

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 19, 2016
7:00 A.M.
WEST WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
10 HARRIS AVENUE

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

Members Present: Stephen Lawton, Chairperson
Christopher Messier, Vice-Chairperson
Rene Coutu, Clerk
Luis Colon

Member Absent: Patricia Keenan

Administrators Present: Karen Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools
James Monti, Director of Educational Reform,
Compliance and Technology
Jessica Perry, Director of Special Education Services
Joseph Spagna, Director of Financial Operations
Kenneth Townsend, Director of Facilities, Project
Management, and Transportation

Recording Secretary: Michelle M. Colozzo

1. Open Session

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Mr. Lawton opened the meeting at 7:00 A.M.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call

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

**3. Approval of Purchases
from FY 16 Budget**

Approval of Purchases from FY 16 Budget

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the purchases from the FY 16 Budget as noted in the School Committee packet:

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Improvements to the road, parking lot, curbs and sidewalks on Webster Knight Drive:

- 1) Removal and repairing of existing roadway: \$62,500
- 2) Removal and repaving of entry parking lot: \$53,500
- 3) Sidewalk replacement: \$74,400
- 4) New precast concrete curbs: \$46,000
- 5) Extra cost for granite curbs: \$26,000

Total Cost: \$262,400

Mrs. Tarasevich said that both Kenny and Joe are here to give more detail and explain why the request is being made. Mr. Townsend spoke briefly about the improvements to be done.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE PURCHASES FROM THE FY 16 BUDGET.

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

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER TO REOPEN AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3.

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

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU TO ADD THE BOND PROJECT TO THE PURCHASES FROM THE FY 16 BUDGET. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 4 to 0.

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4. Approval: Bid Award **Approval: Bid Award: Concrete Improvements – West Warwick High School, Maisie E. Quinn School, and Greenbush Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the bid award submitted by RICON Construction of Cranston, Rhode Island, in the amount of \$34,821.00 for concrete improvements at West Warwick High School, Maisie E. Quinn School, and Greenbush Elementary School. She said if you have any specific questions, Kenny is here. Mr. Messier asked what will we get? Mr. Townsend said the sidewalk and the stairwell at the high school on the side of the complex. Mr. Messier asked about crosswalk lines, and Mr. Townsend said that's something we always did. Mr. Townsend said Maisie Quinn School is getting a whole new front entrance. He said he asked Cardi to price it since they are there anyway; and it's obvious they didn't want the job.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BID AWARD SUBMITTED BY RICON CONSTRUCTION OF CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,821.00 FOR CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL, MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL, AND GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Christopher Messier, Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 4 to 0.

5. Approval: Bid Award **Approval: Bid Award: New Front Entrance – Maisie E. Quinn School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the bid award submitted by New England School Services of Medford, MA, for the purchase and installation of a new front entrance at Maisie E. Quinn School in the amount of \$58,255.00.

Mr. Messier asked if Mr. Townsend had blueprints. Mr. Townsend said he didn't have them with him. He

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said it's part of security; there will be two sets of doors going in, very similar to Wakefield Hills. You go in the first set, and the second set will automatically lock, and then you will need to be buzzed into the front office. Mr. Townsend said we will be bringing it up to fire code, and it will all be done in house, so it will come out of the local budget.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE BID AWARD SUBMITTED BY NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL SERVICES OF MEDFORD, MA, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW FRONT ENTRANCE AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,255.00. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Luis Colon, Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 4 to 0.

6. Approval: Home Instruction Plan

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the home instruction plan submitted by a West Warwick High School parent to provide home schooling for her child for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE HOME INSTRUCTION PLAN SUBMITTED BY A WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TO PROVIDE HOME SCHOOLING FOR HER CHILD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. Motion seconded by Christopher Messier. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Christopher Messier, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 4 to 0.

7. Approval: West Warwick School Committee Resolution

Approval: West Warwick School Committee Resolution on School and Family Empowerment Act

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the West Warwick School

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Committee Resolution on the School and Family Empowerment Act.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY CHRISTOPHER MESSIER THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON THE SCHOOL AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT ACT. Motion seconded by Luis Colon. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 4 to 0.

8. Adjournment

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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, Luis Colon, Christopher Messier, and Stephen H. Lawton. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Coutu, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder