

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2016
7:30 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
Luis Colon
Patricia Keenan

Member Absent: Rene Coutu, Clerk

Administrators Present: Karen Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools
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 Spagna, Director of Financial Operations
Kenneth Townsend, Director of Facilities, Project
Management, and Transportation

Recording Secretary: Michelle M. Colozzo

1. Open Session **Open Session**

Mr. Lawton opened the meeting at 7:30 A.M.

2. Roll Call **Roll Call**

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

**3. Discussion: FY 16
Budget** **Discussion: FY 16 Budget**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be a
discussion/action of the FY 16 budget.

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Mrs. Tarasevich said there is a budget surplus which is good news. She said the list of expenditures that is before the School Committee today includes things we have held off on—things we need but haven't been able to get to.

Mr. Spagna explained what the surplus is and how it came about as well as the impact over the next couple of years. Mrs. Tarasevich added that we do have kids going out of district; and if the governor's school choice proposal goes through, it could cost us a million dollars

Mr. Monti answered questions from the School Committee about Chromebook purchases and provided information about other anticipated curriculum and technology purchases.

Mr. Monti also spoke about working with the town about installing fiber to provide internet connectivity throughout the town. West Warwick is being named as one of three "Smart Cities" in Rhode Island acknowledging its notable progress in technology.

Mr. Spagna spoke about proposed purchases for Ergonomics, the Production Department, the Athletics Department, the Music Department, and Nursing expenses. Mr. Townsend spoke about and answered questions about proposed facilities purchases.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE FY 16 BUDGET:

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY: \$648,700

FACILITIES: \$120,000

OTHER (PRODUCTION ATHLETICS, MUSIC, AND NURSING DEPARTMENTS: \$861,700

**TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:
\$1,137,700**

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Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

4. Acceptance of Resignation

Acceptance of Resignation: School Committee Member

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Christopher Messier as a member of the West Warwick School Committee, effective immediately.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CHRISTOPHER MESSIER FROM THE POSITION OF WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

5. Adjournment

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY LUIS COLON THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Luis Colon, and Stephen H. Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:08 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Lawton, Chairperson

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder