

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
JULY 8, 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
Joseph Florio, Jr.
Stephen H. Lawton
- School Committee Attorney Present:** Andrew Henneous
- Administrators Present:** Karen Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools
Jeffrey Guiot, Principal, John F. Deering Middle School
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology
Philip Solomon, Principal, West Warwick High School
Kenneth Townsend, Director of Property Services
- Recording Secretary:** Michelle M. Colozzo
- 1. Open Session** Open Session
Mr. Murphy opened the meeting at 5:35 P.M.
- 2. Roll Call** Roll Call
The following members were present:
Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Brunero, Mr. Messier, Mr. Florio, and Mr. Lawton.
- 3. Motion to go into Executive Session** Motion to go into Executive Session according to RI General Laws 42-46-4 and 42-46-5, Subsection (a) Paragraph 2

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ACCORDING TO RI GENERAL LAWS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5, SUBSECTION (a), PARAGRAPH 2. Motion seconded by 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.

4. Executive Session

Executive Session

- a) **Retiree Litigation Update (CA No. 14-0424)**
- b) **Personnel**
- c) **Litigation**

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

5. Open Session

Open Session

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

6. Roll Call

Roll Call

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

7. Reading of Mission Statement

Reading of Mission Statement

Mr. Lawton read the Mission Statement of the West Warwick Public Schools.

The West Warwick Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, is dedicated to providing all learners with access and opportunity to a challenging comprehensive education while developing 21st Century Skills in a safe, personalized learning environment.

8. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Brunero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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9. Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

MOTION

Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Christopher R. Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

10. Student Recognition

Student Recognition

11. Staff Recognition

Staff Recognition

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THE STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Elizabeth B. Brunero, Stephen H. Lawton, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

12. Audience of Citizens

Audience of Citizens

None.

13. Chairperson's Reports

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Murphy said because we are on summer hours, he will forego the chairman's report.

14. Sub-Committee Reports

Sub-Committee Reports

- a) Policy – Mr. Messier will have information for next month's meeting.
- b) Technology – Mr. Townsend said we are waiting for Cox to come in.
- c) Health and Wellness – No update.
- d) Facility Needs and g) Safety and Security –

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Mr. Townsend said he is hoping to have a meeting together for the end of July. The water bid is in, and the sprinkler system is due on the 11th, and depending on the cost of that project, we will start getting into security measures across the district.

e) Recreation – Mr. Lawton reported the following:

- There are five people who want to be involved in the sub-committee, and he has reached out to them.
- There is a website that links all sports in town and gives the contact person and how to sign up for them.
- He was told by Ray Beattie that the concession area at Riverpoint will be up and vinyl sided in about a month.
- There are eight new lights on the basketball court.
- Tennis courts are almost done. The asphalt is done.

Mr. Murphy said the tennis courts are important because now we will be able to have matches and that will be a savings. We will also be able to host a championship or playoff.

f) Public Relations – No update.

15. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tarasevich said that the school year ended on a good note, and it was a very busy spring as always. Summertime gives us a chance to catch our breath and re-group. There are a lot of administrative changes this summer with new administrators in place at the building and district level; and we are excited about

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that. With Google Apps for Education, Mr. Monti's department has designed some training so again, another fine example of good work being done in the district that we are able to share.

Mrs. Tarasevich said summer school classes are underway, and not only does that allow for credit retrieval for a failed grade, but also it usually results in 15 or 20 more students who will graduate at the August graduation.

16. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

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| a) Approval: Executive Session Minutes:
June 10, 2014 | a) Approval: Executive Session Minutes:
June 10, 2014 |
| b) Approval: Open Session Minutes:
June 10, 2014 | b) Approval: Open Session Minutes:
June 10, 2014 |
| c) Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes:
June 17, 2014 | c) Approval: Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes: June 17, 2014 |
| d) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes:
June 17, 2014 | d) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: June 17, 2014 |
| e) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes:
June 30, 2014 | e) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: June 30, 2014 |
| f) Approval: Payment of Bills: \$647,746.42 | f) Approval: Payment of Bills: \$647,746.42 |

MOTION

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

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17. Discussion: Options for Technology Purchases

Discussion: Options for Technology Purchases

Mrs. Tarasevich said Mr. Monti has been talking for quite a while now about technology needs in the district and what they are in terms of quantity and what it would cost.

Mr. Monti said we have been talking about our desire to move to one to one Chromebooks in the district. He said we have some major issues coming up in terms of we have 1400 XP computers in the district that are no longer being supported by Microsoft. Initially, they were cut off towards the end of the school year and those machines were vulnerable to software issues. Microsoft is no longer supporting one of the versions so we have to keep moving forward in one to one. We are looking at different avenues and different plans for actual costs. We are purchasing machines for all of our classroom teachers as well as all of our administrators and student information work that needs to be done which includes those for students and a couple of hundred for staff; we will probably put out about a 100 for staff used by secretaries, staff, and in computer labs. Mr. Murphy asked you are planning to replace them with Chromebooks? Mr. Monti said we are talking about moving to Chromebooks.

Mr. Monti said we have anti-virus software but they will no longer give us updates on any of these machines—they are just not available any longer.

Mr. Murphy asked when will we be fully equipped? Mr. Monti said the plan is to start looking at funding options—there is a three-year lease agreement possibility that we are talking about and also talking about using some of the budget surplus to take care of some of these needs. Mr. Monti said we have already purchased about 1100-1200 machines. Mr. Murphy asked what do you think is better to lease them or purchase them? Mr. Monti said we were thinking lease-purchase, which could be about \$150,000 of financing costs and that didn't seem to make sense—it

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does seem to make sense to make a lease purchase for three years. It allows us to use funds already budgeted and a little bit of surplus. It seems like that is probably the most cautious way to deliver – using a small portion of the surplus gives us a big bang for the buck. It's possible, because we have put in for some grants, that we may not have to touch the surplus.

Mr. Murphy asked is there a grant that would allow the Catholic and Muslim schools to get them?

Mr. Monti said we act as the financial liaison but he is sure they could go to Promevo and say you gave this price to the West Warwick Public Schools and we would like the same price. Mr. Monti said technology is not included in the law, but he is sure they could take advantage of the pricing structure.

The School Committee asked about the Chromebooks, and he said that we didn't have one stolen machine all year, and we had 1200—1000 were going home every day; we probably had about 40 broken screens. We replaced them and told the parents if another screen broke, we would ask them to replace it. Mr. Florio asked do we have a system in place like the one if you don't return your textbooks?

Mr. Monti said you approved a policy that if students didn't return it in two days, you could report it to the police, but we didn't have to do that. He said the response from the families has been great.

Mr. Murphy asked what's the life span of the equipment? Mr. Monti said Google has agreed to provide updates for five years which is probably about the life span of the machine. Mr. Murphy said in five years, we would have to look at it again. Mr. Messier asked have you put forward a technology refresher plan option for five years? Mr. Monti said there is money in the five-year plan for technology and part of that is squirreling away funds to refresh equipment. We will look to grants and possibly Federal funding would come back—he still thinks it's about a year away before it makes its way to the schools, but the goal is to move the tools students are using to a digital

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environment. Mr. Monti said it updates every six weeks.

Mr. Monti said one of the things we will talk about is offering parents an option where they could purchase some covers for the machines which would make them much more durable which he thinks makes sense; and we will figure out how to support families who don't have the resources.

Mr. Monti said what the technology companies would like you to do is roll over every three years and they will replace the technology—that's an annual cost for six years. Mr. Florio asked do we sell them?

Mr. Monti said they take ownership at that point and they sell them, recycle them, or refurbish them and sell them again. It would be an annual cost until you decide to pay the full cost and you are given the option of monthly payment or yearly payment. A question came up about students bringing in their own devices, and Mr. Monti said that's fine if they bring them in and log in with their account, everything we have in the console goes to their accounts. Mr. Monti said we had some parents purchase one for home and leave their other one at school—when they log into their account, they can't access games.

Mr. Murphy asked do we have any way for the teachers to upload their lesson plans? Mr. Monti said we have a couple of things: one is Google Apps for Education which allows us to create a classroom environment where information is sent out to students regarding that. We also utilize Aspen where teachers can connect assignments back to Aspen. Parents can go to the student's portfolio and see you have this to do as a chart of assignments to go into the grade book.

Mr. Murphy asked where would you say we rank for the public schools? Mr. Monti said he thinks we would be the first school department in Rhode Island to have one to one. Chromebooks are much more accessible. Other school departments are getting Macbook Airs, and that would be \$2.25 million to get Macbook Airs for everyone in the district. That's not

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an option because using the Chromebooks, the cost is much less and we have more opportunity to do this. A lot of school departments are moving to one to one: North Kingstown for the high school, East Greenwich High School, Jamestown is talking about Grades 4 and 6 next year, Coventry Middle School and High School—many districts are moving over to one to one Chromebooks. He believes they are doing the high school next year in Central Falls.

Mr. Messier asked have we talked about trying to use Chromecast devices in the classroom? Mr. Monti said we are working on the technical aspects of that—we are trying to figure out the interference of having so many Chromecast devices—they were created for a home environment. Mrs. Tarasevich thanked Jim Monti. Mr. Messier asked what's the next step. Mrs. Tarasevich said probably next is getting something on the agenda for approval.

**18. Approval: Action
Item: Approval:
Final Judgement in
Retiree Litigation
(CA No. 14-0424)**

**Action Item: Approval: Final Judgement in
Retiree Litigation (CA No. 14-0424)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the Final Judgement in Retiree Litigation (CA No. 14-0424).

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR.
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE
THE FINAL JUDGEMENT IN RETIREE
LITIGATION (CA NO. 14-0424).** 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.

Mr. Murphy commended Mr. Henneous for doing an excellent job.

**19. Approval: First
Reading: Request for
Public Records Policy**

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Records Policy**

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the first reading of the Request for Public Records Policy.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich said that this is required by law.

Mr. Murphy asked is there anything that needs to be added regarding cost? Mr. Henneous said that the statute allows you to charge 15 cents a page.

Mr. Murphy said we need to make people aware if we have to tie up staff. Mr. Henneous said that the statute doesn't prohibit you from charging \$8 to \$10 an hour after the first hour. To questions regarding adding this information to the policy, Mr. Henneous replied that generally speaking, you don't want to reiterate the entire statute in the policy.

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.

Mr. Thomas K. Jones of 330 East Greenwich Avenue asked if there is any type of language in there that would address the person requesting the public records finding out the cost beforehand.

Mr. Henneous said that's in the statute as well.

20. Approval: Maternity/ Parental Leave

Approval: Maternity/Parental Leave: Special Education Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request for maternity/parental leave submitted by Brittany Littlefield, Special Education Teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective August 18 – November 17, 2014.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR MATERNITY/PARENTAL LEAVE SUBMITTED BY BRITTANY LITTLEFIELD, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 18 – NOVEMBER 17, 2014.

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mr. Messier said these are two different types of leaves—are they supposed to be separate?

Mr. Henneous said it's a matter of procedure how you want to do it. Mr. Messier asked legally, do we have to separate it, and Mr. Henneous said no.

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

21. Acceptance of Resignation for Retirement Purposes

Acceptance of Resignation for Retirement Purposes: Teacher Assistant – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement from Maria Calzada, Teacher Assistant at John F. Horgan Elementary School, effective June 17, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT FROM THE POSITION OF TEACHER ASSISTANT AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, 2014. 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.

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22. Acceptance of Resignations

Acceptance of Resignations:

a) Co-Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coach – John F. Deering Middle School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation from Taylor Gargano from the position of Co-Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coach at John F. Deering Middle School, effective June 30, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM TAYLOR GARGANO FROM THE POSITION OF CO-HEAD CO-ED CHEERLEADING COACH AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2014. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. 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.

b) Bus Monitor – West Warwick Public Schools

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation from Joanne Tourgee, Bus Monitor for the West Warwick Public Schools, effective June 16, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM JOANNE TOURGEE, BUS MONITOR FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 16, 2014. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. 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.

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c) Teacher – Special Education ESY Program

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation from Carrie Graham from the position of Special Education ESY Teacher, effective June 23, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM CARRIE GRAHAM FROM THE POSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ESY TEACHER, EFFECTIVE JUNE 23, 2014. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. 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.

d) Teacher Assistants – Special Education ESY Program

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation submitted by Paula Gardosik from the position of Special Education ESY Teacher Assistant, effective June 17, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION SUBMITTED BY PAULA GARDOSIK FROM THE POSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ESY TEACHER ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, 2014. 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.

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation submitted by Kathryn Vinton from the position of Special Education ESY Teacher Assistant, effective June 30, 2014.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION SUBMITTED BY KATHRYN VINTON FROM THE POSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ESY TEACHER ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2014.

Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. 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.

e) Proficiency-Based Summer School Clerk – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation submitted by Cheryl Johnson from the position of Proficiency-Based Summer School Clerk, effective June 30, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION SUBMITTED BY CHERYL JOHNSON FROM THE POSITION OF PROFICIENCY-BASED SUMMER SCHOOL CLERK, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2014. Motion

seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. 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.

f) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – West Warwick Public Schools

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Rhonda Leander from the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant – West Warwick Public Schools, effective June 30, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF RHONDA LEANDER

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**FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME
TEACHER ASSISTANT – WEST WARWICK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2014.**

Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. 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.

**23. Approval:
Termination:
Custodian – West
Warwick Public
Schools**

**g) Approval of Termination: Custodian – West
Warwick Public Schools**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the termination of a custodian for the West Warwick Public Schools, effective immediately.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R.
MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF A
CUSTODIAN FROM THE WEST WARWICK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY.** Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. 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.

**24. Consent to
Superintendent's
Appointments**

Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Danielle Campbell to the position of World Languages 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
APPOINTMENT OF DANIELLE CAMPBELL**

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TO THE POSITION OF WORLD LANGUAGES 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.

Ms. Campbell was not present.

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

**b) Special Education Teacher (Grades 9/10)
Emotional Disturbance Program – West
Warwick High School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Jenna Deveines to the position of Special Education Teacher (Grade 9/10) Emotional Disturbance Program 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 PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNA DEVEINES TO THE POSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER (GRADE 9/10) EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE PROGRAM AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE START OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr., for discussion.

Mrs. Tarasevich provided background information on Ms. Deveines' education and experience. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Elizabeth B. Brunero, and Sean M. Murphy. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Keith Kosut to the position of Full-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant/Floater in the Self-Contained Behavior/Alternative Program at Greenbush Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KEITH KOSUT TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT/FLOATER IN THE SELF-CONTAINED BEHAVIOR/ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr., for discussion.

Mr. Kosut was not present.

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.

d) Multiple Part-Time Teacher Assistant Positions

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of the following individuals to the positions of part-time teacher assistants at the respective schools listed below:

Margaret Blanchard – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Brooke Finder – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Bonnie Savella – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Shawn Sellars – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Billie Lou Nolan – Maisie E. Quinn School

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE POSITIONS OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANTS AT THE RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS LISTED BELOW:

**MARGARET BLANCHARD – WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BROOKE FINDER – WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BONNIE SAVELLA – WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SHAWN SELLARS – WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BILLIE LOU NOLAN – MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL**

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Mrs. Tarasevich provided background information regarding the teacher assistants' education and experience.

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

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed the new teacher assistants.

e) Grade 4 Lead Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Lynn Tocco to the position of Grade 4 Lead Teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School.

MOTION

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

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ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LYNN TOCCO TO THE POSITION OF GRADE 4 LEAD TEACHER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

Ms. Tocco was not present.

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

f) Special Education (Grades 9-12) Department Chair

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Jessica Hassell to the position of Special Education (Grades 9-12) Department Chair, for a two-year term, which is the remainder of the three-year cycle.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA HASSELL TO THE POSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (GRADE 9-12) DEPARTMENT CHAIR, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM, WHICH IS THE REMAINDER OF THE THREE-YEAR CYCLE.

Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero, for discussion.

In answer to a question from Mr. Messier, Mrs. Tarasevich said that this was to fill the position that Jess Perry vacated.

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

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g) Teacher – Special Education Extended School Year Program

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Kayla Markey to the position of Teacher in the Special Education Extended School Year Program (Kindergarten).

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KAYLA MARKEY TO THE POSITION OF TEACHER IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM (KINDERGARTEN). Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. 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.

h) Teacher Assistants – Special Education Extended School Year Program

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of the following individuals to the positions of teacher assistants in the special education extended school year program: Tina Vallee, Danielle Tierney, Della Lepore.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE POSITIONS OF TEACHER ASSISTANTS IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM: TINA VALLEE, DANIELLE TIERNEY, DELLA LEPORE. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. The following members voted in

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

i) Teacher Assistants – Jump Start Kindergarten Program – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of Melissa Griffin and Lynn Kilkenny to the positions of Teacher Assistants in the Jump Start Kindergarten Program at John F. Horgan Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF MELISSA GRIFFIN AND LYNN KILKENNY TO THE POSITIONS OF TEACHER ASSISTANTS IN THE JUMP START KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. 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.

j) Proficiency-Based Summer School Coaches – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of Patricia D'Alfonso – Literacy and Lori Tashjian – Math to the positions of Proficiency-Based Summer School Coaches at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF PATRICIA D'ALFONSO – LITERACY AND LORI TASHJIAN – MATH TO THE POSITIONS OF PROFICIENCY-BASED

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SUMMER SCHOOL COACHES AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. 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.

k) **Proficiency-Based Summer School Teachers – West Warwick High School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee give advice and consent to the appointments of the following individuals as teachers in the Proficiency-Based Summer School at West Warwick High School:

Kelly Inman & Paula Tulli – Math
Karen Moniz – Guidance
Harry Ryan – History
Kerri Mott & James Owen – Math
Christine Kirch – Physical Science/Biology
Wayne Brusseau & Brenda Johnson – Special Education

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS TEACHERS IN THE PROFICIENCY-BASED SUMMER SCHOOL AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL:

**KELLY INMAN & PAULA TULLI – ENGLISH
KAREN MONIZ – GUIDANCE
HARRY RYAN – HISTORY
KERRIE MOTT & JAMES OWEN – MATH
CHRISTINE KIRCH – PHYSICAL SCIENCE/
BIOLOGY
WAYNE BRUSSEAU & BRENDA JOHNSON –
SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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

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

l) Proficiency-Based Summer School Clerk

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Robin Langlais to the position of Proficiency-Based Summer School Clerk at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBIN LANGLAIS TO THE POSITION OF PROFICIENCY-BASED SUMMER SCHOOL CLERK AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. 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.

m) Advisors/Coordinators/Leaders

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of the following individuals to the positions of Advisors/Coordinators/Leaders (Three-Year Terms) to the respective positions listed below:

Christine Bonas – National Honor Society Advisor – West Warwick High School

Catherine Boutin & Mary Kate Wilson – National Junior Honor Society Co-Advisors – John F. Deering Middle School

Harry Ryan, Jr. – Student Council Advisor – West Warwick High School

Hillary Zajdek – Student Council Advisor – John F. Deering Middle School

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Lori Huntley – Teacher Mentor Program Coordinator
– West Warwick Public Schools

Lyn Bernadyn – School Improvement Leader –
Greenbush Elementary School

Lynn Dion – School Improvement Leader – John F.
Horgan Elementary School

Joanne Pigott – School Improvement Leader –
Wakefield Hills

Kerry Martinelli – School Improvement Leader –
John F. Deering Middle School

Christine Kirch & George Patton – School
Improvement Leader – West Warwick High School

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH B. BRUNERO
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE
ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS TO THE POSITIONS OF
ADVISORS/COORDINATORS/LEADERS
(THREE-YEAR TERMS) TO THE RESPECTIVE
POSITIONS LISTED BELOW:**

**CHRISTINE BONAS – NATIONAL HONOR
SOCIETY ADVISOR – WEST WARWICK HIGH
SCHOOL**

**CATHERINE BOUTIN & MARY KATE
WILSON – NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR
SOCIETY CO-ADVISORS – JOHN F. DEERING
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**HARRY RYAN, JR. – STUDENT COUNCIL
ADVISOR – WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**

**HILLARY ZAJDEK – STUDENT COUNCIL
ADVISOR – JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

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**LORI HUNTLEY – TEACHER MENTOR
PROGRAM COORDINATOR – WEST
WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**LYN BERNADYN – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
LEADER – GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

**LYNN DION – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
LEADER – JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

**JOANNE PIGOTT – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
LEADER – WAKEFIELD HILLS**

**KERRY MARTINELLI – SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT LEADER – JOHN F.
DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**CHRISTINE KIRCH & GEORGE PATTON –
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEADER – WEST
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**

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

n) Reappointment: Title I Coordinator

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the reappointment of Janet Carroll to the position of Title I Coordinator for the West Warwick Public Schools for a period of seventy (70) days during the 2014-2015 school year.

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R.
MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
REAPPOINTMENT OF JANET CARROLL TO
THE POSITION OF TITLE I COORDINATOR
FOR A PERIOD OF SEVENTY (70) DAYS**

MOTION

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DURING THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. and 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.

o) Reappointment: Title II and III Coordinator

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the reappointment of Keith Remillard to the position of Title II and III Coordinator for the West Warwick Public Schools.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF KEITH REMILLARD TO THE POSITION OF TITLE II AND III COORDINATOR FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Motion seconded by Elizabeth B. Brunero. 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.

25. Audience of Citizens

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Mr. Thomas Jones of 330 East Greenwich Avenue addressed the School Committee. Mr. Jones said on the format of the agenda, you have public speaking. He asked if he was correct that the School Committee doesn't have to answer any questions if he asks them. Mr. Murphy said that is correct, questions have to be a public item. Mr. Jones asked they have to be addressed on the agenda? Mr. Henneous said they can be. Mr. Jones said he is trying to contain his requests for public records from this body in the future. He said he won't be able to do that because of the format you have here. Mr. Jones said he can't ask questions so he will have to ask for more public records.

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Mr. Henneous responded to Mr. Jones you can ask anything you like; the School Committee just can't necessarily respond—they would ask the Superintendent to look into it or put it down for another agenda.

Mr. Jones asked if there is any school in West Warwick where elementary children are attending and state children are being bused in. Mr. Murphy asked as in the Briggs program? Mrs. Tarasevich said all of the students enrolled at Maisie E. Quinn School at this point are our students.

Mr. Jones said so there is no state program where any children are being bused in from the state?

Mr. Messier said that Briggs has been leasing space but the children that are there are all West Warwick students—there was an agreement to bring West Warwick students back and we partnered with Briggs—they have always been West Warwick students.

Mr. Florio said he has been on the School Committee for four years and he has never seen a question not answered except for personnel, litigation, or contracts; we have always been accommodating to the public.

Mr. Henneous said it is about trying to keep this body from entering into a discussion of something not on the agenda.

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

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Mr. Murphy said he would like to see what we could do with excess computers. Mr. Monti said we are actually working on getting those recycled.

Mr. Murphy asked is there any way we can see if the Catholic or Muslim schools need them? Mr. Monti said they have liability—if they had security patches or holes and the equipment is no longer serviced in the school department and students' social security numbers got hacked.

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Mr. Messier said he noticed some parents are here and he asked if we could just give a quick starting line up. Mr. Messier said there have been a lot of changes in the administration of the school buildings over the past school year and there are questions because students are moving from one school to another and there are questions who the principals are. The Superintendent was actually going to put together a starting line-up of the directors and principals and assistant principals with a quick bio and will post it to Facebook, Twitter, and Google, and the Times as well to get out to people so they will know who the people are and who they will be dealing with. Hopefully that will get the information out there and we will be proactive about getting out district-wide information.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at: 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher R. Messier, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder