

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AUGUST 12, 2014
JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE
5:00 P.M.

This meeting was called to order by Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vice-Chairperson.

- Members Present:** Elizabeth B. Brunero, Vice-Chairperson
Christopher R. Messier, Clerk
Joseph Florio, Jr.
Stephen H. Lawton
- Member Absent:** Sean M. Murphy, Chairperson
- School Committee** Andrew Henneous
- Attorney Present:** Karen Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform,
Compliance and Technology
- Administrators Present:** Philip Solomon, Principal, West Warwick High
School
Kenneth Townsend, Director of Property Services
- Recording Secretary:** Michelle M. Colozzo
- 1. Open Session** **Open Session**
Mrs. Brunero opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.
- 2. Roll Call** **Roll Call**
The following members were present:
Mrs. Brunero, Mr. Messier, Mr. Florio, and
Mr. Lawton. Mr. Murphy 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 2 and 9**

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MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR.
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GO INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION ACCORDING TO RI
GENERAL LAWS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5,
SUBSECTION (a), PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 9.**

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

4. Executive Session

Executive Session

- a) **Grievance Hearing: R.I. Council 94, Local 3546**
- b) **Personnel**
- c) **Contracts**

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

5. Open Session

Open Session

Mrs. Brunero opened the public session at 6:30 P.M.

6. Roll Call

Roll Call

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

7. Reading of Mission Statement

Reading of Mission Statement

Mr. Florio 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

Mr. Lawton 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 Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., Stephen H. Lawton, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

10. Audience of Citizens

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11. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson's Report

None. (Mr. Murphy was not present.)

12. Sub-Committee Reports

Sub-Committee Reports

- a) Policy – Mr. Messier said the by-laws are on for approval tonight. His hope for next month's meeting is that we can appoint people to the sub-committee. One of the things on there will be public information as well as we would actually meet to recommend people to serve on the sub-committee.
- b) Technology – Mr. Messier said he has been very busy and hasn't had a chance to schedule anything with Jim or anyone else for that matter.
- c) Health and Wellness – Mr. Florio said he will schedule a meeting within the next couple of weeks.
- d) Facility Needs – Mrs. Tarasevich said Mr. Townsend will be scheduling a meeting soon—summer is a very busy time for Property Services.
- e) Recreation – Mr. Lawton said there are about six people interested, but we haven't formalized anything yet.

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- f) Public Relations – Mr. Florio said he hasn't heard of anyone scheduling any meetings yet. He said there is an ongoing project with Wizard Wednesday for the Kent County Times. He would imagine once school starts and the teachers are back, we will schedule a meeting. He talked to Phil Solomon about Wizard Wednesday over the summer, but we couldn't get together and formalize anything. Mr. Messier asked can we get them to meet so we can put information out at the Open Houses? Mr. Florio said he will make a note and talk to Phil Solomon.

- g) Safety and Security – Mr. Messier said that's a Ken Townsend thing; he hasn't scheduled anything yet; he knows the schedule will be tight with some of the fire code renovations. Mr. Messier asked if Safety and Security is open to the public—we haven't really talked about it. Mr. Townsend said he would say no at this time; some of it is public knowledge, but critical incident plans—no. As far as upgrades to buildings, there is no reason why the public can't know about that. Mr. Townsend said everyone will be notified by his secretary when the meeting is scheduled.

13. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tarasevich said the summer is quickly going by; the summer school program at the high school ended successfully; Jump Start is still underway. She said enrollment in summer school is down—far fewer kids that needed credit retrieval. August graduation is August 19th at 6:30 in the high school auditorium. Six students will be graduating which is a good sign – kids are graduating on time. Mrs. Tarasevich commended everyone for their hard work getting kids to graduate on time.

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Mrs. Tarasevich commended the Property Services department for their hard work. As always, there is a very short period of time to get everything done so thank you to Kenny and crew for all of their hard work.

Mr. Messier asked do we have people representing the School Committee going to Graduation? He wanted to make sure at least one School Committee member is there.

14. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

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| a) Approval: Executive Session Minutes: July 8, 2014 | a) Approval: Executive Session Minutes: July 8, 2014 |
| b) Approval: Open Session Minutes: July 8, 2014 | b) Approval: Open Session Minutes: July 8, 2014 |
| c) Approval: Special Joint Meeting with Town Council Open Session Minutes: June 12, 2014 | c) Approval: Special Joint Meeting with Town Council Open Session Minutes: June 12, 2014 |
| d) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: July 29, 2014 | d) Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: July 29, 2014 |
| e) Approval: Payment of Bills: \$548,329.92 | e) Approval: Payment of Bills: \$548,329.92 |

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

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15. Approval: Home Instruction Plans

Approval: Home Instruction Plans

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the home instruction plans listed on the page provided to the School Committee.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE HOME INSTRUCTION PLANS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

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

16. Presentation: Technology Update

Presentation: Technology Update

Mrs. Tarasevich said Jim Monti is here. Mr. Monti, Director of Educational Reform, Compliance, and Technology updated the School Committee on technology.

Mr. Monti said he just wanted to take a few minutes to give an update on technology. He said we have revamped the website completely, and what's nice, (and Mr. Monti demonstrated on his phone) it still shows really well like on the screen. He said we have gone in and streamlined everything here, so displaying is a little easier. Each of the links is a little bit cleaner. The School Committee page pulls right from the Secretary of State of Rhode Island page so when Michelle creates an agenda, it pulls the information from the Secretary of State's website. Mr. Monti said we moved the site to the WWPS.com site. We still have School Center—that's on the West Warwick Public Schools. All of the pages that the schools already had and teachers had, you can still point to those; we won't lose any of that. Mr. Monti said he wanted to let you know we have gone in and streamlined all of the departments. He said his department links his people to contact—it's streamlined and clean. If he goes into IT Help, anything we use for teachers or parents will show

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there as well as our link to Google doc sites. Those will be going to students and parents, and we will be the first district in the state to go one-to-one. He said he wanted to thank the School Committee.

Mr. Florio asked how do you transition from one school to the middle school from the elementary school, fourth graders—do they leave the Chromebooks or do they take with them? Mr. Monti said they take them. Mr. Florio asked if there will be kids that don't have them, and Mr. Monti said everyone will have one. Mr. Florio asked but there won't be any duplicates? Mr. Monti said no, each device will belong to the kid and will follow with them and will have the information they need.

Mrs. Brunero asked if they are misplaced, can we locate them? Mr. Monti said yes. Mrs. Brunero asked are they insured? Mr. Monti said the cost of the insurance wasn't cost-effective. He said we do have a policy to protect us. Mr. Monti said we had about 45 screens that broke and cost approximately \$35 to replace the screen on each device. That's probably where we find we have the most problems, but it really represents such a small percentage of actual devices—the kids have been really careful.

Mr. Monti said we ask parents to purchase a case for them, and we will give them the opportunity to purchase a hard plastic shell with the West Warwick Public Schools logo on it rather cheaply.

Mr. Monti said we are self-repairers—we actually get parts from Acer at cost. Anything in the first year is basically covered unless there's breakage. It's a really good deal; we are first in line for replacement if we have to send them out, and most of the time we don't have to—we can just order the parts at cost from Acer. Mr. Monti said last year we did over 1300 repairs probably, and we had eight dead on arrival, and they just replaced those. Mr. Monti said if an issue is covered by warranty, we get it repaired. He said there's not a lot that can go wrong, and it's pretty easy to diagnose the issue. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be sending out parent calls for parents to come in for some townwide meetings.

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Mr. Messier asked are we doing any kind of educational seminars for parents, administrators, and students? He said he knows Aspen will play a big part, and a lot of people have contacted him, and he has no idea of what to look for in Aspen. Mr. Monti said the next upgrade in Aspen will be a very easy parent interface.

Mr. Florio asked will this tie into adult education? Mr. Monti said one opportunity we are working on with the State of Rhode Island and the Department of Labor and Training is an opportunity for parents to get additional training opportunities that the State of Rhode Island has. Parents will be able to take any of their certificate courses or on-line courses, something Mrs. Tarasevich and he have been exploring with the Department of Labor. Just as we have all of these devices being available for student use during the day and a small portion of the evening, parents will have the opportunity to extend their learning—it's a great deal for parents.

Mr. Messier said anyone who doesn't have Internet access should talk to Jim Monti about "Everyone On."

MOTION

**17. Discussion/Approval:
By-Laws of the West
Warwick Public
Schools Policy Sub-
Committee**

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. TO ACCEPT MR. MONTI'S REPORT. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

**Discussion/Approval: By-Laws of the West
Warwick Public Schools Policy Sub-Committee**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the By-Laws of the West Warwick Public Schools Policy Sub-Committee.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BY-LAWS OF THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY SUB-

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

**18. Discussion/Action:
Change in Date:
September School
Committee Meeting**

Discussion/Action: Change in Date: September School Committee Meeting

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee have a discussion for possible action regarding changing the date of the September meeting which is presently scheduled for September 9th, Primary Election Day.

The School Committee had a brief discussion about changing the date.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE CHANGING THE DATE OF THE SEPTEMBER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING TO SEPTEMBER 2ND. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., Stephen H. Lawton, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

**19. Discussion/Action:
Changing Typing
Requirement for
Clerical Positions**

Discussion/Action: Changing Typing Requirement for Clerical Positions

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee have a discussion for possible action regarding changing the typing requirement for clerical positions.

After a brief discussion, the School Committee decided to table this item until they had more 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

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affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion to table passed 4 to 0.

20. Approval: Merit Pay for Director of Special Education and Pupil/Personnel Services

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve merit pay for Mr. Paul Vigeant, Director of Special Education and Pupil/Personnel Services.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE MERIT PAY FOR MR. PAUL VIGEANT, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL/PERSONNEL SERVICES. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier with a note that this is a one time payment. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

21. Approval: Merit Pay for Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve one-time merit pay for Mr. Jim Monti, Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE MERIT PAY FOR MR. JIM MONTI, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL REFORM, COMPLIANCE AND TECHNOLOGY. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

22. Approval: Second Reading: Request for Public Records Policy

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

MOTION

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

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

- 23. Approval: First Reading: Extracurricular Fundraising Policy**

Approval: First Reading: Extracurricular Fundraising Policy

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the first reading of the Extracurricular Fundraising Policy.

MOTION

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

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

- 24. Approval: First Reading: Superintendent of Schools Policy**

Approval: First Reading: Superintendent of Schools Policy

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the first reading of the Superintendent of Schools Policy.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS POLICY.

Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier, for discussion.

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Mr. Messier asked if there were major changes made. Mrs. Tarasevich said it was a lot of additions. The base policy was one short paragraph which basically stated the Superintendent of Schools shall be the chief executive officer of the West Warwick School Committee and serve as its professional advisor. This one comes right from Title 16 as to current specific duties of the superintendent. Mr. Florio asked does that include 16 c) Balanced Budget, and Mrs. Tarasevich said yes.

Mr. Messier asked is this all in Title 16, and Mrs. Tarasevich said yes. Mr. Messier asked why didn't we just say that? Mr. Williamson said the idea was so you didn't have to go to a bunch of different places. Mr. Messier asked can we add a sentence? Mr. Henneous said you could refer to the General Laws.

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

25. Approval: Revision to West Warwick High School 2014-2015 Program of Studies

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the revision to the West Warwick High School 2014-2015 Program of Studies.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REVISION TO THE WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL 2014-2015 PROGRAM OF STUDIES. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

26. Approval: West Warwick High School 2014-2015 Student Handbook

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the West Warwick High School 2014-2015 Student Handbook.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL 2014-2015 STUDENT HANDBOOK.

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

Mr. Messier asked this is to clarify sports eligibility? Mr. Solomon replied that that was the most significant change, yes. Mr. Solomon said before it was very hard for students and parents to understand, and now it is clear.

27. Approval: Parental Leave: Grade 1 Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request submitted by Jeanne Greco, Grade 1 Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School, to take an unpaid parental leave of absence through November 2, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY JEANNE GRECO, GRADE 1 TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, TO TAKE AN UNPAID PARENTAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE THROUGH NOVEMBER 2, 2014.

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

28. Acceptance of Resignations

Acceptance of Resignations:

a) .6 School Nurse Teacher – Maisie E. Quinn School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Carrie Sylvia

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from the position of .6 School Nurse Teacher at Maisie E. Quinn School effective July 29, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CARRIE SYLVIA FROM THE POSITION OF .6 SCHOOL NURSE TEACHER AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL EFFECTIVE JULY 29, 2014. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

b) Social Studies Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Tamara Paulo from the position of Social Studies Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School, effective August 3, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TAMARA PAULO FROM THE POSITION OF SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 3, 2014. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

c) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of April Dorgan from the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective July 10, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF APRIL DORGAN FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2014. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

29. Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

a) Director of Financial Operations – West Warwick Public Schools

Mrs. Tarasevich said she enthusiastically recommends that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Joseph Spagna to the position of Director of Financial Operations for the West Warwick Public Schools.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY JOSEPH FLORIO, JR. THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH SPAGNA TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, Joseph Florio, Jr., and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

b) Jump Start Kindergarten Program Teachers – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of the following individuals to the Jump Start Kindergarten Program at John F. Horgan Elementary School:

Teachers: Gina Richards, Charlene Smith, Amanda Bagley, Aimee Petrangelo

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Reading Specialist: Lynn Dion

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE JUMP START KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

TEACHERS: GINA RICHARDS, CHARLENE SMITH, AMANDA BAGLEY, AIMEE PETRANGELO

READING SPECIALIST: LYNN DION.

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

c) School Improvement Leader – John F. Deering Middle School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Melissa Magiera to the position of School Improvement Leader at John F. Deering Middle School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MELISSA MAGIERA TO THE POSITION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEADER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

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d) Google Apps for Education GAFE Trainers

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of the following individuals as Google Apps for Education GAFE Trainers:

Gina Richards, Keith Remillard Audra McPhillips, Christopher Allen, Jennifer Kless, Kimberly Hawes, Giuseppe Lancellotta, Cristina Soares, Kelly Hersey

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION GAFE TRAINERS:

GINA RICHARDS, KEITH REMILLARD, AUDRA MCPHILLIPS, CHRISTOPHER ALLEN, JENNIFER KLESS, KIMBERLY HAWES, GIUSEPPE LANCELLOTTA, CRISTINA SOARES, KELLY HERSEY

Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton, for discussion.

Mr. Messier asked about the note that the funding source is participant fees. Mr. Monti said other districts have paid us and we also used a small amount of the federal funds for professional development. He said we have had participants from Coventry, Lincoln, Jamestown, North Kingstown, and private and parochial schools. Mrs. Tarasevich added that they were great sessions.

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

e) Two (2) Part-Time Teacher Assistants – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of the following individuals as Part-Time Teacher Assistants at Wakefield Hills Elementary School: Maria Jessing and Lynn Caranci Carter.

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 AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: MARIA JESSING AND LYNN CARANCI CARTER. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton.

Mrs. Tarasevich provided background information on Maria Jessing, who was present at the meeting.

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

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Maria Jessing.

f) Part-Time General Clerk (P.M.) – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Sandra Amato to the position of Part-Time General Clerk (P.M.) at John F. Horgan Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA AMATO TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME GENERAL CLERK (P.M.) AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr.

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Mrs. Tarasevich provided background information on Sandra Amato, who was present at the meeting.

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

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Sandra Amato.

g) Teacher Assistant – Special Education ESY Program

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Stephanie Welsh to the position of Teacher Assistant in the Special Education ESY Program.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE WELSH TO THE POSITION OF TEACHER ASSISTANT IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ESY PROGRAM.

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

h) Head Co-Ed Soccer Coach – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Isaura Price to the position of Head Co-Ed Soccer Coach at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE

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APPOINTMENT OF ISAURA PRICE TO THE POSITION OF HEAD CO-ED SOCCER COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

i) Co-Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coaches – John F. Deering Middle School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of Brianna Archambault and Tessa Nunes as Co-Head Co-Ed Cheerleading Coaches at John F. Deering Middle School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF BRIANNA ARCHAMBAULT AND TESSA NUNES AS CO-HEAD CO-ED CHEERLEADING COACHES AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Stephen H. Lawton. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr., Stephen H. Lawton, Christopher R. Messier, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

j) Head Co-Ed & Girls' Cross Country Coach (Combined) – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Wayne Marsocci to the position of Head Co-Ed and Girls' Cross Country Coach (Combined) at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN H. LAWTON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF WAYNE MARSOCCHI TO THE POSITION OF HEAD CO-ED AND GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY COACH (COMBINED) AT

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WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Christopher R. Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Joseph Florio, Jr.,

Christopher R. Messier, Stephen H. Lawton, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

**30. Approval: Contract:
Director of Financial
Operations**

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the three-year contract for Joseph Spagna, Director of Financial Operations.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR JOSEPH SPAGNA, DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

31. Audience of Citizens

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Mr. Messier acknowledged Councilman Brian Tucker.

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

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Welfare of the School System**

None.

33. Adjournment

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion seconded by Joseph Florio, Jr. The following members voted in the affirmative: Stephen H. Lawton, Joseph Florio, Jr., Christopher R. Messier, and Elizabeth B. Brunero. Motion passed 4 to 0.

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Meeting adjourned at: 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher R. Messier, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder