

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PAWTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 7:30 PM

School Administration Building

286 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Minutes

I. Meeting will come to order

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, called the special meeting to order at 7:53 PM.

a. Roll call

Mr. Charbonneau-here; Ms. Dube-here; Ms. Grant-here; Mr. Knight-here; Ms. McQuade-here; Mr. Araujo-here

Also in attendance were Mrs. Patricia DiCenso, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Jon Anderson, Legal Counsel and Mr. Derek Osterman, Project Manager, Colliers International.

Ms. Bonollo was not present.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Participation

Comments from the public are invited at this time. Citizens wishing to speak should sign in with the Committee Chair before speaking. The Committee is precluded from discussing or acting on items raised by Public Comment, which are not already on the agenda. Public comment will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

None.

III. Executive Session

Mr. Charbonneau moved to move the executive session to the end of the special meeting. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously with six members present.

Possible recess to executive session in accordance with provisions under Title 42, Chapter 46, Subsection 5 (a) (2) (legal advice and litigation/collective bargaining) of the General Laws of the State of R.

I. for the purpose of discussing and or acting upon:

- 1. Ground Rules—Collective Bargaining**
- 2. Seal Executive Session Minutes**

IV. Reconvene to open session

a. Roll call

V. Report out vote(s) of 7/22/15 executive session, if applicable

VI. New Business/Action Item

a. Approval of Teacher Recall(s)

Mrs. DiCenso: As we finalize the classrooms and numbers we have a recall for your consideration this evening and it is Alyssa Ann Mello, Grade 6 ESL (Science/Social Studies) Jenks.

Mr. Knight moved to approve the recall of Alyssa Ann Mello as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Grant seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with six members present.

b. Approval of Administrator Appointment

• Director of Curriculum

Mrs. DiCenso: We have an appointment before you, Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Technology Instruction.

I am happy to present one of our own, Jennifer Carney. Ms. Carney started in Pawtucket as a teacher and was educated in Pawtucket. Ms. Carney proceeded to take an administrative role in Fall River, Massachusetts. Jen has taken a leadership role in transitioning into the common core. Jen prides herself and is someone who works through problems through the eyes of a teacher. Jen's knowledge of state standards and common core is outstanding. There has been a huge void in curriculum in Pawtucket for several years. Jen is positive, energetic and believes all students will be high achievers.

I ask you to accept my recommendation of Jen Carney as Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Technology Instruction.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve the appointment of Jennifer Carney as the Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Technology as recommended by Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Grant seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with six members present.

c. Approval of Certified Appointment(s)

Mrs. DiCenso: We have our new bilingual dual immersion program at Greene and ask that you accept this recommendation. Pedro Silva Molina, Bilingual Dual Immersion Spanish Teacher at Greene, Step 6 with masters \$60,985, pending emergency certification.

Mr. Knight moved to appoint Pedro Silva Molina, Bilingual Dual Immersion Spanish Teacher at Greene, Step 6 with masters \$60,985, pending emergency certification as recommended by Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Grant seconded.

Mr. Knight: What is the emergency certification for?

Mrs. DiCenso: Early childhood/kindergarten.

Roll call

Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with six members present.

d. Approval of Non Union Non Certified Appointments

- Technology Support Manager**
- Assistant Director of Technology**

Mrs. DiCenso: The first person we are asking you to approve tonight is the Technology Support Manager and I talked about increasing technology at the schools and the need for additional support in the Technology Department with rolling out the one to one computers at the elementary level.

Jen Agin just finished her bachelor's degree and I ask you to approve her appointment.

Secondly we have re-purposed money in the department because the person previously there went to work at the Mayoral Academy and will not be returning. Hersh and I talked about her being an asset to him. The new Assistant Director of Technology we bring before you is Lynn Cristino. Lynn has been with the district for 18 years. Lynn is highly qualified. Lynn started as early childhood and her skill set was shown when former administration moved her to the technology department in 2001. People depended on Lynn so much in the central office they kept adding on to her job description. The former superintendent was so impressed with her she gave her a big initiative in consistently reporting to the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) which morphed into many more things. The former superintendent released Lynn from her summer duties to go to California to work as a trainer to teach educators how to evaluate and teach good learning.

There isn't anyone in the state who wouldn't snatch her up. She's a

Pawtucket girl and her immediate supervisor came to me and was concerned about his relationship. I feel this person's longevity, talent and commitment speaks for itself. Every day she is here she is a problem solver. Mr. Cristino was removed from the interview committee. The interview committee consisted of members from the Pawtucket Teachers Alliance, the Administrators Association, central office, the technology department, Lee Rabbitt and Kathy Suriani. The support for Lynn was overwhelming.

I am proud to present to you Lynn Cristino.

Ms. Grant moved to approve the appointments of Jennifer Agin, Technology Support Manager and Lynn Cristino, Assistant Director of Technology as recommended by Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso.

Roll call

Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with six members present.

Ms. Cristino: I believe we are all learners and we're in a good place with this district.

e. Approval of Award of Bid(s)

- Curtis Fire Alarm Upgrade**

Mrs. DiCenso: You should notice we had a facilities meeting to move this bid forward for this meeting. Derek is here and can provide you with the details.

Mr. Osterman: As part of the commitment of the Fire Marshall Curtis was identified and brought to a high priority. We went out to bid and two vendors' submitted bids, AFA Protective Systems and Encore Holdings DBA/Fire Suppression. We recommend you award the Curtis Fire Alarm Upgrade bid to AFA Protective Systems for \$139,000.00. Encore came in significantly higher at \$195,000.00.

We have reviewed the bid documents.

Mr. Charbonneau moved to award the Curtis Fire Alarm Upgrade bid to AFA Protective Systems for \$139,000.00. Ms. Grant seconded.

Mr. Knight: We don't have a copy of the bid. We're voting on a blank contract. The document says we're awarding to the apparent low bidder which could lead to many change orders.

Mr. Charbonneau: The facilities committee reviewed these bids and moving forward we can give the Committee the bids and it is our recommendation to move forward with AFA Protective Systems.

Mr. Araujo: We should have no problem forwarding bids in the future.

Mr. Araujo asked Mr. Torrado to weigh in.

Mr. Knight: I don't like the phrase, "apparent low bidder."

Mr. Torrado commented that he is very satisfied with their work and has worked with them before.

Mr. Torrado: We are very satisfied, they did work previously and there were no change orders. As far as the terminology, it is common to refer to the apparent low bidder. They have to be fully scoped out.

Mr. Knight: I appreciate that but as everyone knows we thought we had a complete scope of work done at Shea only to find out differently. We should know about it. I appreciate your statement, but it's not the low bidder.

Roll call

Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with six members present.

Executive Session:

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, commented that the Committee would recess to executive session in accordance with provisions under Title 42, Chapter 46, Subsection 5 (a) (2) (legal advice and litigation/collective bargaining) of the General Laws of the State of R.

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1. Ground Rules—Collective Bargaining

2. Seal Executive Session Minutes

Mr. Charbonneau moved to recess to executive session. Ms. Grant seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with six members present.

The Committee recessed to executive session at 8:24 PM to 8:30 PM.

Reconvene to open session

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, reconvened the open session at 8:31 PM.

Roll call

Mr. Charbonneau-here; Ms. Dube-here; Ms. Grant-here; Mr. Knight-here; Ms. McQuade-here; Mr. Araujo-here

Report out vote(s) of 7/22/15 executive session, if applicable

The clerk reported that the Committee voted unanimously on ground rules, to seal the executive session minutes and to adjourn the executive session.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Charbonneau moved to adjourn the special meeting. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously with six members present.

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, adjourned the special meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee on Tuesday, July 22, 2015 at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk