

**MINUTES**  
**WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2016**  
**JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE**  
**6:00 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**

Aubrey Lombardo

**Attorney Present:**

Karen Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools  
Leah Bessette, Principal, Wakefield Hills Elementary  
School

**Administrators Present:**

Jeffrey Guiot, Principal, John F. Deering Middle  
School  
Nicole L'Etoile, Assistant Principal, West Warwick  
High School  
Melissa LeBlanc, Director of Human Resources  
Michael Mascellino, Assistant Principal, West  
Warwick High School  
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform,  
Compliance and Technology  
Jessica Perry, Director of Special Education Services  
Keith Remillard, Director of Federal Programming  
and Innovative Practice  
Joseph Renzi, Principal, Maisie E. Quinn  
School/Assistant Special Education Director  
Philip Solomon, Principal, West Warwick High  
School  
Joseph Spagna, Director of Financial Operations  
Kenneth Townsend, Director of Property Services

**Recording Secretary:**

Michelle M. Colozzo

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## 1. Open Session

### Open Session

Mr. Lawton opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

## 2. Roll Call

### Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Lawton, Mr. Messier, Mr. Coutu, and Mrs. Keenan. Mr. Colon was absent.

## 3. Motion to go into Executive Session

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ACCORDING TO RI GENERAL LAWS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5, SUBSECTION (A),**

- **CONTRACTS:**

- a) **DISCUSSION: CONTRACT: PRINCIPAL, WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)**

- b) **DISCUSSION: CONTRACT: PRINCIPAL, JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)**

- c) **DISCUSSION: CONTRACT: ACCOUNTANT/BUSINESS OFFICE SUPERVISOR RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)**

Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

## 4. Open Session

### Open Session

Mr. Lawton opened the public session at 6:35 P.M.

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### 5. Roll Call

#### Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Lawton, Mr. Messier, Mr. Coutu, Mrs. Keenan, and Mr. Colon.

### 6. Reading of Mission Statement

#### Reading of Mission Statement

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

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

### 7. Pledge of Allegiance

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Messier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 8. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

#### Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE SEAL THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES.** 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.

#### MOTION

### 9. Student Drama Performance/Presentation

#### Student Drama Performance/Presentation: John F. Deering Middle School Players

Members of the Deering Middle School Players performed three numbers from their upcoming production of Beauty and the Beast.

Mr. Lawton complimented the students for the excellent job they did. Mrs. Tarasevich thanked everyone who helps out; she said it is a huge production—she appreciates everyone's help and is looking forward to it. The dates for the show are March 4, 5, and 6 at West Warwick High School.

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Mrs. Tarasevich thanked Mr. Lancellotta, Ms. Fisher, Ms. McIntosh, Mr. Townsend, and Mr. Guiot—it's a huge production and a lot of work.

### **10. Student Recognition**

#### **Student Recognition**

The School Committee recognized the following student-athletes for their achievements in attaining all-state honors:

Haley Tyler: Providence Journal Second Team All-State Girls Soccer

Matthew Reid: Providence Journal Second Team All-State Football

### **11. Staff Recognition**

#### **Staff Recognition**

Mrs. Tarasevich said as you all know, Mr. Paul Vigeant, Director of Special Education and Pupil/Personnel Services as well as Human Resources will be retiring as of February 12, 2016.

Mrs. Tarasevich said although she didn't see Mr. Vigeant here, she wanted to recognize him for his dedicated service to West Warwick for the past ten years. She said Mr. Vigeant's contributions to the school department and community are immeasurable. His ability, knowledge of services, and expertise in Special Education have been of benefit to many people. He designed a lot of our in-district programs that allowed our students to stay in district where we know they have a richer educational experience.

Mrs. Tarasevich said even though Mr. Vigeant is not here, she wanted to recognize him for all of that; we have a certificate for him, and we will make sure he gets that tomorrow.

### **12. Student Representative**

#### **Student Representative**

Faye Gauthier, Student Council Secretary, reported on recent and upcoming activities at West Warwick High School, including the following:

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- On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Annual Winter Ball was held at Aldrich Mansion.
- The same week, the National Honor Society gave a warm welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, the first step in their transition to 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Currently, the students at the high school are raising funds for the Rhode Island Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through Pennies for Patients. They are looking to beat their past donation of \$1700.
- Tomorrow from 7 to 1 will be the third blood drive of the year.
- Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30, the annual Dodge Ball tournament will be held.
- Friday, March 18, from 6:30 to 10:30, will be the Spring Dance at the Crown Plaza.
- Friday night, all proceeds of the boys' basketball game will be donated to one of our fellow Wizards who is battling cancer. The Brian Messier Breakfast is the next day; and the day after that, the game proceeds will again be donated to the same student.

### **13. Audience of Citizens**

#### **Audience of Citizens**

None.

### **14. Chairperson's Report**

#### **Chairperson's Report**

None.

### **15. Superintendent's Report**

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Tarasevich reported on the following:

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### **a) School Updates**

Mrs. Tarasevich said a quick update on the lights for the football field—we have two lights up as of today so thanks again to Kenny and crew for making progress on it.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she would like to give a shout out to Phil Solomon and Jeff Guiot. They recently had a PARCC Information Night. The purpose of the night was to inform parents of the standardized test. Mrs. Tarasevich said there was a very nice turnout, and she thanked them for doing that.

Mrs. Tarasevich said there was a survey done around the school calendar, and she has concluded that process. She said she had a total of 962 responses to the initial survey of whether they were interested in the discussion around the possibility of changing the calendar. Mrs. Tarasevich shared the following results:

- 53% wanted no change to the calendar
- 47% would consider a change

The next step was if anybody was interested in being involved in the full conversation, and 106 people responded: 33 students, 49 parents, and 24 staff people. These groups were then invited to individual stakeholder meetings. For the student meeting, no one came; there were three attendees at the parent meeting, and 24 individuals attended the staff meeting. The conclusion was an overwhelming desire to keep the calendar just the way it is, so her recommendation is to keep it just the way it is. Mrs. Tarasevich said she feels it was discussed, and we gave folks a lot of opportunity to voice their concerns.

Mrs. Tarasevich said we had lots and lots of requests from other districts to come and visit our district; and those requests just continue to come in. She said we had folks from Johnston last week. We are getting

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great feedback, and people continue to seek us out for technology, blended learning, and collaborative learning. Mrs. Tarasevich said we have had a handful of requests for some of our contract language around collaboration—people are continuing to seek us out for answers. Mr. Colon asked when those people reach out to you, can you ask them to send a quick response as feedback? Mrs. Tarasevich said Jim Monti and she have been talking about that, and we reached out to the folks who just came. Mr. Colon said he is trying to give the impression that we want to be one of the best school systems we can be and show that we are leading and helping other school systems. Mrs. Tarasevich said that is just what we have been talking about, and we will be having a meeting next week.

Mr. Messier said when he was in Greenbush he ran into a group of principals going into a fourth grade class. Mrs. Tarasevich said the feedback has always been verbal, but that is a great point of asking for written comments.

### **b) Student Acknowledgement**

Mrs. Tarasevich said the last item she is very excited about—she has asked a young man, Austin Laramee, to be here tonight. She said he has been working with Mr. Monti for a year and a half (Mr. Monti said that it was mostly Mr. Mealy) around computers and it is really impressive and moving.

Mr. Monti said before Austin started this project, Mr. Solomon and he had put forward the proposal that outlined his course work on this. He went through several iterations and he wanted everyone to understand the amount of work he did, and the support of the folks at the high school and Frank Mealy has been tremendous.

Austin Laramee gave a huge thank you to West Warwick High School and West Warwick Public Schools—a lot of supplies came from them; and he

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asked Mr. Mealy for help when he started off with his idea. When we were getting new Chromebooks and retiring the other desktop computers and he found out they were going to be sold or scrapped, he came up with the idea. The files will come to our main computer and then will divide up to multiple laptops; it is called grid computing and will be used to do research for Cancer and Alzheimer's. Austin said this has been an ongoing project for over a year, and he has been looking to take it to the next level. He has been asking for donations to purchase materials. Austin said the school has over 2000 Chrome books, and his plan is to connect them in the same grid—the network could process over 3.8 million files this summer. He will need power strips, extension cords, and supplies needed to run the program. He said we would be able to take data from Stanford and process huge amounts of data.

Mrs. Tarasevich noted that Austin built the computer that he had with him tonight. Mrs. Tarasevich said his initiative and technical ability to build a computer is beyond impressive for a 10<sup>th</sup> grader. Mr. Colon said congratulations—another example of what this school is producing. Mrs. Tarasevich said to use your skill for something so important—you would be hard pressed to find someone who hasn't been affected by cancer—and to have this much empathy as a young man.

Austin briefly spoke about the process. He said his hope is to raise enough money to have them running and effectively create a computer network. Austin said the cost for electricity would be \$3.75 per Chromebook. He said he was talking with Schneider Electric about a dollar for dollar donation or having electrical supplies possibly being donated.

Mr. Lawton asked would you keep the Chromebooks here? Austin said they would be running in the Media

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Center. He said a member of his family is an electrician, and he is going to come in and make sure everything is running properly. He said each Chromebook only uses 14 watts—all 2000 come in at about 14000 watts, about the same as 10 space heaters. Mr. Colon asked about the temperature, and Austin said there would be no issue with the Chromebooks running in a non-air-conditioned area.

Mrs. Tarasevich read the certificate for Austin. The School Committee awarded the certificate to Austin and congratulated him.

Mrs. Laramée said she wanted to thank West Warwick High School. She said she couldn't be happier for all the support Austin has received from the school and principal.

### 16. Consent Agenda

#### Consent Agenda

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| <p>a) <b>Approval: Executive Session Minutes: January 12, 2016</b></p> <p>b) <b>Approval: Open Session Minutes: January 12, 2016</b></p> <p>c) <b>Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: January 26, 2016</b></p> <p>d) <b>Payment of Bills: \$1,166,301.05</b></p> <p>e) <b>Approval: Home Instruction Plans</b></p> | <p>a) <b>Approval: Executive Session Minutes: January 12, 2016</b></p> <p>b) <b>Approval: Open Session Minutes: January 12, 2016</b></p> <p>c) <b>Approval: Special Meeting Open Session Minutes: January 26, 2016</b></p> <p>d) <b>Approval: Payment of Bills: \$1,166,301.05</b></p> <p>e) <b>Approval: Home Instruction Plans</b></p> |
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#### MOTION

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

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Motion unanimously passed.

### 17. Presentation: Curriculum Update

#### Presentation: Curriculum Update

Mrs. Tarasevich said Mr. Monti is here and will be giving a brief presentation on curriculum work.

Mr. Monti said he is reporting back on the commitment that the School Committee made regarding our curriculum work—they took a sizeable amount of funds from the budget surplus. He said it really fits into what Mrs. Tarasevich said in terms of visitors to the school district—one-to-one initiatives and collaborative classrooms but also what we do in curriculum. We are trying to move forward in implementation of common core. Curriculum development is a recursive iterative process—it's really a testament to our teachers, coaches, students, administrators and central office staff. It is all about teachers and coaches and administrators working together to develop a unit of study and sharing research-based lessons and tiered activities.

Mr. Monti said we can record examples of research-based instruction. When teachers look at new curriculum, they can look and see what that looks like for examples of student work at various levels of proficiency so that teachers can see if they are implementing the curriculum—it allows teachers to participate in that development. He said efforts that take place across the district, it's not one teacher, one administrator, or one coach; it's split across everyone; and it's amazing that kids are involved to the extent they are; it goes back to the trust between students, teachers, coaches, administrators, directors to build research based units. It is an incredibly huge commitment by the classroom teachers and coaches and administrators who work in the classroom. Typically the coach or administrator will teach one lesson at the beginning of the week.

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Mr. Monti said a typical unit of study is 55 to 120 pages—it is voluminous. Within that document, you will see all kinds of resources. There are videos of teachers, examples of student work, and many lessons that branch off of it. He said that we build a unit typically a week to two ahead of grade level. Teachers add comments during content creation. When teachers have questions, teachers in that grade or an administrator or coach will respond back. Teachers add additional work; they add to the unit as it's getting built—building lessons to meet the needs of all students in the classroom—multi-tiered.

Mr. Monti gave examples of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students working on Chromebooks and recording their thinking and what they are doing. Mr. Monti said all of this is why people are coming into our districts—collaboration, creation, communication, part of the vision in the district.

Mr. Messier said the fact that you are putting it into Aspen—he assumes that will lead to another level of collaboration to allow parents to see what they are doing—this is amazing. Mr. Monti said there are no problems with buy-in; they are all part of the process. Mr. Colon said he agrees what we saw was awesome.

Mr. Monti said the relational trust is big; we pick each other up; it's really the work that's important—we make mistakes and will put resources out there; it really speaks to the culture that's built by building level teachers. Mr. Monti said it comes alive in the building, and that is a testament to the administrative team and teacher leaders across the district; it takes a lot of work, but it's very powerful.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she wanted to thank Jim and the other central office administrators that go into the classroom and work with kids and the principals who go into classrooms. She said rarely do you find central office administrators going into classrooms.

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**18. Discussion/Approval: Discussion/Approval: FY '17 Budget  
FY '17 Budget**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be a discussion/approval of the FY '17 Budget.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FY '17 BUDGET.** 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.

**19. Discussion/Approval: Discussion/Approval: Annual Funds for St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Annual Funds for St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be a discussion/approval regarding annual funds for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. She said the last update she has is that Attorney Henneous had sent a request to R.I.D.E. Attorney Lombardo said Attorney Henneous asked for a legal opinion from R.I.D.E. and he hasn't received anything back yet. Mrs. Tarasevich said we will keep it on for next month. Mr. Messier said that will be the week before the parade. He said R.I. Truck and Trailer has agreed to provide two trailers for the Jazz Band and the visual art department and the trucks to pull them. Mr. Messier said later on he would like to get them here to thank them.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THE DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF ANNUAL FUNDS FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE.**

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

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- 20. Discussion/Approval: Rhode Island Student Survey (RISS)**      **Discussion/Approval: Rhode Island Student Survey (RISS)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the Rhode Island Student Survey (RISS).

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE RHODE ISLAND STUDENT SURVEY (RISS).** 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.

- 21. Discussion/Approval: Out-of-State Field Trips**      **Discussion/Approval: Out-of-State Field Trips**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request submitted by Richard Marchetti to travel by bus with West Warwick High School music students to the Great East Music Festival and Six Flags Amusement Park, Agawam, Massachusetts, on May 20, 2016.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY RICHARD MARCHETTI TO TRAVEL BY BUS WITH WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC STUDENTS TO THE GREAT EAST MUSIC FESTIVAL AND SIX FLAGS AMUSEMENT PARK, AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS, ON MAY 20, 2016.** 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.

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**22. Discussion/Approval:  
Contracts**

**Discussion/Approval: Contracts**

**a) Principal, West Warwick High School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the contract for Phil Solomon, Principal of West Warwick High School.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR PHIL SOLOMON, PRINCIPAL OF WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL.** 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.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she wanted to thank Mr. Solomon for his years of service, three at the high school. He has done a great job; he really dug in when he first came here as Assistant Principal. Everything he does is in the best interests of students; he is never afraid to go to bat.

Mr. Solomon said it is made easier by everyone here; it's a pleasure to come to work.

**b) Principal, John F. Horgan Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the contract for Robert Desrosiers, Principal of John F. Horgan Elementary School.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR ROBERT DESROSIERS, PRINCIPAL OF JOHN F. HORGAN**

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

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Mrs. Tarasevich said she wanted to echo the same comments about Mr. Desrosiers's performance for the School Department. He came to us from Woonsocket, and she couldn't be happier that he is going to stay. She said that he has a really nice approach with kids and families.

### c) Accountant/Business Office Supervisor

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the contract for Diane Gonyea, Accountant/Business Office Supervisor.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR DIANE GONYEA, ACCOUNTANT/ BUSINESS OFFICE SUPERVISOR.**

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

Mrs. Tarasevich said this is Diane's third year with us in the district. She really is an expert in her skill and field; to say she is a valued member of the department is an understatement. Mr. Spagna added highly valued.

## 23. Acceptance of Resignations

### Acceptance of Resignations:

#### a) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation from Amanda Paul from the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Greenbush Elementary School, effective 1/15/16.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM AMANDA PAUL FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME**

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### **TEACHER ASSISTANT AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE 1/15/16.**

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.

### **b) Part-Time General Clerk – John F. Horgan Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation from Jackie Ferris from the position of Part-Time General Clerk at John F. Horgan Elementary School, effective 1/21/16.

### **MOTION**

### **MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM JACKIE FERRIS FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME GENERAL CLERK AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE 1/21/16.**

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.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation from Marissa Garlington from the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant at John F. Horgan Elementary School, effective 1/13/16.

### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER  
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT  
THE RESIGNATION FROM MARISSA  
GARLINGTON FROM THE POSITION OF  
PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT  
JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
EFFECTIVE 1/13/16.** Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the

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

### 24. Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

#### **CONSENT TO SUPERINTENDENT'S APPOINTMENTS**

- a) **Long-Term Substitute School Counselor – Wakefield Hills/Greenbush Elementary Schools (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Renee Critchley to the position of Long-Term Substitute School Counselor at Wakefield Hills/Greenbush Elementary Schools, effective January 28, 2016 and continuing through the end of the school year.

#### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF RENEE CRITCHLEY TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL COUNSELOR AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 28, 2016 AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

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.

- b) **Long-Term Substitute Library/Media Teacher – West Warwick High School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Carol Gannon to the position of Long-Term Substitute Library/Media Teacher at West Warwick High School effective February 1, 2016 and continuing through the end of the school year.

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**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROL GANNON TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE LIBRARY/MEDIA TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2016 AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.** Motion seconded by Christopher Messier, for discussion.

Mrs. LeBlanc provided information regarding Carol Gannon's education and experience.

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

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Carol Gannon.

**c) Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant  
– John F. Deering Middle School (FUNDING  
SOURCE: LOCAL)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Stephanie Welsh to the position of Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant at John F. Deering Middle School, effective February 22, 2016.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE WELSH TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 22, 2016.**

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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.

### **d) Reappointments: Spring Coaches (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**

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

Head Boys' Baseball – John F. Deering Middle School: Christopher Coffua  
Assistant Girls' Outdoor Track – West Warwick High School: Stephen Derderian, Jr.  
Head Co-Ed Tennis – West Warwick High School: Greg Gonsalves  
Head Co-Ed Baseball – West Warwick High School: Richard Grenier  
Assistant Girls' Softball – West Warwick High School: Leah Hayes  
Head Co-Ed Outdoor Track – West Warwick High School: Wayne Marsocci  
Co-Assistant Co-Ed Baseball – West Warwick High School: John Mottola  
Co-Head Girls' Softball – West Warwick High School: Brian Palazzo  
Head Girls' Outdoor Track – West Warwick High School: Jeffrey Parenteau  
Head Co-Ed Volleyball – West Warwick High School: Michael Shunney

### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE RESPECTIVE COACHING POSITIONS LISTED BELOW:**

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**HEAD BOYS' BASEBALL – JOHN F. DEERING  
MIDDLE SCHOOL: CHRISTOPHER COFFUA  
ASSISTANT GIRLS' OUTDOOR TRACK –  
WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL: STEPHEN  
DERDERIAN, JR.**

**HEAD CO-ED TENNIS – WEST WARWICK  
HIGH SCHOOL: GREG GONSALVES**

**HEAD CO-ED BASEBALL – WEST WARWICK  
HIGH SCHOOL: RICHARD GRENIER**

**ASSISTANT GIRLS' SOFTBALL – WEST  
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL: LEAH HAYES**

**HEAD CO-ED OUTDOOR TRACK – WEST  
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL : WAYNE  
MARSOCCI**

**CO-ASSISTANT CO-ED BASEBALL – WEST  
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL: JOHN MOTTOLA**

**CO-HEAD GIRLS' SOFTBALL – WEST  
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL: BRIAN PALAZZO**

**HEAD GIRLS' OUTDOOR TRACK – WEST  
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL: JEFFREY  
PARENTEAU**

**HEAD CO-ED VOLLEYBALL – WEST  
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL: MICHAEL  
SHUNNEY**

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

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER  
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE  
THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CO-ASSISTANT  
CO-ED BASEBALL COACH AT WEST  
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL.** Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative to table: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion to table unanimously passed.

**25. Audience of Citizens**

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None.

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**26. Adjournment**

**MOTION**

**Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at: 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rene Coutu, Clerk

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Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder