

**MINUTES**  
**WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**APRIL 12, 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  
Gregory Kortick, Athletic Director  
Nicole L'Etoile, Assistant Principal, West Warwick  
High School  
Melissa LeBlanc, Director of Human Resources  
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, 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),

**Discussion: Contract Amendment: Director of Human Resources RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)**

### 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),**

**DISCUSSION: CONTRACT AMENDMENT: DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)**

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.

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

## 4. Motion to Close Executive Session

### Motion to Close Executive Session

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Motion seconded by Luis Colon. 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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### 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

#### 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.*

### 8. Pledge of Allegiance

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Colon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 9. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

#### Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

#### MOTION

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

### 10. Student Recognition

#### Student Recognition

The School Committee recognized the following students:

Mason Clark, Deering Middle School Student, Individual Wrestler

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### West Warwick High School Girls Indoor Track Team:

Faye Gauthier, Deandra Hernandez, Rachel Larmer, Meghan Letendre, Haley Tyler, Sherley Losier, Marina Morgera, Alicia Resendes, Beatriz Sebastiao, Rose Shayer, Ashleigh Tapia, Maya Turnbull, Kathryn Bilouris, Sydnee Costa, Morgan Cruz, Mariliuz Feliciano, Emely Hidalgo, Calia Marso, Jalisa Price, Samantha Reali, Elda Alvarez, Kate Alvarez, Gamma Bellenoit, Janice Bennett, Alexis Carpenter, Jaden Cuozzo, Danielle Maynard, Valentina Ochoa, Shalyne Scott

### West Warwick High School Co-Ed Indoor Track Team:

Joseph Amaral, Alexander Pedus, Arturo Garrido, Colby Rogers, Robert Sullo, Nathan Moone, Dante Lopes, John Murphy, Matthew Champlin, John Gomes, Tyler Carreiro, Evan Alves, Denis Chernov, Zachary Beaudoin, Alex Cabral, Steven Lucier, Evan Drake, Matthew Mazzone, Devin Collard, Jan Dave Bismonte, Collin Quinn, Jonathan Fortin, Ivan Goretoy, Zachary Padula, Quindell Wilson, Andrew Kiley, Ernie Wright, Joseph Pontes, Avery Williamson, Justin Lucier, Amir Spriggs, Isaac Manuel, Christian Ovalles, Malik Price, Hermes Villar Acosta

### **11. Recognition re: St. Patrick's Day Parade**

#### **Recognition re: St. Patrick's Day Parade**

The School Committee recognized the following individuals for their contributions to the St. Patrick's Day Parade:

Mike Winemiller from R.I. Truck and Trailer, who donated the use of a trailer for the parade, and Zachary Noe who dressed up as the official West Warwick High School Wizard.

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### **12. Student Representative Student Representative**

Madison Fitz reported on the following recent and upcoming events and activities at West Warwick High School including the following:

- Class Elections will be held on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Class Olympics will be held on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- There are many exciting events coming up: band concert, junior prom, Powder Puff/Senior Barbecue and Movie Night.
- They began PARCC testing at the high school and it went very well.

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

The following two individuals addressed the School Committee regarding the proposed Family Empowerment and School Choice Act:

Mr. Sean Doyle, President, West Warwick Teachers' Alliance, and Mr. Felix Appolonia both expressed their concerns about the possible negative impacts for the West Warwick Public Schools and the Town of West Warwick.

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

Mr. Lawton asked Mr. Townsend to speak about the lights at the football field.

Mr. Townsend said the lights are on, and they are working. He said he is the only person who has control; he can turn them on from his cell phone. Mr. Townsend said they are starting construction; and to do the demo of the track, they will need to remove the tennis courts. The last thing we will do is the bleachers; we are waiting to get approvals. We are going to set up a committee right after April vacation for the grand opening at the very beginning of September, after school opens. Mr. Messier asked when will the new track be open? Mr. Townsend said

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before he allows anybody back up there, it will be the end of August or early September—even though the track is done, work still has to be done up there.

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

#### **Superintendent's Report: School Updates**

Mrs. Tarasevich spoke about the following:

- Football lights—great text and picture from Kenny. Kenny has been really pushing the project ahead, and she thanked everyone on the School Committee and our great friend Jim Williamson who really did the legwork; because of Jim's thick folder, it's a big night for the town.
- Mrs. Tarasevich said the other good news is that Centreville Bank is donating a new scoreboard, 22 feet long, almost twice as long as what we had, LED on the top and Centreville Bank on the bottom.
- Mrs. Tarasevich said in your packets, you have a calendar of events from Phil Solomon for West Warwick High School. Spring is busy for all schools and especially at the high school—thank you to Mr. Solomon for putting that together.
- Mrs. Tarasevich said she wanted to comment on the number of things that are going on in the district. She said that people in the state are talking about us and want to know what our best practices are. This year we are inundated with requests to come to West Warwick. From February until now, we have had roughly 100 visitors to various schools. People are starting to know what we are doing. We were chosen as the model in the state; every week we get more and more requests.
- We have had a few pieces of good news: the request for the Pre-School grant from

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R.I.D.E.—she wanted to thank Jess Perry, Director of Special Education and Marie Caswell and Sue Larcom. Maisie Quinn will receive \$19,592 and Wakefield Hills will receive \$11,686. Mrs. Tarasevich said another big push is to expand pre-school programs, and it is good to have funds to support it.

- Mrs. Tarasevich said every year, Barnes and Noble has a “My Favorite Teacher” contest, and two of our teachers won first place and runner-up: Bridget Guiliano and Mike Shunney. Mrs. Tarasevich said Barnes & Noble did come to the school, but there will also be a ceremony at Barnes & Noble in Warwick tomorrow night, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 P.M.
- Mrs. Tarasevich said Kindergarten registration has begun and will take place in all of the elementary schools now until the end of the year and at Central Office during the summer.
- Mrs. Tarasevich said a few weeks ago, we had a bomb threat at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, one of those robo calls that have been received in other districts. Mrs. Tarasevich said this is certainly something we never want to have to deal with, but we do train and drill for these types of situations; and it reminds us that these things happen in the world. Mrs. Tarasevich said she wanted to commend everyone from start to finish for execution of the Critical Incident Plan; Mrs. Bessette and staff followed exactly what they were supposed to do. Mrs. Tarasevich also thanked Mr. Townsend and the first responders—everyone followed protocol to a T. Mrs. Tarasevich said the kids were phenomenal.

Mrs. Tarasevich also thanked Mrs. Maribeth Williamson who opened West Warwick Country Club to provide a safe place for the

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children and for the buses to pick up, away from the school. Mrs. Tarasevich said there was an issue with the phone alert system which we did investigate, and this is on the agenda for discussion tonight.

- Mrs. Tarasevich spoke about the snowstorm last Monday afternoon. She said she wanted to thank everyone who monitored the weather; she was in touch with the town at 10 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Tarasevich said she wanted to thank the bus company and the administrators—they did a really nice job of keeping parents informed and got everyone home safely. She said the real glitch was that the road was closed near Greenbush School.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she wanted to thank everyone for their help—the bottom line is that everyone got home safe and sound. She said we make all of those decisions with the best information available at the time, and she thanked everyone for their support.

### 16. Consent Agenda

- a) **Approval: Executive Session Minutes: March 8, 2016**
- b) **Approval: Open Session Minutes: March 8, 2016**
- c) **Approval: Payment of Bills: \$2,059,010.65**
- d) **Approval: Home Instruction Plans**

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**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.** Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the

**MOTION**

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

### 17. Discussion/Approval: Revised 2016-2017 School Calendar

#### Discussion/Approval: Revised 2016-2017 School Calendar

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the revised 2016-2017 school calendar. She said in the original calendar that was sent out, we neglected to realize New Year's Day is actually being celebrated on Monday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and so we will come back to school on Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REVISED 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR.** Motion second 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. Discussion: Phone Alert System

#### Discussion: Phone Alert System

Mrs. Tarasevich said regarding the incident at Wakefield Hills, per our protocol, once we work with first responders and get as much information as we can and know what the plan of action will be, we put out a phone alert. On that day, we quickly found out the message didn't get delivered to some of the parents, and we didn't know why.

Mr. Monti and Mr. Mealey got right on it, and the default settings weren't correct. We recognized that, and since then, we have done several things: when we originally got the system, two people really had access: Kenny Townsend and Jim Monti. Now all the administrators have access to it, as they should. However, the more people have access, the more room there is for error and settings being changed.

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In the past couple of weeks, we talked about it a lot; we had a directors' level administrative meeting and we had another training. Every administrator was given a brand new copy of directions; we went over it for two hours and we set up other safeguards in terms of checks and balances. Mrs. Tarasevich said if she sends out a message, it will go to all of the directors and central office administrators in the district. If the principals send out a message, every central office administrator will get it. What we did after we had a district level meeting and reviewed the system was we gave out homework—every principal would go home and send home a message.

We recognized the problem and were also concerned about sending out a test of the system and that being conveyed the wrong way and possibly causing more problems, so what we decided to do is every principal would send out a legitimate message about literacy and upcoming events and then we ran the reports—how many live messages, e-mails, and text messages.

We ran those reports, and we know for each school how many attempts were made and how many communications were made between live contacts, voice mails, text messages, and e-mail. We realize at the elementary schools, there were a few unreachable numbers and we will work with each of the elementary principals to confirm those numbers with data entry or to update the numbers if needed.

We recognized the issue, identified the problem, and to Jim's credit, he came up with the test idea. Mrs. Tarasevich said she is confident in the data and a good plan for tweaking those last few.

Mr. Messier said good job on the testing. He said he has four kids in three buildings, so his phone was ringing all night. He asked if there could be some message where the alert is coming from, for parents who have kids in different buildings. Mr. Guiot and Mr. Solomon said they include the school name in their messages.

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

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Patrick's Day Parade**

Attorney Lombardo said she has no update—we are still waiting for R.I.D.E. She said Attorney Henneous wrote them again for guidance and still has received nothing.

**20. Discussion re:  
Proposed Legislation:  
School Empowerment  
Act and School Choice  
Act**

**Discussion re: Proposed Legislation: School  
Empowerment Act and School Choice Act**

Mrs. Tarasevich said Sean Doyle and Felix Appolonia both did a very good job outlining the issues. She said she has all the same concerns: obviously the impact on the budget and the structure of how we function—it would disrupt the integrity of our model of leadership, and we rely on this model. The school department and the town wouldn't be able to function within the parameters; we rely on the School Improvement Team and all of the coordinators with the central office to share resources and develop programming and curriculum.

Mrs. Tarasevich said for each reason already described, there is no way we would survive as a district and that would directly reflect on the town. She said any disruption to the way we are doing business would not benefit us—it would be our demise.

**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 Jeffrey Parenteau, Grade 7 Social Studies teacher, to travel with students to Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, CT, on June 14, 2016.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER  
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE  
THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY JEFFREY  
PARENTEAU, GRADE 7 SOCIAL STUDIES**

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**TEACHER, TO TRAVEL WITH STUDENTS TO MYSTIC AQUARIUM, MYSTIC, CT, ON JUNE 14, 2016.** 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.

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request submitted by Grade 5 teachers to travel with students to Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, CT, on April 29, 2016.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GRADE 5 TEACHERS TO TRAVEL WITH STUDENTS TO MYSTIC AQUARIUM, MYSTIC, CT, ON APRIL 29, 2016.** Motion seconded by Luis Colon.

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

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request submitted by Ms. Tuttle, Ms. Zajdek, and Ms. Brennan to travel with Grade 5/Severe/Profound students to Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, CT, on June 9, 2016.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY MS. TUTTLE, MS. ZAJDEK, AND MS. BRENNAN TO TRAVEL WITH GRADE 5/SEVERE/PROFOUND STUDENTS TO MYSTIC AQUARIUM, MYSTIC, CT, ON JUNE 9, 2016.**

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

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**22. Approval: Maternity Leaves**

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**a) Math Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request for maternity leave submitted by Carissa DiRocco, Math Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School, effective May 5, 2016 through June 20, 2016.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY CARISSA DIROCCO, MATH TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE MAY 5, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 20, 2016.** 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.

**b) Special Education Teacher – Wakefield Hills Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request for maternity leave submitted by Kaitlyn Deming, Special Education Teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective August 1, 2016 through November 9, 2016.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR MATERNITY LEAVE SUBMITTED BY KAITLYN DEMING, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2016 THROUGH NOVEMBER 9, 2016.** Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Patricia Keenan, Christopher Messier, Rene

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Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

**23. Approval: Parental Leave Extension**

**Approval: Parental Leave Extension: Special Education Teacher – John F. Horgan Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the request for parental leave extension submitted by Kristen Jaswell, Special Education Teacher at John F. Horgan Elementary School for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR PARENTAL LEAVE EXTENSION SUBMITTED BY KRISTEN JASWELL, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL 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.

**24. Approval: Contract Amendment**

**Approval: Contract Amendment: Director of Human Resources**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the contract amendment for Melissa LeBlanc, Director of Human Resources, effective July 1, 2016.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR MELISSA LEBLANC, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.** Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, Patricia

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Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

**25. Approval: Layoff**

**Approval: Layoff: One-on-One Registered Nurse – John F. Horgan Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the layoff of a One-on-One Registered Nurse at John F. Horgan Elementary School.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE LAYOFF OF A ONE-ON-ONE REGISTERED NURSE AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Motion seconded by Rene Coutu, for discussion.

Mr. Lawton asked is there still a nurse there? Mrs. Tarasevich said yes, this is the One-to-One Nurse and the student has left the district—that’s the reduction of services needed.

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

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

**Acceptance of Resignation for Retirement Purposes: Special Education Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended with great regret that the School Committee accept the resignation for retirement purposes from Margaret Cooke, Special Education Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT WITH GREAT REGRET THE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES FROM MARGARET COOKE, SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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**TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2015-2016 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.

Mrs. Tarasevich said as noted on Mrs. Cooke's letter, she has been in the district for several years; and it is very rare that you see folks start out in Special Education and stay there—a lot of people move out. To her credit, she will be greatly missed and the services she provided for the district.

### 27. Acceptance of Resignation

#### **Acceptance of Resignation: Full-Time Second Shift Custodian – Greenbush Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Michael Hamel from the position of Full-Time Second Shift Custodian at Greenbush Elementary School effective March 14, 2016.

#### **MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL HAMEL FROM THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME SECOND SHIFT CUSTODIAN AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2016.** Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion unanimously passed.

### 28. Termination: Part-Time Second Shift Custodian

#### **Termination: Part-Time Second Shift Custodian – Greenbush Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the termination of a part-time custodian at Greenbush Elementary School during the probationary period, effective March 14, 2016.

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**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF A PART-TIME CUSTODIAN AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DURING THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD, EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2016.** 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.

**29. Termination: Part-Time Bus Monitor**

**Termination: Part-Time Bus Monitor**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the termination of a part-time bus monitor for the West Warwick Public Schools, effective April 12, 2016.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF A PART-TIME BUS MONITOR FOR THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 12, 2016.** 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.

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

**CONSENT TO SUPERINTENDENT'S APPOINTMENTS**

- a) **.5 ESL Teacher – Greenbush Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Neale Garnett-Turgeon to the position of .5 ESL Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE**

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**ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF NEALE GARNETT-TURGEON TO THE POSITION OF .5 ESL TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

Mrs. LeBlanc provided information regarding Neale Garnett-Turgeon'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 Neale Garnett-Turgeon.

**b) Special Education ESY Program Teacher  
(FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Christine Frisone to the position of Special Education ESY Program Teacher.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE FRISONE TO THE POSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ESY PROGRAM TEACHER.** 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.

**c) Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant  
– Wakefield Hills Elementary School  
(FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the

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appointment of Jackie Perry to the position of Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant at Wakefield Hills Elementary School.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JACKIE PERRY TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

Motion seconded by Christopher Messier, for discussion.

Mrs. LeBlanc provided information regarding Jackie Perry's education and experience.

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

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Jackie Perry.

**d) Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant – Wakefield Hills Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Sheila Vigil to the position of Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistant at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective March 28, 2016.

### MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SHEILA VIGIL TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE**

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**MARCH 28, 2016.** 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.

e) **Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher Assistant – Wakefield Hills Elementary School (TITLE I)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Joanne Evans to the position of Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher Assistant at Wakefield Hills Elementary School, effective March 28, 2016.

**MOTION**

**MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOANNE EVANS TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME KINDERGARTEN TEACHER ASSISTANT AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE MARCH 28, 2016.** 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.

**31. Audience of Citizens**

**Audience of Citizens**

None.

**32. Adjournment**

**Adjournment**

**MOTION**

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

Meeting adjourned at: 7:43 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Rene Coutu, Clerk

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Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder