.

**c) Part-Time Custodian – Greenbush Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended with regret that the School Committee accept the resignation of Christopher Morrison, Part-Time Custodian at Greenbush Elementary School, effective May 29, 2014.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CHRISTOPHER MORRISON, PART-TIME**

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**CUSTODIAN AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE 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.

### **d) Teacher Assistant in ESY Program**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Melissa Griffin from the position of Teacher Assistant in the ESY Program.

### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MELISSA GRIFFIN FROM THE POSITION OF TEACHER ASSISTANT IN THE ESY PROGRAM.** 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.

### **26. Termination (During Probation Period)**

#### **Termination (During Probation Period): Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Wakefield Hills Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the termination of a part-time teacher assistant at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective May 20, 2014.

### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF A PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE MAY 20, 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.

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### 27. Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

#### Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

##### a) Interim Director of Finance

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Thomas Bruce to the position of Interim Director of Finance.

#### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS BRUCE TO THE POSITION OF INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.** 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.

##### b) Art Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointment of Martina Marasco to the position of Art Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School, effective at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

#### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MARTINA MARASCO TO THE POSITION OF ART TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR.** Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Ms. Marasco's education and said that she has been serving as a Long-Term Substitute Art Teacher at West Warwick High School for the past four years. Mrs. Tarasevich added and she has done a great job.

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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.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Martina Marasco.

### **c) Music Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Kristina Levick to the position of Music Teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KRISTINA LEVICK TO THE POSITION OF MUSIC TEACHER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR.** Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Ms. Levick's education and said that she did her student teaching at Wakefield Hills Elementary School and had also done secondary level student teaching at Mount Hope High School.

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 Kristina Levick.

### **d) World Languages Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School**

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Abigail Carney to the position of World Languages Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School, effective at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

Mr. Vigeant asked the Superintendent to table this position.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE WORLD LANGUAGES TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL.** Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion to table passed 4 to 0.

- e) **Special Education Teacher (Grades 9-12)  
Emotional Disturbance Program – West  
Warwick High School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Lynda Nikodem to the position of Special Education Teacher (Grades 9-12) Emotional Disturbance Program at West Warwick High School, effective at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GIVE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LYNDA NIKODEM TO THE POSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER (GRADES 9-12) EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE PROGRAM AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR.** Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

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Mr. Vigeant provided information about Ms. Nikodem's education and said that she has been working in the district as a substitute teacher, both short-term and long-term, since May of 2004.

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 Lynda Nikodem.

### **f) .5 Science Teacher – Alternative Program – Maisie E. Quinn Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Chloe Robitaille to the position of .5 Science Teacher in the Alternative Program at Maisie E. Quinn School, effective at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHLOE ROBITAILLE TO THE POSITION OF .5 SCIENCE TEACHER – ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AT MAISIE E. QUINN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR.** Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Ms. Robitaille's education and said that she had done her student teaching at Deering Middle School and West Warwick High School.

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.

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The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Chloe Robitaille.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Danielle Howman to the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at West Warwick High School, effective at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

#### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO 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 AT THE START OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR.** Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Ms. Howman was not present.

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.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Jared Santurri to the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School, effective at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

#### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE**

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**APPOINTMENT OF JARED SANTURRI TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE ENGLISH TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Mr. Santurri was not present.

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.

**i) Long-Term Substitute Grade 4 Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Dyana Richmond to the position of Long-Term Substitute Grade 4 teacher at Greenbush Elementary School, effective at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DYANA RICHMOND TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE GRADE 4 TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Ms. Richmond was not present.

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.

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### **j) Long-Term Substitute Grade 4 Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Kimberly Pacheco to the position of Long-Term Substitute Grade 4 Teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

#### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KIMBERLY PACHECO TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE GRADE 4 TEACHER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Ms. Pacheco was not present.

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.

### **k) Certified Staff – ESL Summer Program**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of Tracy Thornbury and Sharon Jochman to the positions of ESL Teachers in the Summer Program.

#### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF TRACY THORNBURY AND SHARON JOCHMAN TO THE POSITIONS OF ESL TEACHERS IN THE SUMMER PROGRAM.**

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

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Mr. Vigeant said that Mrs. Thornbury and Ms. Jochman were 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.

### **l) Certified Staff – Special Education Extended School Year Program**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of Leah Paliotta and Mary Ellen Vigeant to the positions of Speech Pathologists in the Special Education Extended School Year Program.

### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF LEAH PALIOTTA AND MARY ELLEN VIGEANT TO THE POSITIONS OF SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM.** Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Ms. Paliotta and Ms. Vigeant were not present.

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.

### **m) Classified Staff – Special Education Extended School Year Program**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Crystal Romano to the position of Teacher Assistant in the Special Education Extended School Year Program.

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### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CRYSTAL ROMANO TO THE POSITION OF TEACHER ASSISTANT IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM.** Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Ms. Romano is here tonight, and he thought we would recognize her later on during the personnel appointments.

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.

#### **n) Classified Staff – Proficiency-Based Summer School – West Warwick High School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Cheryl Johnson to the position of Clerk in the Proficiency Based Summer School Program at West Warwick High School.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHERYL JOHNSON TO THE POSITION OF CLERK IN THE PROFICIENCY BASED SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL.** Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Mrs. Johnson was not present.

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.

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### **o) Part-Time Teacher Assistants**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of the following individuals as part-time teacher assistants, effective at the start of the 2014-2015 school year:

Amanda Jacobsen – Greenbush Elementary School  
Lori Peters – John F. Horgan Elementary School  
Robin Williams – John F. Horgan Elementary School  
Bridget McElhaney – Maisie E. Quinn School  
Kellie Traficante – Maisie E. Quinn School  
Anna Pezzullo – Wakefield Hills Elementary School  
Crystal Romano – Wakefield Hills Elementary School  
Stephanie Welsh – West Warwick High School

### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANTS, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR:**

**AMANDA JACOBSEN – GREENBUSH  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
LORI PETERS – JOHN F. HORGAN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ROBIN WILLIAMS – JOHN F. HORGAN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
BRIDGET MCELHANEY – MAISIE E. QUINN  
SCHOOL  
KELLIE TRAFICANTE – MAISIE E. QUINN  
SCHOOL  
ANNA PEZZULLO – WAKEFIELD HILLS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CRYSTAL ROMANO – WAKEFIELD HILLS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
STEPHANIE WELSH – WEST WARWICK  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

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Mr. Vigeant asked the teacher assistants to stand, and he provided information regarding their education and experience including substitute experience in West Warwick. He indicated that Lori Peters was not present.

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 Amanda Jacobsen, Robin Williams, Bridget McElhaney, Kellie Traficante, Anna Pezzullo, Crystal Romano, and Stephanie Welsh.

### **Reappointments: Fall Season Coaches – West Warwick High School**

- 1) Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coach**
- 2) Two (2) Assistant Co-Ed Football Coaches**
- 3) Head Co-Ed Football Coach**
- 4) Assistant Girls' Soccer**
- 5) Head Girls' Soccer**
- 6) Assistant Co-Ed Soccer**
- 7) Assistant Girls' Volleyball**
- 8) Head Girls' Volleyball**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the reappointments of the following individuals to the coaching positions listed below:

Jennifer DeGraide – Head Co-Ed Cheerleading  
Shane Lagor – Head Co-Ed Football  
Christopher Craik & Mark Janton – Assistant Co-Ed Football Coaches  
Daniel Lima – Head Girls' Soccer  
Stephen Derderian, Jr. – Assistant Girls' Soccer  
Nicholas Paolantonio – Assistant Co-Ed Soccer  
Michael Shunney – Head Girls' Volleyball  
Victoria Ahrens – Assistant Girls' Volleyball

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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**PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE COACHING POSITIONS LISTED BELOW:**

**JENNIFER DEGRAIDE – HEAD CO-ED  
CHEERLEADING**

**SHANE LAGOR – HEAD CO-ED FOOTBALL**

**CHRISTOPHER CRAIK & MARK JANTON –  
ASSISTANT CO-ED FOOTBALL COACHES**

**DANIEL LIMA – HEAD GIRLS’ SOCCER**

**STEPHEN DERDERIAN, JR. – ASSISTANT  
GIRLS’ SOCCER**

**NICHOLAS PAOLANTONIO – ASSISTANT CO-  
ED SOCCER**

**MICHAEL SHUNNEY – HEAD GIRLS’  
VOLLEYBALL**

**VICTORIA AHRENS – ASSISTANT GIRLS’  
VOLLEYBALL**

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero and Stephen H. Lawton. 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.

Mr. Vigeant indicated that Mr. Kortick had evaluated all of the coaches, and they are being recommended on the basis of their evaluation as well as being recommended by the principal. Mr. Murphy said this was done in a timely fashion and we will have the coaches in place, and he thanked Mr. Vigeant and Mr. Kortick.

### **Reappointments: Fall Season Coaches – John F. Deering Middle School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the reappointments of the following individuals to the coaching positions listed below:

Taylor Gargano – Co-Head Co-Ed Cheerleading  
Jeffrey Parenteau – Head Co-Ed Cross Country

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Nelson DaSilva – Head Boys' Soccer

Frank Gregory – Head Girls' Soccer

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE COACHING POSITIONS LISTED BELOW:**

**TAYLOR GARGANO – CO-HEAD CO-ED CHEERLEADING**

**JEFFREY PARENTEAU – HEAD CO-ED CROSS COUNTRY**

**NELSON DASILVA – HEAD BOYS' SOCCER**

**FRANK GREGORY – HEAD GIRLS' SOCCER**

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.

Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Vigeant and the Interview Committees. He welcomed the new employees and welcomed the coaches back for the fall season, and said the School Committee is very happy to have them. Mrs. Tarasevich thanked Mr. Vigeant and everyone involved in the interview process.

### **28. Approval: Contract**

#### **Approval: Contract: Interim Director of Finance**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the contract for the Interim Director of Finance.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.** 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.

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## 29. Audience of Citizens

### Audience of Citizens

Mr. Sean Doyle, President of the West Warwick Teachers' Alliance, addressed the School Committee regarding the proposed Mayoral Academy including that Fitch has changed the bond rating for the town from a negative one to Step 1, which may go backwards if the town has to send \$600,000 to the Mayoral Academy.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich thanked Mr. Doyle for his comments.

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

None.

## 31. Adjournment

### Adjournment

#### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADJOURN THE MEETING.** 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.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christopher R. Messier, Clerk

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Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder