

PAWTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 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. Charbonneau, called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

a. Roll call

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

Also in attendance were Mrs. Patricia DiCenso, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Lee Rabbitt, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Kathleen Suriani, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Melissa Devine, Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Jon Anderson, Legal Counsel.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman, Mr. Charbonneau, led the audience 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.

Mr. Ronald Beaupre, President, Pawtucket Teachers Alliance: Good evening. I arise today about the public relations campaign. It's time we started seeing growth on a daily basis and offer support with you, the Union with collaboration with Administration. You don't need to send our students to Charters or other schools. We offer financial support.

III. Approval of previous meeting minutes, 1/12/16

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of 1/12/16. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously.

IV. Old Business/Action Item

a. Approval of previous meeting minutes, 1/5/16

Mr. Knight moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of 1/5/16. Ms. Dube seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously.

b. School Committee Policies 2nd Passage

- **EBAC—External Defibrillator Program**

Ms. Dube: This policy has been crafted because of need.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve the second passage of School Committee Policy EBAC—External Defibrillator Program. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Roll call

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

Motion carries unanimously.

- **GDGB—Substitute Teacher Policy**

Ms. Dube: This policy was also created out of need to apply general law.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve the second passage of School Committee Policy GDGB—Substitute Teacher Policy. Ms. Bonollo

seconded.

Mr. Knight: Dumb question. Is this in line with the contract currently written? Are the numbers in alignment?

Mrs. DiCenso: Sub pay is not in the collective bargaining agreement.

Roll call

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

Motion carries unanimously.

• IHCA—Course Recovery Program

Ms. Dube: This policy came up two months ago and was amended to include the underscored “A fee may be assessed for student participation in course recovery.” The word credit changed to course.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the second passage of School Committee Policy IHCA—Course Recovery Program. Mr. Araujo seconded.

Roll call

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

Motion carries unanimously.

- **JLCED—Naloxone Policy**

Ms. Dube: This is once again born out of need. R. I. G. L. 16-21-35 based on model.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the second passage of School Committee Policy JLCED—Naloxone Policy. Mr. Araujo and Ms. McQuade seconded.

Mr. Knight: There's a little thing; I think something should be in here and licensed EMT, if rescue called, they will administer.

Ms. McQuade: It says or other trained staff.

Mr. Knight: They're not our staff.

Mrs. DiCenso: We can't write anything about EMT's in our policy.

Mr. Charbonneau: I think this governs us up until that point.

Mr. Knight: I want to protect the EMT's.

Mr. Charbonneau: There covered under their contract.

Mr. Knight: No, they're not.

Mr. Araujo: This is a policy for our employees. I see your point and we have to govern policy for our employees. I don't think this should be included.

Ms. McQuade: R. I. G. L. § 42-35-3(b) established in 2014 by the Department of Health for drug overdose crisis regarding Naloxone or Narcan.

Mr. Knight: Where is the liability the school has? A student given Narcan by a school nurse teacher, a nurse teacher has immunity. We're telling EMT's they don't have immunity.

Ms. McQuade: A person who administers Naloxone (Narcan) to an individual pursuant to these Regulations shall not be subject to civil liability or criminal prosecution as a result of the administration of the drug.

Mr. Knight: Show me where they are exempt from our policy manual? Asking for a legal opinion at this time I would advise would be out of order.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-no; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes

Motion carries six in favor; one opposed—Mr. Knight.

c. Repeal School Committee Policies 2nd Passage

The Chairman, Mr. Charbonneau asked the Committee if there was any objection to taking these policies all together in one motion.

Mr. Araujo moved to take as one item and approve to Repeal School Committee Policies 2nd passage; JBA—Policy and Procedures on Exclusion of Handicapped Students; JA—Priority Objectives/Basic Commitments and JC—District Attendance. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Ms. Grant: I have a question. Why are we having so many repeals?

Ms. Dube: We have been updating and a lot are out dated—some since 1965. Some are there multiple times or repeated.

- JBA—Policy and Procedure on Exclusion of Handicapped Students**
- JA—Priority Objectives/Basic Commitments**
- JC—District Attendance**

Ms. Dube: JBA—this is outdated and no longer reflects the language used in our schools. JA—Priority objective we have core commitment passed already. JC—this exact language is already in enrollment policy.

Roll call

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

Motion carries unanimously.

V. New Business Discussion/Action Items

a. Open House Publicity Presentation

Mrs. DiCenso distributed a two page document. I wanted to express the climate among the competition with charters and districts to compete with each other to offer something better. I listened to a recruit presentation for the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative to recruit more students. At least three groups that have gone out to bid or will go out to hire consultants in public relations because they are losing students to charters and vocational schools.

I did not vote for this and cannot afford to spend \$30,000 to \$40,000 to publicly advertise. Warwick is working on an aggressive plan to

remodel schools. Foster Gloucester has flown to China and accepted students tuitioned in from China. November 11th I received a letter from North Kingstown announcing a newly founded project to lead the way in robotics. It will cost \$16,000 to attend their program and they requested labels for our eighth and ninth grade students to invite them to see their program. It's not about being urban, it's about outside of our schools. I received messages from the Mayor regarding the mayoral academies. Jeremy is requesting to purchase the building across the street for high school students.

My core belief is we are better than okay. We offer more than the charters and I will go shoulder to shoulder with our teachers and charters to shine a light at what our kids can do. They are all going to promote as for ELL. Beyond core belief I don't believe we can just sit back. What a wonderful problem to have to hire new teachers and we're never going to have the problem with our own bad press. I think we need to be more proactive and aggressive at this time.

We have a job here to promote our schools. There's nowhere I go that I don't talk about how great we are. The price for our own branding. I participated in a similar program at Rogers. This doesn't fall upon the shoulders of just me. This is something to listen to but we can't rely on one blue ribbon school to sell this district. If we let them do this to us, we will lay off teachers, we will close schools. There are 1,500 students at Tolman and Shea. I have two documents about good news—not public relations. The brand is there. I just

wanted to talk about this. You look at the local funds. We can't use that for books, professional development, not anything. When we lose kids, the money goes with them.

Kids do stuff. I haven't worked in a high school that didn't have a gun, knife or other incident. Our staff is dedicated. Our teachers lift our kids. Kids differentiated everything. We went into transformation and broke down AP courses. We are improving our curriculum every day. Our model is working and will be extremely helpful as we move forward. Our kids compete at Ivy League level. Our kids go everywhere. We work with college career counselors with Brown University. First generation kids are going to Brown University and that's the real work. I think we have competitive students winning championships and being scouted by colleges.

We offer flexible learning models. We find a way to get the kids to get there. We found a way to come out of the box to get them there. All of us know we'll continue to strive for more with the facilities issues. I met internally with my staff members and discussed how this would look. Charters advertise tests and before tests there is a process to their branding. We have samples of what our color ads would look like. (Four documents were distributed to the Committee) One to one computers, forensics in AP science, stem labs and robotics. This is a girl who could be singing or performing in the arts school. That will be a Goff picture. Collaborative learning with computers. The non-traditional banter. We have academies. Our colleagues did not

check those funded by CTE funds. This is what they would like. This is what it would be like in the Valley Breeze. The whole promotion price is about open house piece. We want to promote excellence, kids demonstrating in stem labs. Kids come back and report how well they did in science and technology. We want a feeling of joy and celebration about doing well in our schools. We want Ivy League school students coming back and talking about how well they did. That would be what we wanted to attain.

None of us would be speaking. It will be a school presentation talking about this is a great thing. We're not afraid to bring in parents to let them have their child shadow our students. The price per page is \$4,850 and \$1,400 for one postal mailing. We would put it on our website. I would tweet it out and put it on the school list serve. Postcards may be made in house or flyers to send home.

Last is lawn signs for houses. We would put them on busy corners especially in places when getting off the highway. The total is \$6,535 and Ron has generously offered to split the bill so that would be \$3,267.

That is what I have to propose. The jury is still out on the new City logo. Joanne, Kaydi and Kim want to talk about that new logo. Maybe something to talk about later is bigger branding.

Mr. Araujo moved to approve the open house publicity. Ms. Dube seconded.

Mr. Knight: Postal mailing how?

Ms. Suriani: It's the cost of mailing per student.

Mr. Knight: The nonprofits as long as not an organization can get a bulk mailing permit.

Mrs. DiCenso: We have a meter here.

Mr. Knight: You want to use a bulk mailing permit.

Mr. Beaupre: We have one.

Ms. Dube: I think that catholic schools and other schools were recruiting our students. The choice movement is all about us getting better and we have. We offer more choices. They are going big and the reality is this is the beginning of us saying we are just as good. I think this is something we need to do.

Mr. Araujo: Thank you, Mr. Beaupre. Mrs. DiCenso, I think this is the right way to go. We are doing dual languages with the Chinese and Columbia. I can attest to the AP courses, my daughter will graduate a semester early because of Shea. The culture is our schools are not good and we have to change that mindset. I am so happy to sit on this Committee. We have so much going on and have to promote it.

It's a great symbolizing of collaboration with the Pawtucket Teachers Alliance supporting us. I wish you could do this in the Times also and consider it. I am behind you on this.

Ms. McQuade: I think the reason charters are so successful in getting students has a lot to do with first impressions and I'm not from here. Pawtucket is the bucket and our schools give that impression. When my volunteers go to the schools from the backpackers who are not familiar with them, I field calls saying I can't find what door to go in. I would love to do a walk through. Have the principals come who has never been and walk them in and ask them what they notice. Sometimes you pull four or five doors until you find a door that works. It makes a big difference. We also have to take a look at our schools websites. We're not giving the impression we're on the ball. Individual schools, we should put in links. I love the idea of going in the Valley Breeze and performing a tweet team to get the news out there. We want to combat the negative impressions. We should be sending press releases about our good news. We want people to think we want to move to Pawtucket.

Mr. Knight: It's a great idea. We have to realize we need a daily presence at the general assembly for this funding formula. I've heard different things only following vicariously. We also need to think outside other things. One blue ribbon school is not helping selling houses in Pawtucket. I have two houses for sale and no one is looking at them because of the tax structure. We need to find a way

to drive costs down. The bottom line is what we do with the dollars that we have. If we brought back kids at the charters and Davies, we wouldn't have the space for them. We need to get the cart back behind the pony. We cannot over extend what we're feeling good about. Realism is very harsh. Most of this stuff should have been out before tonight. The letter from North Kingstown should have been shared with us. We've got to realize what our parameters must be.

Mrs. DiCenso: I am not sharing the North Kingstown letter because I don't want it out in the community. I am concerned about that meeting. I am the only one who has it. No one else has a copy. I contacted legal counsel who said I didn't have to share it.

Mr. Knight: That's really insulting to your School Committee. That's insulting to the seven members on the committee.

Mr. Charbonneau: I agree with everything that was said. We talk about building this team and we have an opportunity to be this team and are shooting at each other. We need a place to start from. This is that place. It's the foundation of where we start on and expand. You have to start somewhere and we should and we should include this. I sat with all of you and overwhelmingly supported an extension to our Superintendent. I voted to extend her contract and she has to execute with her team. It's a passionate group of people. If you're going to be a team, you have to start acting like one.

Mr. Araujo: When competing against the charters I remember hearing at one meeting at RIASC, charters average 9% special education and I think this is an important piece. We're losing dollars and spending a lot more money to support charters.

Ms. Bonollo: We need to form a committee to include parents, union members and students. We need to bring all parties to the table. Perhaps we can put this on our next agenda.

Mr. Charbonneau: I will take that into consideration.

Roll call

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

Motion carries unanimously.

b. Affordable Care Act

Mrs. DiCenso: We have Melissa Devine and legal here to discuss the Affordable Care Act that affects most recently our COZ employees and coaches. We have a policy committee and don't forget this is based on federal guidelines, it was acted upon and approved regarding the cost of health care waiving. I know you received phone calls from constituents regarding this and our COZ Director has

concerns as well.

Ms. Devine: In the staff report the Superintendent stated just allowing one exception would cost \$7,500 and we can only charge 9.5% of gross wages. To estimate to have a person working and working thirty hours and take it, we have to offer and every exception we put out there someone else comes forward.

Mr. Anderson: This is a policy decision you are elected to make. You will end up providing a sub works 130 hours a month is retroactively then I only work as a coach and make \$3,200. I can only get charged 9.5% of \$3,200. When five COZ workers get health, it's a grant program and if you start providing health coverage, it comes from the grant and there is only so much money available.

This same policy is the same one adopted by districts all over Rhode Island. We need a librarian for nine months and the school day is 6.5 hours per day and to get the librarian they work over 130 hours per month and you give an exception and had to offer health insurance that's why an exception is given. In Pawtucket a cheerleading coach and substitute teacher for us and employee whispers I won't take the insurance, but that is not acceptable. An employee with the same positions comes forward and wants the same exception. If you decide to do that, you need to come up with the money to do that. This policy was written to be very clear and up front for us. There's a twenty eight hour limit and your policy is more liberal than others.

Ms. Devine: It's only during time of sport they are coaching, i.e. spring sport, winter sport, it's not for the entire year and not substitutes during the summer. Depends on when subbing and coaching.

Ms. Dube: I understand about the money but I do wonder if #6 is overly restrictive. I don't know the numbers of those who work in COZ and what will happen to our COZ program. Ultimately, we can't have them go over 130 hours a month. We might have someone working in COZ and subbing two days. I wonder if we're going to lose subs. I'm saying we have an end goal and doing check points for them. We make it very clear in the policy we can't go over 130 hours.

Mr. Anderson: There's an administration issue. Someone would have to chase around employees figuring out hours and then problem becomes COZ event next week and the person has got to work and we have to be clear when the measurement period ends. Melissa Devine will say that budget you approved in March I now need \$30,400 for health coverage cost applied to the cost of the salary; 9.5% of what they make and for \$9.50, I get health benefits.

Ms. Dube: I understand checking every time sheet and we have a liberal policy. I know what it's like not to have subs in our district. We need to make sure we are not pushing subs out. I don't want to alienate good subs.

Mr. Anderson: I agree with where you're coming from.

Mr. Knight: I'm going to ask to put on next agenda. I can't see an action we can take without changing the policy.

Ms. Dube: We have a meeting on the 8th.

Mr. Charbonneau: I want to give other members time to weigh in.

Mr. Knight: We can't take an action on this. I have concerns of Mr. Anderson and Ms. Devine. Sometimes good intentions walk into a back wall.

Mr. Araujo: If a sub teaches, how many hours is that?

Ms. Devine: They can work every day of the school year but when you add another position, it goes up 180 days at 6 hours equals 28 hours.

Mr. Araujo: What about a coach? It depends on the sport?

Ms. Devine: The Affordable Care Act doesn't define the number of hours per coach. They just assigned it.

Mr. Araujo: There's a fear in mind that you don't want to start cutting

from sports budgets. Maybe someone can formulate it. We have to protect ourselves.

Ms. McQuade: How many?

Ms. Devine: This affects about a dozen people this year.

Ms. Grant: Subs are paid hourly but a coach is a salary position, so how does it become hourly?

Ms. Devine: I asked the athletic directors to assign a range of hours.

Ms. Grant: Even though salaries are broken down by hours?

Mr. Anderson: Exactly with coaches. They had to assign a number. A football coach works more hours than the golf or cross country coach and if you sub, the golf season is eight weeks, 1,175 hours goes up to 1,255 divided by 42 weeks puts you over 30 hours per week and they will want to pay health coverage based on coach salary.

Mr. Charbonneau: I think we need to be careful about changing policies already passed. Sometimes decisions are not always comfortable. I don't know about re-opening policies to tweak.

Mr. Knight: Any policy can be brought back by a committee member.

The problem here is we have additional information. It's a heck of a lot cheaper than to bring back and tweak. I think we need to think about this. We may have missed something.

Mr. Charbonneau: Currently this policy covers us.

Mr. Knight: I misunderstood this.

Mr. Anderson: There are 12 people who want you to change this policy.

Mr. Knight: We put a requirement that an exception is approved by Superintendent and School Committee majority vote.

Mrs. DiCenso: I am not approving any exceptions. I consulted with the Rhode Island School Superintendents Association board we would be financially troubled with the large number of people in this district. I am not approving. There is nothing that would violate a policy or it's an expensive decision.

No motion was made or vote taken on the agenda item, Affordable Care Act.

c. Out of State Field Trips

- Tolman High School to Chicopee, MA on March 24, 2016**
- Goff Junior High School to URI March 11 – March 12, 2016**

(Overnight)

- **Shea High School to Washington, DC April 24 to April 30, 2016**
- **Shea High School Girls' Varsity & Junior Varsity Basketball to Whitinsville, MA February 19, 2016**
- **Shea High School Boys' Varsity Soccer to New York, NY on September 17, 2016**
- **Shea High School to Boston, MA on January 29, 2016**
- **Tolman High School to Boston, MA on January 29, 2016**

Ms. Dube moved to approve all of the out of state field trips as one item. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Ms. Grant: Basketball teams, do they normally come to us? Are these an exception? Do they play out of state regularly?

Mrs. DiCenso: These are tournaments to improve their skills, they are not part of the interscholastic league.

Ms. McQuade: Most of the sports trips are on weekends too?

Mrs. DiCenso: This is a policy if the students leave the state, we have to let you know.

Mr. Knight: When did the University of Rhode Island move out of state?

Mrs. DiCenso: It's overnight, that's why it's here.

Mr. Knight: What kind of numbers for chaperones. I asked this question at the last meeting and never got an answer.

Mrs. DiCenso: Usually for every 8 to 10 students there is one.

Mr. Knight: Can we include the number of chaperones on the next agenda?

Mr. Anderson: Another community did and measured from communities. If in a radius of 50 miles, it required the Superintendent's approval. If beyond that district, it goes before the Committee.

Roll call

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

Motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Anderson and Ms. Devine left the meeting at 8:10 PM.

d. School Committee Policies 1st Passage

• JE—Compulsory Attendance

Ms. Dube: We are asking to amend policy JE.

Mr. Araujo moved to approve the first passage of School Committee Policy JE—Compulsory Attendance. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Mr. Knight: Do we have a minimal number of days a student must attend to pass?

Ms. McQuade: There are a certain number of days allowed for medical.

Mrs. DiCenso: It's a little different. We have a truancy policy and have a guideline on that actual academic piece. It's a little more complicated while students must be proficient.

Roll call

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

Motion carries unanimously.

Mrs. DiCenso: The Rhode Island Department of Education will not say you cannot pass a student. We do have a very strict truancy and absenteeism policy.

- **JEB—Admission of Students**

Ms. Dube: JEB addresses admission of students. We cleaned it up. One and two and language are identical to R. I. G. L. 16-2-27 and 16-2-28.

Roll call

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

Motion carries unanimously.

- **JFAA—Address Verification Policy**

Ms. Dube: There were a couple of amendments to this policy. We added residency proof can be resident lease and added the last paragraph. This section was changed because it would be good practice for all schools to practice. We don't give a threat to parents.

Mr. Araujo moved to approve the first passage of School Committee Policy JFAA—Address Verification Policy. **Ms. Bonollo** seconded.

Mr. Knight: Shouldn't it read prior to second week of the school year?

Ms. Bonollo: I question the standard of parents who live in two different districts and the student spends half time in Central Falls and half time in Pawtucket. Who pays the tuition and who makes that decision?

Ms. Rabbitt: The parent has the choice to register in either district.

Mr. Knight: What about a homeless child?

Mrs. DiCenso: That's a different law.

Mr. Knight: I would ask an additional paragraph be added.

Ms. McQuade: It's not an issue of the Superintendent. Homelessness is a law.

Ms. Dube: R. I. G. L. §16-64-2 does have a lengthy discussion of school of origin, burden of proof. This policy is simply saying address verification policy. We are dropping the last line for that.

Mr. Araujo moved to amend to approve the first passage of School Committee Policy JFAA dropping the enrollment piece and striking out the last line. **Ms. Bonollo** seconded.

Roll call as amended

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-no; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes

Motion carries six in favor; one opposed—Mr. Knight.

- **JFAB—Non-Resident Tuition Fees**

Ms. Dube: This is just a re-adopt that says non-resident pupils shall pay tuition.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve the first passage of School Committee Policy JFAB—Non-Resident Tuition Fees. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Mr. Knight: How much do they pay?

Mrs. DiCenso: The per pupil cost. They have to pay \$8,900 plus \$2,900.

Mr. Knight: What if they live out of state?

Mrs. DiCenso: It's the same.

Ms. Dube: This is basically for non-residents.

Mr. Knight: Should we have a line that says tuition fee aligned with

per pupil cost? All non-residents should pay tuition for cost of Pawtucket students.

Mr. Knight moved to amend School Committee Policy JFAB—Non-Resident Tuition Fees to include pre-selected. Ms. Dube seconded.

Ms. Dube: I think it's best to keep it as it is. I don't think it adds to anyone checking it. The funding formula is up right now. I don't think we have to add more description especially if the Commissioner changes it.

Mr. Knight: What about the JMW tuition?

Mr. Araujo: I believe it's allocated to what it costs.

Mrs. DiCenso: It's based on CTE tuition.

Mr. Knight: To not include that is misleading.

Mrs. DiCenso: For the record, all tuition income is included in our budget and public and it goes to the City Council.

Roll call on amendment

Mr. Araujo-no; Ms. Bonollo-no; Ms. Dube-no; Ms. Grant-no; Mr.

Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-no; Mr. Charbonneau-no

Motion fails six opposed; one in favor—Mr. Knight.

Motion on original motion to approve

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-no; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Charbonneau-yes

Motion carries with six in favor; one opposed—Mr. Knight.

- **JG—Admission to All Grades**

Ms. Dube: We are amending this policy to reflect how we deal with transfer students. It was good to provide lots of different things of what is available to us. Legal said it's best to focus on Central Administration piece.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve the first passage of School Committee Policy JG—Admission to All Grades. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Ms. Bonollo: Can we take out placing into grades by Central Administration?

Ms. Bonollo moved to amend School Committee Policy

JG—Admission to All Grades by removing verbiage “by Central Administration.” Ms. Dube seconded.

Roll call on amendment

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

Motion carries unanimously.

Roll call on motion as amended

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

Motion carries unanimously.

e. Repeal School Committee Policies 1st Passage

Mr. Araujo moved to take Repeal School Committee Policies 1st Passage; JCB—Limitation of Student Reassignment; JD—Pupil Accounting Census and JFA—Legal Settlements of Students as one item. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously.

- **JCB—Limitation of Student Reassignment**
- **JD—Pupil Accounting-Census**
- **JFA—Legal Settlements of Students**

Ms. Dube: JCB is an outdated policy. JD is really dated and states when children are lined up and counted in the cafeteria. JFA is a policy we have a lot of policies that say the same thing.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve the first passage to repeal School Committee Policies JCB—Limitation of Student Reassignment; JD—Pupil Accounting Census and JFA—Legal Settlements of Students. **Ms. Bonollo** seconded.

Mr. Knight: Do we ever change a student from one school to another?

Mrs. DiCenso: Yes, we do based on enrollment and you are allowed to return the next year.

Mr. Knight: Should we not have some sort of written rule about that?

Roll call

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

Motion carries unanimously.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. DiCenso: Melissa and I are working very hard on the budget and it's different because we don't know how the funding formula is going to pan out. We're probably presenting a budget without knowing that.

We have a wonderful night scheduled for tomorrow. The No Bully Workshop is being held and every school will present a demonstration and I invite you all.

VII. Special Reports of School Committee Members

Mr. Araujo: Thank you and Have a great evening.

Ms. Bonollo: Good night.

Ms. Dube: I was very honored to go to a conference in Boston and made copies. The Nellie May Foundation is the largest non-profit is ready to roll out a school governance structure where 80% of students will be college or career ready. At the current rate, it would take 100 years. The group will be looking at ideas on how we structure reality, is the gap getting bigger. They are looking for innovative ideas. We want Rhode Island to be competitive in getting

this money. I think Pawtucket can be at the center of this. I am looking forward to tomorrow and Jenks on Thursday. Good night everyone.

Ms. Grant: Good night.

Mr. Knight: Good evening.

Ms. McQuade: Good night.

Mr. Charbonneau: Good night.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Araujo moved to adjourn. Ms. Bonollo and Ms. Dube seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously.

The Chairman, Mr. Charbonneau, adjourned the Pawtucket School Committee Work Session on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Clerk

Approved 2/9/16