

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 2, 2014
JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE
5:30 P.M.

This meeting was called to order by Stephen H. Lawton, Chairperson.

Members Present:	Stephen Lawton, Chairperson Christopher Messier, Vice-Chairperson Rene Coutu, Clerk Patricia Keenan Luis Colon
School Committee	Andrew Henneous
Attorney Present:	
Administrators Present:	Karen Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools Leah Bessette, Assistant Principal, West Warwick High School Jeffrey Guiot, Principal, John F. Deering Middle School Gregory Kortick, Athletic Director James Monti, Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology Philip Solomon, Principal, West Warwick High School Joseph Spagna, Director of Financial Operations Kenneth Townsend, Director of Property Services Paul Vigeant, Director of Special Education and Pupil/ Personnel Services
Recording Secretary:	Michelle M. Colozzo
1. Open Session	<u>Open Session</u> Mr. Murphy opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

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2. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Mr. Lawton, Mr. Messier, Mr. Coutu, Mrs. Keenan,
and Mr. Colon.

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 PATRICIA KEENAN
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: Rene
Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, Patricia
Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously
passed.

4. Executive Session

Executive Session

- a) **Grievance Hearing – Council 94**
- b) **Superior Court Litigation – Pension
Litigation**
- c) **Contracts**

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

5. Open Session

Open Session

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

6. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Mr. Lawton, Mr. Messier, Mr. Coutu, Mrs. Keenan,
and Mr. Colon.

7. Reading of Mission Statement

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Mrs. Keenan read the Mission Statement of the West
Warwick Public Schools.

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

8. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Messier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

9. Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

Motion to Close Executive Session Minutes

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

10. Student Recognition

Student Recognition

The School Committee tabled the recognition of the soccer players to the next meeting.

11. Student Representative

Student Representative

None.

12. Audience of Citizens

Audience of Citizens

None.

13. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson's Report

Mr. Lawton said first he wanted to congratulate the girls soccer team for winning the championship—it's quite an achievement. Mr. Solomon said it was last done 10 years ago. Mr. Lawton said he also wants to congratulate our own superintendent—she was invited to the White House and acknowledged by the President himself for an education summit. The President specifically mentioned Mrs. Tarasevich and

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the district. At this point, Mr. Monti played the video of President Obama speaking about the superintendent and the district.

Mrs. Tarasevich said just to give a little background, last spring a teacher at Horgan, Gina Richards, nominated her for superintendent recognition.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she was flattered and went to meet with her—she had some quick questions around technology so she met with her and in September got a notice that she had been selected as a finalist. They asked for more information from the district and then she was notified that she was selected to go.

Mrs. Tarasevich said this is only a reflection of what the district has done and the School Committee supported as shown recently with the purchase of technology.

Mrs. Tarasevich said it is very exciting personally and especially for the town and with the five year plan—everyone put their heads together. She said it was really very exciting that the President picked that particular comment to make.

Mr. Messier said Rhode Island has been picked for a regional summit, and Mrs. Tarasevich said it is going to be here in West Warwick. Like the President said, there will be 12 regional summits around the country to extend the work done that day—it was very busy—they worked from 8-6 , and we were asked to host a regional summit on April 21st and 22nd, and we will host one at the high school. The closest one from us will be in Baltimore—they approached hundreds of people for this—it's going to be a big moment for the school department and for the town.

Mr. Lawton said there are two other items—he wants to congratulate Donna Walker and Sodexo. West Warwick High School was selected for the grab and go breakfast program—he believes it's ongoing at the high school—it was outside and might have moved inside now. Mr. Lawton thanked Donna Walker.

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Mr. Lawton said the last but not least is that he wanted to congratulate the new School Committee members: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, and Patricia Keenan.

14. Sub-Committee Reports

Sub-Committee Reports

- a) Policy
- b) Technology
- c) Health and Wellness
- d) Facility Needs
- e) Recreation
- f) Public Relations
- g) Safety and Security

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS UNTIL NEXT MONTH. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

15. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tarasevich said the most recent good news is that she was thrilled and honored to represent the school district and the town at the White House. She said she met really nice people from around the country and members of the Department of Education.

Mrs. Tarasevich said it re-energized her – she said she is proud to be here and represent all the good that happens here.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she got a notice from Rhode Island College regarding our EEP programs at the high school where the students earn college credit—she received a letter that we are a high school of distinction and recognition because 100% of our students earned their college credit—thanks to the teachers and staff for students earning credits.

Mrs. Tarasevich said some of the classes are part of the Academy of Finance and the Social Studies

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department, and she wants to make sure we recognize them.

Mrs. Tarasevich spoke about the students that had gone to the WPI competition—they did very well. She said one of our students received \$1000 for every year if she chooses to go there—Jamie Furtado. She said we have three students that graduated last year that attended WPI this year as a result of participating in this competition. Terry Prohaska takes them every year and they do well and this pushes them to want to do better – the goal is to challenge themselves. It was another great experience for them.

Mrs. Tarasevich said Career Day took place today—thank you to everyone—there were 46 presenters up from 35. There was a big push from the community members who came in to present. Kids signed up with the new technology on line. It was a huge project to organize—Christine Kirch—Kelly Hersey; a lot of people helped.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she wanted to welcome the new School Committee members, and she looks forward to working with them—it's great to be in West Warwick.

16. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

**a) Approval: Executive Session Minutes:
October 14, 2014**

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**b) Approval: Open Session Minutes:
October 14, 2014**

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October 14, 2014**

**c) Approval: Town Council/School Committee Organizational Meeting Minutes:
November 19, 2014**

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**d) Approval: Payment of Bills:
\$1,587,764.33**

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e) Approval: Home Instruction Plans

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

17. Approval: West Warwick School Committee 2015 Meeting Schedule

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the West Warwick School Committee 2015 Meeting Schedule.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE PROPOSED WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE WITH THE CHANGE IN DATE FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 10TH TO FEBRUARY 3RD. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

18. Approval: Bid Award: Financial Information System Upgrade

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the bid award for the financial system upgrade to Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$45,105. She said that Mr. Joseph Spagna, Director of Financial Operations has provided the School Committee with further information.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BID AWARD FOR THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM UPGRADE TO TYLER TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,105. Motion seconded by Luis Colon, for discussion.

Mr. Spagna spoke on this agenda item, including the following points:

- The total cost of the upgrade will be split between the town and the school department based on usage: 56% to the school department and 44% to the town. The cost in year 1 will be greater due to training, assistance, and travel time.
- The upgrade will allow him to greatly reduce the amount of time necessary to prepare financial reports and reduce the chance for errors.
- The upgrade will address the issue of security which is presently a concern.
- Budget information will be live to the date that is being looked at.

Mrs. Tarasevich thanked Mr. Spagna for his work on this—it was a lengthy research process.

After the explanation from Mr. Spagna and discussion with the School Committee members, Mrs. Tarasevich amended her recommendation to: that the School Committee approve the bid award for the financial system upgrade to Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$135,344.

AMENDED MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MODIFIED RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE BID AWARD FOR THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM UPGRADE TO TYLER

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TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,344. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

**19. Approval: West
Warwick High School
2015-2016 Program of
Studies**

**Approval: West Warwick High School 2015-2016
Program of Studies**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the 2015-2016 West Warwick High School Program of Studies.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL 2015-2016 PROGRAM OF STUDIES. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Approval: Out-of-State Field Trip Requests

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the following out-of-state field trip requests:

- a) Deering Middle School Grades 7/8 Honors Band to East Longmeadow High School, East Longmeadow, MA, and Six Flags New England, Agawam, Massachusetts, June 5, 2015
- b) West Warwick High School students to Sunday River Ski Area, Bethel, Maine, March 27-29, 2015
- c) West Warwick High School Girls and Boys Indoor Track Teams to the Dartmouth Relays, Hanover, NH, January 9-10, 2015
- d) Deering Middle School Grade 8 Students to Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, Connecticut, April 2, 2015

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- e) Deering Middle School Grades 5-8 Show Choir to New York City, NY, June 12, 2015

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS:

- a) **Deering Middle School Grades 7/8 Honors Band to East Longmeadow High School, East Longmeadow, MA, and Six Flags New England, Agawam, Massachusetts, June 5, 2015**
- b) **West Warwick High School students to Sunday River Ski Area, Bethel, Maine, March 27-29, 2015**
- c) **West Warwick High School Girls and Boys Indoor Track Teams to the Dartmouth Relays, Hanover, NH, January 9-10, 2015**
- d) **Deering Middle School Grade 8 Students to Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, Connecticut, April 2, 2015**
- e) **Deering Middle School Grades 5-8 Show Choir to New York City, NY, June 12, 2015**

Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

21. Approval: Contract Addendum – Director of Property Services

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the contract addendum of Kenneth Townsend, Director of Property Services.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT ADDENDUM OF KENNETH

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TOWNSEND, DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

Approval: Discretionary Leave: Grade 3 Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

**22. Approval:
Discretionary Leave**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the discretionary leave submitted by Tricia Murphy, Grade 3 teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, for the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR DISCRETIONARY LEAVE SUBMITTED BY TRICIA MURPHY, GRADE 3 TEACHER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

**23. Acceptance of
Resignation for
Retirement Purposes**

Acceptance of Resignation for Retirement Purposes

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement submitted by Susan Chabot, Grade 3 teacher at Greenbush Elementary School, effective November 21, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT SUBMITTED BY SUSAN CHABOT, GRADE 3 TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 21, 2014. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members

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voted in the affirmative: Christopher Messier, Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, and Stephen H. Lawton. Motion to table unanimously passed.

24. Acceptance of Resignations

Acceptance of Resignations:

- a) Part-Time Bus Monitor – West Warwick Public Schools**
- b) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Maisie E. Quinn School**
- c) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Greenbush Elementary School**
- d) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Wakefield Hills Elementary School**
- e) Long-Term Substitute Special Education Severe/Profound Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignations submitted by:

- a) Kelly Hazard, bus monitor for the West Warwick Public Schools, effective October 31, 2014
- b) Amber Mansfield, Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Maisie E. Quinn School, effective November 14, 2014
- c) Cheryl Burrill, Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Greenbush Elementary School, effective November 3, 2014
- d) Michael Ray, Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective November 12, 2014
- e) Long-Term Substitute Special Education Severe/Profound Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective October 21, 2014

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS SUBMITTED BY:

MOTION

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- a) **KELLY HAZARD, BUS MONITOR FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2014**

- b) **AMBER MANSFIELD, PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 14, 2014**

- c) **CHERYL BURRILL, PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

- d) **MICHAEL RAY, PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

- e) **LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION SEVERE/PROFOUND TEACHER – WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 21, 2014**

Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

25. Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

- a) **Reappointment and Compensation: Attendance Officer**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the reappointment of Jill Sabatine as Attendance Officer for the West Warwick Public Schools, effective January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015; compensation will remain the same as the 2014 year.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JILL SABATINE AS ATTENDANCE OFFICER FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015, COMPENSATION WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS THE 2014 YEAR . Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

b) Special Education Self-Contained (Grades 7-8) Teacher – Maisie E. Quinn School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Justin Jackvony to the position of Special Education Self-Contained (Grades 7-8) Teacher at Maisie E. Quinn School, effective December 8, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JUSTIN JACKVONY TO THE POSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SELF-CONTAINED (GRADES 7-8) TEACHER AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 8, 2014. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Justin Jackvony's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

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c) .5 Science Teacher – Maisie E. Quinn School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Allison Battis to the position of .5 Science Teacher at Maisie E. Quinn School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALLISON BATTIS TO THE POSITION OF .5 SCIENCE TEACHER AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Luis Colon, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Allison Battis's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Allison Battis.

d) Long-Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Matthew Healey to the position of Long-Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School, effective November 24, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW HEALEY TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE GRADE 3 TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 24, 2014. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu, for discussion.

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Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Matthew Healey's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, and Stephen H. Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Matthew Healey.

e) Long-Term Substitute Severe/Profound Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Alyssa Rubino to the position of Long-Term Substitute Severe/Profound Teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective December 13, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALYSSA RUBINO TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SEVERE/PROFOUND TEACHER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 13, 2014. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Alyssa Rubino's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Alyssa Rubino.

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f) Long-Term Substitute Guidance Counselors – Wakefield Hills/Greenbush Elementary Schools

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of Kathryn Hamel (3 days per week/.6) and Charles Kokolsky (2 days per week/.4) to a job share position of long-term substitute guidance counselors at Wakefield Hills and Greenbush Elementary Schools.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF KATHRYN HAMEL (3 DAYS PER WEEK/.6) AND CHARLES KOKOLSKY (2 DAYS PER WEEK/.4) TO A JOB SHARE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE GUIDANCE COUNSELORS AT WAKEFIELD HILLS AND GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

g) Maintenance Plumber – Property Services

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Matthew Langlais to the position of Maintenance Plumber – Property Services.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER R. MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW LANGLAIS TO THE POSITION OF MAINTENANCE PLUMBER – PROPERTY SERVICES. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

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- h) Part-Time Special Education Teacher
Assistant/PCA Self-Contained Collaborative
Floater in Severe/Profound Program –
Wakefield Hills Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee table the appointment of the Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant/PCA Self-Contained Collaborative Floater in the Severe/Profound Program at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective October 20, 2014.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE
THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PART-TIME
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER
ASSISTANT/PCA SELF-CONTAINED
COLLABORATIVE FLOATER IN THE
SEVERE/PROFOUND PROGRAM AT
WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 20, 2014.** Motion
seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members
voted in the affirmative to table: Luis Colon,
Christopher Messier, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan,
and Stephen Lawton. Motion to table unanimously
passed.

- i) Part-Time Teacher Assistant/PCA/Self-
Contained Floater (Kindergarten level) –
Greenbush Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Colleen Duffy to the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant/PCA/Self-Contained Floater (Kindergarten level) at Greenbush Elementary School.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE
ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF COLLEEN DUFFY TO THE
POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER
ASSISTANT/PCA/SELF-CONTAINED**

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FLOATER (KINDERGARTEN LEVEL) AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Luis Colon, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Colleen Duffy's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Colleen Duffy.

j) Part-Time Teacher Assistant/PCA/Building Floater – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Alicia Hartman to the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant/PCA Building Floater at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective October 14, 2014.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALICIA HARTMAN TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT/PCA/BUILDING FLOATER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 14, 2014. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

k) Part-Time Teacher Assistant/PCA/Building Floater – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Bianca Silvestri to the position of Part-

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Time Teacher Assistant/PCA/Building Floater at Wakefield Hills Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BIANCA SILVESTRI TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT/PCA/ BUILDING FLOATER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Luis Colon, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided information regarding Bianca Silvestri's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

1) Three (3) Part-Time Bus Monitors – West Warwick Public Schools

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of the following individuals to the positions of Part-Time Bus Monitors for the West Warwick Public Schools:

Katherine Poncin, Bus #11
Kelly Raymond, Bus #18
Rhonda Bucci, Bus #9

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE POSITIONS OF PART-TIME BUS MONITORS FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

**KATHERINE PONCIN, BUS #11
KELLY RAYMOND, BUS #18
RHONDA BUCCI, BUS #9**

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Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

m) Part-Time Custodian (2nd shift) – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Richard Lizotte, Jr. to the position of Part-Time Custodian (2nd shift) at Greenbush Elementary School, effective date to be determined.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD LIZOTTE, JR. TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME CUSTODIAN (2ND SHIFT) AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE DATE TO BE DETERMINED. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

n) Teacher – After-School Peer-Tutorial Program (RTI) – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of Christine Kirch (Science) and Lori Tashjian (Math) to the positions of After-School Peer Tutorial Program (RTI) at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF CHRISTINE KIRCH (SCIENCE) AND LORI

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TASHJIAN (MATH) TO THE POSITIONS OF AFTER-SCHOOL PEER-TUTORIAL PROGRAM (RTI) AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

Teachers – Saturday School Program – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the appointments of the following individuals to the positions of teachers in the Saturday School Program at John F. Horgan Elementary School: Amy Horne, Maria DePalma, Kimberly Ochs, Deborah Bryan, Kristen Jaswell, Jessica Quaranto, Rochelle Verdi, Mary Ribeiro, and Joshua Malloy.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE POSITIONS OF TEACHERS IN THE SATURDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: AMY HORNE, MARIA DEPALMA, KIMBERLY OCHS, DEBORAH BRYAN, KRISTEN JASWELL, JESSICA QUARANTO, ROCHELLE VERDI, MARY RIBEIRO, AND JOSHUA MALLOY. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. Motion unanimously passed.

p) Teacher Assistants – Saturday School Program – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of Melissa Griffin and Della Lepore to the positions of Teacher Assistants in the Saturday

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School Program at John F. Horgan Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF MELISSA GRIFFIN AND DELLA LEPORE TO THE POSITIONS OF TEACHER ASSISTANTS IN THE SATURDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

q) Head Girls' Gymnastics Coach – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Haley Winsor to the position of Head Girls' Gymnastics Coach at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF HALEY WINSOR TO THE POSITION OF HEAD GIRLS' GYMNASTICS COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by

Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

r) Assistant Girls' Gymnastics Coach – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Gabriela Handy to the position of Assistant Girls' Gymnastics Coach – West Warwick High School.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF GABRIELA HANDY TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT GIRLS' GYMNASTICS COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

Assistant Co-Ed Ice Hockey Coach – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Keith Mosca to the position of Assistant Co-Ed Ice Hockey Coach at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KEITH MOSCA TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CO-ED ICE HOCKEY COACH AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

26. Audience of Citizens

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Mr. Joseph Florio, 6 Diaz Court, addressed the School Committee. Mr. Florio spoke about work done by the Sons of Italy and the third grade classes at Wakefield Hills Elementary School to put together gift boxes which were sent to Rhode Island troops overseas. Mr. Florio said almost 200 pounds went out to three different Rhode Island troop regiments stationed in Iraq. Mr. Florio said we should all be proud of the students who participated in this project.

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Mrs. Tarasevich thanked Mr. Florio for leading the charge in this effort—it is very generous and very good role modeling for the little ones. She said it is the third year in a row that this has been accomplished with the students of Wakefield Hills Elementary School.

Mr. Sean Doyle, President, West Warwick Teachers' Alliance, addressed the School Committee. Mr. Doyle said that the Executive Board of the West Warwick Teachers' Alliance is equally proud that the West Warwick Public Schools and Mrs. Tarasevich were recognized in Washington by the President of the United States.

Mr. Doyle also said that he would like to thank Mr. Murphy, Mr. Florio, and Mrs. Brunero for their service, and welcomed Mr. Coutu, Ms. Keenan, and Mr. Colon.

Mr. Sean Murphy, 40 Woodland Drive, addressed the School Committee. He spoke about the organization that will once again this Christmas provide clothing for 25 families in the school district. Mr. Murphy noted that people should get in touch with the building principals regarding submitting names of families in need.

Mr. Murphy also said thank you to everyone in this room. He said in his four years on the School Committee, he made a lot of great friends. He knows everyone will continue to do great things for West Warwick; the President of the United States recognized West Warwick, Rhode Island. Mr. Murphy said the community is strong and vibrant, and there are a lot of people who want to do good things. He said we have good people in place, starting with the Superintendent; and he couldn't have been happier knowing every year he could say look at what is happening in West Warwick. Mr. Murphy said he is very proud of everyone in the buildings and he encourages everyone to continue to work well and with the Town Council.

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Mr. David Dorey, 1585 Main Street, addressed the School Committee. He said earlier in the meeting the School Committee spoke about recognizing the Girls Soccer Team. Mr. Dorey said another event that happens every year the Saturday before Thanksgiving is the All-State Music Festival. He said he has a daughter who participated and he is so proud of her. Mrs. Tarasevich said we have the music students on the list to be recognized at next month's School Committee meeting.

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

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Mr. Lawton said that Mrs. Tarasevich has a presentation for the School Committee members.

Mrs. Tarasevich said it is a special night and bittersweet—we are saying welcome to three new members and goodbye to three others. Public service is a special calling, and nobody knows more than they do what it takes to step up and be present and have the best interests of the students and the town at heart. Mrs. Tarasevich said Joe Florio, Sean Murphy, and Betty Brunero have done that unwaveringly to all of our benefit. Mrs. Tarasevich thanked them for their public service and support and all of their good work for the school department and presented each of them with a personalized clock.

28. Adjournment

Adjournment

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier and Stephen H. Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Rene Coutu, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder