

PAWTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:30 PM

School Administration Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room

286 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Minutes

I. Meeting will come to order

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, called the work session to order at 6:35 PM.

a. Roll call

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

Also in attendance were Mrs. Patricia DiCenso, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Lee Rabbitt, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Melissa Devine, Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Hersh Cristino, Chief Information and Innovation Officer; Mr. Dylan Zelazo, City of Pawtucket and Legal Counsel, Mr. Jon Anderson.

Ms. McQuade was not present this evening.

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. Persons 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.

Mr. Charbonneau moved to address agenda item New Business c. Approval of Administrator Appointment out of order. Mr. Knight seconded.

Voice vote carries with six members present.

Mrs. DiCenso: As we know, Tolman High School is in transformation and we lost an administrator who left to take a position as head coach for a college wrestling team. The transformation process says the transformation principal leads the team to facilitate the process to lead the school. Tonight I am asking for you to approve Mr. Michael Lazzareschi as the Assistant Principal at Tolman High School. We think Mr. Lazzareschi will be a fine fit at Tolman.

Mr. Charbonneau moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Micheal

Lazzareschi as Assistant Principal at Tolman High School. Mr. Knight seconded.

Mr. Charbonneau moved to amend his motion to include approve administrator appointment and administrator contract. Mr. Knight seconded.

Roll call on amendment

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

Amendment carries with six members present.

Mr. Lazzareschi thanked the Superintendent and School Committee and commented that he looks forward to working with the Tolman staff and will be at work first thing tomorrow morning.

Roll call to approve administrator appointment and administrator contract

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

Motion carries with six members present.

Mr. Knight moved to move both the first and second passage policies to the end of the agenda after the last discussion item, School Committee Recognition Letter. Mr. Charbonneau seconded.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

III. Executive Session

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, commented that the Committee would recess to executive session in accordance with provisions under Rhode Island General Laws, Title 42, Chapter 46, Subsection 5(a) (1) for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon job performance, character, or physical or mental health:

- 1. Personnel - Job Abandonment**
- 2. Seal Executive Session Minutes**
- 3.**

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

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;

Mr. Knight-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries with six members present.

The Committee recessed to executive session at 6:47 PM to 7:16 PM.

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, reconvened to open session at 7:21 PM.

Roll call

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

The Chairman asked the clerk to report out any votes from the executive session. The clerk reported that the Committee voted unanimously with six members present to allow the Chief Financial Officer, Melissa Devine, in the executive session; on a personnel matter which included an amendment; to seal the executive session minutes and to adjourn the executive session.

IV. Old Business/Action Item

a. Approval of School Committee Website

Ms. Dube presented the school committee website.

I've done some work to clean it up and this is a live presentation. It

was difficult to access the agenda from the old site. There is now a drop down menu that has been moved to the right. You will notice some phone numbers are not there. I didn't include some subcommittees. Hersh mentioned the policy is easier to do as a whole document to provide in multiple languages. We used hyper links to get to additional areas. The agenda is not necessary in the current list form. You can click back to the calendar for a copy of the agenda. This just makes more sense.

Mr. Charbonneau moved to approve the School Committee website as presented by Ms. Dube. Ms. Grant seconded.

Ms. Bonollo: Will you put the instructions somewhere?

Ms. Dube: We could add another module at the top. What Ms. Liss will do is check edit and hit attach here and that will take care of that.

Mr. Knight: I think the school committee policies should be put in the home page.

Ms. Dube: Right now it's internal with a disclaimer statement.

Mr. Knight: You should have agendas available to someone not familiar with the web. Someone who is computer literate will have no problem. The design should be separate from the minutes like the Secretary of State website.

Ms. Dube: I'm unclear. You want everyone to have their own subpage?

Mr. Knight: That's making it difficult to find.

Ms. Dube: If you were looking for finance, its right here. This is more intuitive. This is my own perspective. This is just a difference of opinion. This was using other committees' websites.

Mr. Charbonneau: Nice job, Erin. I think it's great. You said you won't be doing it. Others will be responsible?

Ms. Dube should be commended and I move to allow Ms. Dube to continue or continued access as she envisions and I wasn't necessarily on board at first.

Ms. Grant: I agree. Ms. Dube did a very nice job and I do have to agree that it might be a little bit too much. Maybe if we had tabs with each subcommittee and minutes being on those tabs. I'm concerned with having so many pages.

Ms. Dube: We could have a page for each subcommittee and each committee has to have their agendas and minutes in one place. I like the minutes in one place and like the hyperlinks.

Ms. Bonollo: Can you make it so when they put the minutes in that area they link to a master link to all minutes?

Ms. Dube: It will be double work for Dianna.

Mr. Knight: I see this as being very busy and you did a great job by the way. The average taxpayer or Pawtucket parent would have a great deal of trouble looking through this. It doesn't have to be in two places. Post in Secretary of State Website and link. It's a one step thing this way instead of five step thing. It's going to be difficult.

Ms. Dube: With all due respect, if they aren't frustrated by the current website, I feel like I did a lot of research and felt this was a good medium.

Mr. Knight: I'm not finished and I'm not criticizing you. We should start with a small step instead of a medium or large step.

Ms. Dube: I don't believe it's confusing.

Mr. Charbonneau moved to approve the school committee website as presented by Ms. Dube. Ms. Grant seconded.

Mr. Charbonneau: Can we allow Ms. Dube additional time to work on the website?

Ms. Dube: Unless there is clear direction, I can't do that. We can add modules like a box that says to access all information. I can also add a module to the Secretary of State website.

Mr. Charbonneau moved to allow Ms. Dube additional time/access to work with the website. **Mr. Knight** seconded.

Ms. Bonollo: Hersh, can you had access to all members so that we can check on it?

Mr. Cristino: I can do read only.

Ms. Dube: So we're not putting this up live?

Ms. Bonollo: At the next meeting, we will.

Mr. Knight: I am completely opposed to giving anyone access to it.

Ms. Dube: I can do this now. It's a work session.

Mr. Araujo: I think you did a great job. I think this isn't overly complicated. This is simplified. I love how you have the minutes in a box. I find the Secretary of State website abysmal.

Mrs. DiCenso: I would suggest as Hersh and I know it's a work in progress always and this is such an improvement over what we have.

To have to wait is an injustice. It's always being updated.

Ms. Dube: We could keep old page in the list page.

Mr. Charbonneau withdrew his motion to allow Ms. Dube continued time/access.

Mrs. DiCenso: This makes you look all better as a group.

Mr. Knight: When she is done, Hersh takes over?

Ms. Dube: Dianna does.

Mr. Araujo: Other edits through Ms. Liss and his department.

Ms. Dube: However, you want me to authorize, but I can't make things live.

Ms. Bonollo: Move the question.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;

Mr. Knight-I'd love to say yes, but you didn't answer my question-yes;

Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries with six members present.

Mr. Araujo: If no one objects, I would like to move ahead to agenda item V g. New Business, Approval of Consolidated Human Resource Director.

Mr. Araujo read a letter dated July 7, 2015 from the Honorable Mayor, Donald R. Grebien. (Addendum A)

Mr. Knight moved to approve the consolidated human resource director, Ms. Cheryl I. Perry as recommended. Ms. Grant seconded.

Mrs. DiCenso: I would like to present Ms. Perry. She is a doer and gets it. She will be juggling a very busy City and School side and wants to be part of a team. She had very personalized questions about our needs. Gary Convertino, Pawtucket Personnel Board Chairman, spear headed this.

Mr. Convertino: I am new to the board and it is great to be part of this board and process. The candidate we bring forward is a true generalist. She comes from the hospital environment. We really went for someone who did everything. It was difficult and I personally went out and asked people to apply. We're very honored to have her with us.

Ms. DiCenso: She really wanted to be here tonight, but she is out of

town.

Mr. Knight: When is she starting?

Mr. Convertino: September 1, 2015.

Ms. Bonollo: Where is her office going to be?

Mr. Convertino: City Hall.

Mrs. DiCenso: Her space here will be close to Melissa.

Mr. Araujo: I'd like to thank you on you work with this. I want to thank the Personnel Board too.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-Absolutely; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries with six members present.

Approval of Teacher Recalls:

Mrs. DiCenso: We have one teacher recall for your consideration this evening. Samantha McBurney, Grade 6 ESL (Math/Social Studies)

Jenks.

Mr. Knight moved to approve the recall of Samantha McBurney, Grade 6 ESL (Math/Social Studies) at Jenks. Ms. Grant seconded.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

Approval of School Planners Bid:

Mrs. DiCenso: School planners have been ordered separately in the past. We went out to bid to solicit prices which will now be ordered in one large order to save the district money and we are requesting your approval of the student planner bid to Premier Agendas, LLC per the attached pricing list. (Addendum B)

Mr. Knight moved to approve the award of student planners bid to Premier Agendas, LLC as recommended by Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Grant seconded.

Ms. Devine: The vendor being recommended is Premier. They do not have fasteners so if the school wants them, they will order separately. This pricing is good through December 2017.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

Approval of Certified Appointment:

Mrs. DiCenso: Mike Davenport is the candidate to move forward tonight to in the Systems Manager Position at Shea High School.

Ms. Dube moved to approve the certified appointment of Michael Davenport as Systems Manager at Shea High School as recommended by Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Grant seconded.

Mr. Knight: Isn't Mike a teacher already?

Mrs. DiCenso: He is a math coach.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries with six members present.

Approval of Certified Coach Appointment:

Mrs. DiCenso: We have for your consideration this evening the varsity football assistant coach at Tolman High School, Zachery Ortega.

Mr. Knight moved to approve the certified coach appointment of Zachery Ortega, Varsity Football Assistant Coach at Tolman High School. Ms. Grant seconded.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries with six members present.

Approval of Employees' Assistant Program (EAP) Contract:

Mrs. DiCenso: We are requesting your approval of renewing the EAP

contract to Coastline EAP, Warwick, Rhode Island. The cost is \$18.00 per employee for a total annual cost of \$17,802.00.

Mr. Charbonneau moved to approve the renewal of the EAP contract to Coastline EAP, Warwick, Rhode Island in the amount of \$17,802.00 as recommended by Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

Approval of Non Certified Non Union Job Description—Technology Support Manager:

Mrs. DiCenso: You have before you a job description for the technology support manager. We want to make you aware of what is going on in three grade levels, grades six through nine in which we are adding one on one computers. We want to make sure Hersh has the support and that all staff members be trained and be able to spot check the person. We're hoping the candidate has web design and technology background. The candidate must also have a bachelor's degree for this position. We need that support.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the Non Certified Non Union Job Description, Technology Support Manager as recommended by Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Grant seconded.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

Approval of Budget Transfer:

Mrs. DiCenso: We have one budget transfer for your consideration this evening. It is technology in the amount of \$7,849.64.

Mr. Knight moved to approve the technology budget transfer in the amount of \$7,849.64 as recommended by Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carries with six members present.

Discussion Items

Monthly Vendor Report:

Mrs. DiCenso commented that if the Committee has any questions on the monthly vendor report Ms. Devine was here to answer them.

Mr. Charbonneau: Amazon.com showed up, what is that?

Ms. Devine: Technology uses Amazon to purchase small supplies.

Mr. Cristino: One example is can less air device is available on Amazon and cables.

Mr. Charbonneau: The restaurant consultant, what is that?

Ms. Devine: We're required to have inspections by law and we bill the program and pay the vendor directly.

Mr. Charbonneau: I thought we purchased two vehicles from Tasca.

Mrs. DiCenso: We purchased three; one from Chevrolet for Dennis and two from Tasca.

Ms. Grant: Where are these vehicles parked at night?

Ms. Devine: Here.

Ms. Grant: I didn't see them.

Ms. Devine: They are insured.

Mr. Knight: Don't we have mats in the kitchens that need to be cleaned?

Ms. Devine: The only thing we pay is inspections.

Mr. Charbonneau: One on one basketball game, what is that?

Ms. Devine: It's the COZ Program.

Mrs. DiCenso: It comes out of the COZ grant.

Monthly Employee Overtime Report:

Ms. Bonollo: At some point does it make more sense to add someone instead of paying overtime?

Ms. Devine: We added a plumber position and general maintenance and will be providing this report every month.

Mrs. DiCenso: We also have Dennis and John tracking it by the week.

Ms. Grant: The bus drivers—are they employed by us?

Mr. Araujo: Yes.

Mr. Knight: Administrative maintenance was \$40,000.00 in this building?

Ms. Devine: They might be doing work here.

Mrs. DiCenso: Their pulling their check from this building. You can see maintenance is most escalated.

Ms. Bonollo: How are our work orders?

Ms. Devine: That's a Dennis item.

Mr. Araujo: We can add that report to the next agenda.

Mr. Charbonneau: The same amount appears in many schools, why is that?

Mrs. DiCenso: I think they are making a general decision to charge this. It's being divvied up.

Ms. Devine: You might have overtime over three schools.

Mrs. DiCenso: Every school was charged the same amount. It was the way it was spread out.

Letter of Recognition:

Mr. Charbonneau: I had wanted to bring a suggestion that we have so many talented people come in front of us and couldn't we find a formal way to acknowledge them. My suggestion is we come up with a formal way to come up with a resolution similar to the City Council recognizing their contribution to this district and we acknowledge what they've done in the schools.

Mr. Araujo: It's also something that can be hand delivered and it's a pristine piece of paper.

Mr. Charbonneau: Ms. Dube is gifted in putting words on paper.

Mr. Araujo: Would it be okay to ask the gentleman in the audience, Mr. Dylan Zelazo?

Mr. Zelazo: We do many of these and I would be happy to provide these documents to the Committee.

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, recessed the work session from 8:30 PM to 8:42 PM.

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, reconvened the work session at 8:42 PM.

**b. Repeal School Committee Policy IKEB-Promotion Requirements
Grades 7 & 8**

Ms. Dube: We have this policy, IKEP-Promotion Requirements Grades 7 & 8 on the agenda to officially repeal and strike it from our records.

Ms. Bonollo moved to repeal School Committee Policy IKEP-Promotion Requirements Grades 7 & 8. Ms. Grant seconded.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

Mr. Knight moved to take School Committee Policy number 2. BHDA at the end of the agenda. Mrs. Charbonneau seconded.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

c. Approval of School Committee Policies 2nd Passage

1. BGC-Policy Revision and Review

Mr. Knight: Having the full Committee means we're stuck tonight.

Ms. McQuade is absent.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the second passage School Committee Policy BGC—Policy Revision and Review with requested changes. **Mr. Charbonneau** seconded.

Ms. Dube: Policies can be amended with four members in favor.

Mr. Knight: It requires four votes to pass anything.

Ms. Dube: We looked at the quorum that RIASC identifies and that I don't believe needs to be in this policy.

Mr. Araujo: It would divert to that number.

Ms. Dube commented on the RIASC definition of a quorum.

Mr. Knight: A quorum being this present both equal. What happens if one or two people vote differently? If you have someone who has to recuse, you have a problem if you do that. You have to have a definition of what constitutes a quorum.

Mr. Araujo: I think that's a legal question. I've known a quorum to be one more than a middle ground. To me a majority is of that quorum.

Ms. Grant: Why don't we table for now and go back and get legal advice?

Ms. Bonollo: The full Committee is seven, so this would not count.

Ms. Dube: I wanted to specify the language is poor. We only added School Committee.

Ms. Bonollo: If we put in full, it dictates seven.

Ms. Dube: I can take it out.

Ms. Bonollo moved to amend the School Committee Policy BGC to remove the word "full." **Mr. Charbonneau** seconded.

Mr. Knight: We should have a majority on all the action we take, otherwise, it's questionable.

Mr. Charbonneau: I think everyone brings up a valid point. There has to be a reasonable point to argue in good faith and exercise good reason. I think we're spinning our wheels a lot.

Ms. Dube: I agree we should adopt RIASC policy. We have legal

review the policy and this has been the law. This was the policy on the books.

Mr. Knight: I have read the City Charter and believe it says it.

Ms. Bonollo: Call the vote.

Roll call on amendment

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries with six members present.

Roll call on original motion

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries with six members present.

2. BHDA-Communication with the Media

Mr. Knight moved to take School Committee Policy number 2. BHDA – Communication with the Media at the end of the agenda. Mrs. Charbonneau seconded.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

Ms. Dube commented that policies numbered three through thirteen highlight some minor changes and have passed as a first passage and that the Committee could do a consent agenda for numbers three through thirteen.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve school committee policies numbered three through thirteen as a consent agenda . Ms. Grant seconded.

Voice vote carries with six members present.

Ms. Dube commented that the Committee still had to review the policies.

Ms. Dube commented on the following:

- 3. IJNDB-Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy—no changes**
- 4. IKA-Marking System Guidelines—no changes**
- 5. IKDA-The National Honors Society—no changes**
- 6. IKDB-The Rhode Island Honors Society—no changes**
- 7. IKEAB-Promotion and Graduation Requirements—no changes**
- 8. IKEC-Elementary Promotion Requirements—paragraph moved “parent notified underlined as 3rd”**
- 9. JICIB-Bullying Prevention—no changes**

Mr. Knight: I have a question about bullying. I don't see all that much about teen dating and dating violence.

Mrs. Rabbitt: It's the law.

Mrs. DiCenso: There's a difference between bullying and sexual harassment.

Mr. Knight: At least there should be something that refers to it.

Mrs. Rabbitt: It's a law approved by the state legislature. There are many other policies related to sexual harassment.

Mrs. DiCenso: Physical or emotional harm. They are incorporating all ways students are violated including teen dating. They talk about sexual violence when they say perpetrator.

Ms. Dube: We can add the words, “as per.”

10. JLCA-School Health and Immunization—no changes

Mr. Knight: I have an issue, it should say school department.

Ms. Dube: We can include school department.

11. JLCD-Administering Medicine—added language

Mr. Charbonneau: When I asked for that I didn’t want pills coming in any container. They should be brought in their original identified container.

Mr. Knight: The purpose of medication is on the bottles.

Ms. Dube: We can take it out.

Mr. Knight: When you get a prescription, you get instructions. That should be provided to the school.

Ms. Dube: I put that in.

Ms. Grant: Should we have something for children who go in with a nurse? I don’t know if the school nurse knows that one on one nurses

are providing medication.

Mrs. Rabbitt: There are health laws. She would be covered under the rules and regulations under school health plans.

12. JLDBC-Substance Abuse Policy—no changes

13. JRA-Student Records Policy—no changes

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the second passages School Committee Policies numbered three through thirteen as consent agenda. (all in one motion). **Mr. Charbonneau** seconded.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

Old Business c. Approval of School Committee Policies, 2nd passage

2. BHDA—Communication with the media

Ms. Dube commented that all public statements will be provided by the Chair. Some examples from other policies include: school committee members speak for ourselves; Massachusetts says I will

not play politics when speaking to the public; Westerly members going on social media and passed a policy and the ACLU flagged the policy.

They said that contact should only be made by Chair. The ACLU communicated that the policy says we have the right to communicate as individuals. It further says our policy is okay as it currently is. It says we should instead of we must , if you violate the policy, you must go to the committee and apologize. It would be a good idea that you don't go out and say the "committee thinks this."

Mr. Knight: Thank you for this eloquent research. You speak as an elected official. It's wrong and invasion of my speech and a travesty that we're discussing it. If this is imposed on me, I will sue personally.

Mr. Araujo: The key word here being "should."

Ms. Bonollo: I'm not expressing full consent of the committee, it's just my opinion.

Mr. Charbonneau: I'm numb that we spent this much time on this. If I get a phone call from a reporter, I have no control over what he's going to print.

Mr. Araujo: Point of order, Mr. Knight.

Mr. Knight: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. You have to acknowledge my point of order!

Mr. Charbonneau: I'm done.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the second passage school committee policy BHDA-Communication with the media. Mr. Charbonneau seconded.

Mr. Knight moved to amend the approval of the second passage school committee policy BHDA-communication with the media to include that school committee members are elected officials and are elected as same. Mr. Charbonneau seconded.

Roll call on amendment

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

Motion carries with six members present.

Mr. Knight moved to approve the second passage school committee policy BHDA-communication with the media as amended. Mr. Charbonneau seconded.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries with six members present.

V. New Business/Action Item

a. Approval of Teacher Recalls

b. Approval of Bid(s)

• School Planners

c. Approval of Administrator Appointment(s)

d. Approval of Certified Appointment(s)

e. Approval of Certified Coach Appointment

f. Approval of Employees' Assistance Program (EAP) Contract

g. Approval of Consolidated Human Resource Director

**h. Approval of Non Certified Non Union Job Description—Technology
Support Manager**

i. Approval of Budget Transfer

j. Approval of School Committee Policies 1st Passage

1. Approval of JFBA-District Enrollment Policy

Ms. Dube: There was on line added at the policy subcommittee meeting last night. It was emailed to you and is not in the Google drive. There was a question about IEP and ELL as well as

transportation and the JMW auditioning part.

Mr. Knight moved to approve the first passage school committee policy JFBA-district enrollment policy. Ms. Dube seconded.

Mr. Knight: I have a very little problem. I recommend we stop doing line through repeal and add a new one for our identification. It makes more sense.

Ms. Dube: I can highlight it. That's way easier for me. I feel it will be more difficult to have two pages.

Mr. Araujo: I'm fine the way it is.

Roll call

**Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes;
Mr. Knight-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries with six members present.

Mr. Knight: Have the staff been trained and information distributed to the staff that do this every day?

Mrs. DiCenso: We're in the process of doing Central Office registration.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. DiCenso: I want to report I am leaving to go to Utah next week. I was invited by Clay Pell and Dr. Yee to attend a summit on dual language. The state of Utah is paying for all fees. I am the only one from Rhode Island that will be attending. I will be back in time for the meeting on the July 20th. Melissa Devine has been excused because she has a family event to attend.

We're interviewing for the dual language Spanish teacher and had to have a bilingual person on the committee.

St. Leo's update: we met with Joe DaSilva and we don't have the purchase and sales agreement and when Derek and Mr. Torrado went to move he said we have to re-apply under the new regulations. You have to come up with a waiver request. We're working with the Mayor. The holdup is with the lawyers, not our lawyers. If you do lease to purchase, it may get held up in the Rhode Island Department of Education legal department. The Mayor is met with Frank and spoke to Joe.

VII. Special Reports of School Committee Members

Mr. Charbonneau: Good night and I want to wish Patti safe travels.

Ms. Dube: We really are moving through this policy manual. Newport gave a timeline of one and one half years. That big chunk we're almost done with. We're going to be the Committee that moves this better than any other committee.

Good night.

Ms. Grant: This happened before the last school committee meeting. You have weeks where you feel you're not accomplishing much. I came home to a huge packet from Ms. Rabbitt's room at Little. The students thanked me for reading to them. It was really nice. It was a real nice good feel moment. Small things are making a difference.

Mr. Knight: I had a talk with Dylan who committed they will have a document that requires a signature on the purchase and sales agreement.

Mr. Araujo: OT is own time. First I apologize for my outburst. Second, I want to thank Patti for her role. Three years ago I asked to get some courses in and you did and my daughter passed a few of them. It's for all the children, not just mine.

Mrs. DiCenso: Students earned between 9-10 college credits for free.

Mr. Araujo: Enjoy your evening.

VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Grant moved to adjourn. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carries.

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, adjourned the work session of the Pawtucket School Committee on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 9:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk