

PAWTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 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 6:35 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. Jennifer Carney, Director of Curriculum Instruction and Technology; Ms. Melissa Devine, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Dennis Rebelo, Facilities Director; Mr. Derek Osterman, Project Manager, Colliers International and Mr. Sean Jensen, Assistant Project Manager, Colliers International.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Celebration/Recognition—Mrs. DiCenso

• Certificates of Recognition

Mrs. DiCenso: We have something exciting to share this evening. Two of our employees who dedicated themselves to our children have finished the Rhode Island College Teacher Program and received their teacher degrees. They are Debra Isabel and Patricia Gingras.

The Superintendent presented both employees with certificates.

III. Special Reports of Student Representatives

• Charles E. Shea High School

None.

• William E. Tolman High School

None.

• Jacqueline M. Walsh School for the Performing and Visual Arts

Student Representative: May is a very busy month at JMW. May 6 students completed the PARCC exams. May 7 was the prom in which over 125 students which is over half the population attended. May 11 and May 12 the art major students will be going on a field trip to The

Fogg Museum in Boston, MA. May 12 the senior music majors will be performing. May 17 students will be going to see “Oklahoma” at Trinity Rep. May 19 is the senior dance and a concert at Goff at 7:00 PM. May 24 theater majors will put on a performance at school. May 24 is the senior trip to Block Island. June 3 JMW goes to compete in “Trills and Thrills” competition at Lake Compounce. June 8 is JMW graduation.

IV. 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, Chairman Charbonneau, Superintendent, DiCenso. I come to talk about the budget. A budget that includes additional funds for our schools. I have a poem written by one of our teachers. (See Addendum A)

That was written immediately following an incident in their school where the student had a terrible incident. Teachers are afraid of a student who is clearly disturbed. The Superintendent recognizes that we cannot do our job without our budget and the Superintendent put in \$600,000.00 additional monies in the budget for support for our

students for special services, i.e. social work services; behavioral work services and I hope you approve this budget. We can't do this work without that support. Thank you.

Nancy IbaelUCA, Unite Here 26 Kitchen: I am here to represent the hardworking men and women in the kitchens and am looking for help.

Karen, Kitchen Worker: We're in negotiations and they are trying to take away medical and would like you to support us. We're asking that the medical of 24 people stay the same. We continue to bargain in good faith. We appreciate your support.

V. Approval of previous meeting minutes 4/26/16

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the previous meeting minutes 4/26/16.

Ms. McQuade and Mr. Araujo seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously.

Ms. McQuade moved to move New Business Action Item a. Administrator Appointments ahead of Old Business. Ms. Bonollo and Ms. Dube seconded.

Mrs. DiCenso: I'm here to give some insight on three candidates and would like to present Lisa Schultz. Joan DiOrio who recently retired

wrote in a letter of recommendation that in a short time, Lisa managed to take control of the school and works well with the teachers and students. I am confident she will make a positive addition. Lisa is a young woman who was 9 months pregnant running around. She is a dedicated educator, a problem solver and she has two young children and her husband.

Mr. Knight moved to approve the administrator appointment of Lisa Schultz, Cunningham Principal. Ms. Bonollo and Ms. Grant seconded.

Mr. Knight: Can the applicant come up and introduce herself?

Ms. Schultz: Thank you for this opportunity.

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 second candidate is Matt Bergeron who is filling in for Liz Fasteson states I recommend him to take the position of principal. He is nothing less than outstanding and able to handle any problem. I highly recommend his candidacy for principal. Mr.

Bergeron is a poster child for enthusiasm. He was also the Boys Club Man of the Year and a graduate of Tolman High School. He is a mentor at the Boys and Girls Club and I recommend him this evening. He's at Jenks for the arts festival.

Mr. Araujo moved to approve the administrator appointment and contract of Matthew Bergeron, Jenks/JMW Principal, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. 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.

Mrs. DiCenso: Anyone who hasn't been out of the country is aware Dr. Ash is moving to Shea. So that left a vacancy at Slater. Our third candidate is originally from Rhode Island and attended Springfield College. He worked at an inner city school in Maryland and most recently at Danvers High School. He is CPI trained and ELL trained. Students and families know Mr. DeCiccio is interested in the whole child. His work ethic, commitment and focus on excellence. In October of 2013 Danvers suffered a painful and public loss that we never want anywhere near our doors. Mark was the rock inside the school assuring scared students. He is consistent, patient and

compassionate. He is looking forward to coming back to Rhode Island and we're happy to welcome him this evening for his appointment.

Mr. Knight moved to approve the administrator appointment of Mark DeCiccio, Slater Principal. Ms. Grant and Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Mr. DeCiccio: Thank you, Superintendent DiCenso, School Committee. What an introduction that was. I also want to thank my wife, Brook and immediate family. I am confident we can work together and utilizing skills as a team leader. Thank you very much for appointing me to this position. I am extremely honored.

Mrs. DiCenso: He was ranked seventh in the nation as a wrestler in college.

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.

The Chairman, Mr. Charbonneau, called a ten minute recess at 7:01 PM.

The Chairman, Mr. Charbonneau reconvened the open session at 7:11 PM.

Mr. Knight moved to take agenda item New Business g. FY17 Budget ahead of Old Business. Ms. Grant seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously.

Mrs. DiCenso: We added emotional support and took a few cuts. We bring it to the City Council in May.

Ms. Devine: This changes daily. There were some additional changes that came from Technology and \$15,000.00 higher for property liability insurance. Enrollment increases in the state and charter schools and had reduced that based on last year's enrollment. There has been a slight decrease and spoke to the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) who does enrollment projections and they were slightly higher.

Classroom overages, it's just an estimate and I'm clearly confident cutting those areas by \$10,000.00.

Americorps grant is in the second year and we have to match by \$200,000.00. It was brought to my attention that our match would be \$10,000.00 less.

The last area is electricity. I felt we had to increase utilities. We have a contract and added a building to the district and felt I should trim that back. As information come in between now and June 30th, I feel comfortable with \$150,000.00 increase that this will be sufficient for this budget.

Mrs. DiCenso: For overtime we know we have to be fiscally competent and we really do a great job in tracking this and I don't think there over reacting on budget. Davies tuition has gone down. We're not matching projections for charters and Davies as in the past. The trend is turning the other way. I think that's a plus. Overtime is something we will have to look at so we don't touch proposals we are recommending. Our teachers, aides and principals have taken no pay raises in years. We have great momentum but we're at a time where we have to take a step especially where funding formula is sun setting.

Mr. Knight moved to approve the revised FY17 budget in the total amount of \$116,477,151.00. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Mr. Knight: I'd like to thank the Superintendent and Ron. I'd like to thank the staff and its tough fiscal times.

Mr. Araujo: On the overtime, is this based on what we've done this year? Based on this year compared to last year and are we going to be using overtime for the Potter Burns Project?

Mrs. DiCenso: Project is coming from the bond and contractors. The bond is controlled by outside vendors which is out of our control. Snow and overtime and purchasing the new program will help us. This has been a learning curve adding two staff workers. I think you will see a lot more getting done.

Mr. Araujo: Great job. Thank you for all your hard work.

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: Do we have a date that it's going to the City Council?

Ms. Devine: There are two dates. They have the original workshop document.

The Chairman, Mr. Charbonneau, called a three minute recess for the room to clear at 7:22 PM.

VI. Old Business

a. Second Passage of School Committee Policies

• IKC—Rank in Class

Ms. Dube: Rank in Class, we modified this so that it is inline now with what we are doing. We also added a chart showing numeral value of grade to make policy more clear. This is the policy that will take effect with the class enrolling next year.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the second Passage of School Committee Policy IKC—Rank in Class. Ms. Grant 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.

• EEA—Student Transportation

Ms. Dube: I believe we have enough information, the one with the analysis, scenario one .75 radial will increase students eligible to 373.

If we change to walk distance, those students are actually the exceptions now riding. Scenario two, kindergarten through grade eight .75 and .1 mile would result in 731 increase from the current policy. Scenario three, kindergarten through grade five and sixth

grade. They came back and had to have meeting. If you wanted to do kindergarten through grade five and making bus stops more efficient we could save one bus. If kindergarten through grade eight, you'll be adding four buses and we don't have that kind of money. Number three increasing busing by one now and we didn't like that to continue to run inefficient. We asked about bell time to use in the most efficient way possible in kindergarten through grade eight so this is the addendum, scenario number four; kindergarten through grade eight increase by 131 students by changing bell times but not adding buses. Page 10 of original packet page three in second packet. You'll see it's much more efficient. They're on the road for an additional twenty five minutes in the morning and twenty five minutes in the afternoon. You see we have buses running much more efficient. Page five includes walk distances to bus stops at .25 and .5. You really don't have stops more than a half mile and wanted no more than twenty student at the stop. We would also run catholic schools because low numbers daily riders on six and four on St. Cecilia and St. Teresa and nine on Woodlawn.

We would like to propose kindergarten through grade eight at .75 walk and enforce parents to complete a registration form.

Mrs. DiCenso: I'd like to speak of the time changes. Six elementary schools will have a later start time. I did speak to Mr. Beaupre today and I believe this, I know contractually we have to stay in hours and time. It may be difficult for parents who work but use the money the

former Superintendent used to fund a thirty minute breakfast. They were very clear they wanted kids to ride the bus. This Committee wanted to bus kindergarten through grade 12. For the first time seventh and eighth graders can ride. This will be very attractive for parents and safer for students. The sooner we get this information out to the parents, the better it is. This is great news. I think it's all positive.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve the second passage of School Committee Policy EEA-Student Transportation including the six elementary schools later start time. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Mr. Knight: One thing I asked for was the bus stops and it doesn't list them. There are some they are using that don't make sense. I know there is a stop on Prospect Street and it is in the most dangerous place in the city. It's crazy out in front of Prospect Street at the Greggs' Commissary. It's very dangerous. We don't know where these stops are. Safety of students is most important.

Ms. McQuade: We have every intention of getting this done. We had to cajole the west coast office to get us this information to discuss the policy issue. That was part of what we plan, but we had to ask them to burn the candle to get this for this meeting.

Mrs. DiCenso: I agree this was an opportunity to sue the same buses to bus kindergarten through grade eight kids once its voted on, we

then take it on to our department and ask the bus company to provide presentation at our June meeting.

Ms. Grant: But if parents aren't able to drop off, if parents have rides to school, I'm not sure that it might not benefit students taking the bus. My daughter takes the bus at 8:10 AM and I have to be at work at 8:30 AM. Any consideration for those parents?

Ms. Dube: The morning has a lot more flexibility. The army green color is a wide slot of time and drier has a long layover. If we run routes earlier, we could do that. It's the afternoon where we have the problem, i.e. Fallon bus; there's actually twenty five minutes that could be played around with. It's really the afternoon where we don't have flexibility.

Mrs. DiCenso: We have flexibility to help parents out then we turn it over to get the nitty gritty who needs stop earlier. I agree with Mr. Knight. We have to look at the stops.

Mr. Knight: Have we even met with the parents yet?

Mrs. DiCenso: We don't have anything to present yet.

Mr. Knight: It's a great ambition but might find it's not a benefit for the parents. I'm uncomfortable with that.

Mrs. DiCenso: It's been loud and clear in this office since I spent three months that parents want busing. The whole mindset was to satisfy parents and we wanted clarity.

Mr. Knight: I understand what happened at the beginning of the school year. First Student handed new stops and parents were out of their minds. I think parents should be consulted on this.

Mr. Charbonneau: Passing the policy is step one. Then bring in the vendor and iron out stops then bring in the parents and let that sit out in the community. But to advance it some, we need to put policy in place now.

Mrs. DiCenso: I don't think we'll ever make every parent happy. I do think we're servicing 731 more students with this model who never had it before and give them the opportunity to complain now and iron out before school year starts.

Ms. Dube: I just want to add page eight is current operations. One thing we are seeing is buses are not always reliable. We have a few buses that run very tight in the new proposal. It's a smarter policy and a smarter system. The policy as existed before, was not working. I think this policy while not exception proof, will better serve parents.

Mr. Araujo: I like the more efficiency. What would be the effect on the budget?

Mrs. DiCenso: It's equal.

Ms. Devine: Forget about Potter Burns, they have agreed they could bus grade kindergarten through grade eight with the same amount of buses. If not, we would have to add four buses. They can do it with the bell time changes and they can make tiers. We can't do all tiers but just some tiers due to so many different times.

Mr. Araujo: There's no increase in hours? It keeps it level?

Ms. Devine: We have a bus that runs four hours and an overly hour wage. Only running one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon.

Mr. Araujo: Thank you.

Mr. Charbonneau: I want to be clear from my perspective, I want the opportunity to bring in the vendor. We need commitment from the vendor that they will be meeting the schedule. I want to make sure buses are getting to school on time.

Ms. Dube: We have an anecdotal report that states buses run late, they have GPS time stamp and can verify running on time and they said multiple times that they are supposed to ensure they run on time which is part of the contract.

Mr. Charbonneau: Do we have access?

Mrs. DiCenso: We get them every day. Some of the bus arrivals are cutting instructional minutes. We know it was a rough year, but we told the bus company that the students need to be in their seats.

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.

VII. New Business Discussion/Action Items

a. Administrator Appointments—this item was moved ahead on the agenda.

b. Administrative Contracts

Mrs. DiCenso: Edna Coia who took over a larger school is receiving a one-time stipend for her achievements as a National Blue Ribbon School and Terrell H. Bell award cannot under estimate these awards for being an enhancement to Pawtucket Schools. Only one out of seven in the country to create a Blue Ribbon School and receive an award in Pawtucket. This is something we are noted for by the United States Department of Education and the Rhode Island Department of

Education that we have quality of leadership.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve Dr. Enda Coia's Administrative Contract from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, including a one-time stipend of \$2,500.00 for national achievements. 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.

Mrs. DiCenso: There is a one year contract for Dr. Linda Gifford, PLA Principal and take the rest together, Ms. Jill Hague, Assistant Special Education Director. We bumped her salary. We are having a difficult time finding special education leadership and this person is someone we want to keep but not the salary is not as high as other districts but equal to what middle school principals working are earning. Dr. Linda Gifford, Principal, Pawtucket Learning Academy, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and Jill Hague, Assistant Special Education Director, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018.

Ms. Grant moved to approve the administrative contracts of Dr. Linda Gifford, Principal-Pawtucket Learning Academy, July 1, 2016 to June

30, 2017 and Ms. Jill Hague, Assistant Director of Special Education, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. 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.

c. Non Renewals Certified Educators

Mrs. DiCenso: We have to layoff teachers who we feel we will not need but we do take precautions to protect the budget and enrollment. We have thirteen (13) teachers being placed in non-renewal status. (Addendum B) The Pawtucket Teachers Alliance asked that we not read their names aloud.

Mr. Araujo moved to approve the thirteen (13) non-renewals certified educators as recommended. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Ms. Bonollo: I want to say thirteen compared to 200 and 300 for every year from the last nine years is amazing. Kudos to our administration for getting it right.

Mrs. DiCenso: If you look at the data, we recall all of the non-renewals. We really get it right.

Mr. Knight: I want to say this is due to the Superintendent. It's May not March and I think that's a reason.

Mrs. DiCenso: I really think we're looking at a crystal ball.

Mr. Knight: I know it's painful and want to thank everyone for keeping it at a low number.

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.

d. 2016-2017 School Calendar

Mrs. DiCenso: We have Good Friday off again. We still utilize April vacation. We looked at this all different ways. Attendance was very low on Good Friday. When it falls before April vacation and thought it created a lot of angst. It is back in but may be considered in coming years. It has to be approved by RIDE as well.

Mr. Araujo moved to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Mr. Knight: Is it permanently back?

Mrs. DiCenso: When we did this to begin with we are a very big district and honor days of worship. We looked at the number of days to make up school and also the fact we had a higher district with many backgrounds becomes a management issue for us. When we looked at the days taken before April vacation, we felt we would put it in. What was really driving us is April vacation is not an Easter Holiday. It really is an extra vacation day.

Mr. Knight: I like the idea of not calling it Good Friday. I seem to remember teachers having a floating holiday or professional day. Why don't we use that day?

Mrs. DiCenso: I'm not following, we have to document the flex day.

Mr. Knight: So if we give 4/14 as a professional day?

Mrs. DiCenso: No, because it counts as 184th of the day.

Ms. Bonollo: Call the vote.

Mr. Knight moved to amend the original motion to call April 14, 2017 spring break.

Ms. Devine: Twelve month people in Union, some will have the day off.

Mr. Knight moved to amend to refer to April 14 through April 21 as spring break. Ms. Dube seconded.

Ms. Bonollo: I think by calling it a break will cause sticky negotiations. I don't see where it should be because if Good Friday doesn't fall before vacation. Just give it its own name.

Mr. Knight: That would be a bad precedence.

Mrs. DiCenso: I think we can address one year at a time.

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 original 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.

Ms. Dube left at 8:19 PM.

e. Budget Transfers

Mrs. DiCenso: We have three budget transfers from Facilities this evening, \$15,000.00 from custodial supplies to equipment; \$18,500.00 from Safety and Fire maintenance and repairs and maintenance and repairs HVAC to Elevator and HVAC and \$22,244.00 from snow plowing to vehicles for the purchase of a new vehicle.

Mrs. Devine: The original was reduced by \$811.

Mr. Knight moved to approve the budget transfers \$15,000.00 from custodial supplies to equipment; \$18,500.00 from Safety and Fire maintenance and repairs and maintenance and repairs HVAC to Elevator and HVAC and \$22,244.00 from snow plowing to vehicles for the purchase of a new vehicle. Ms. McQuade and Ms. Grant seconded.

Mr. Knight: Can I ask for explanation safety and fire for elevator? Is that for the elevator here?

Mr. Rebelo: Yes.

Mr. Knight: What's the new vehicle?

Mr. Rebelo: We haven't gotten it yet but we would like to.

Mr. Knight: Would that cover a new vehicle?

Ms. Devine: There's some money in there now.

Mrs. DiCenso: Dennis is proposing it saves us a lot of time to not wait for contractors or City. It would help us to put another sander on.

Mr. Rebelo: The current vehicle needs a repair which is a huge amount and may need to replace that vehicle. I'm waiting for a price.

Ms. Devine: There may be a need to have an additional transfer. There's \$32,000.00 in there.

Mr. Knight: Are these leases?

Ms. Devine: No. It would be a single buy out.

Mr. Knight: Would we be better to lease two instead of buying it out right?

Ms. Devine: I think we would be shorting ourselves than buying a

vehicle outright. I would still recommend going with purchase of new vehicle if we lose truck to major repair. We can look at it in July.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

f. Community Players Lease Extension

Mrs. DiCenso: This is something Mrs. Rabbitt worked on. The Community Players wanted to solidify their contract.

Ms. Rabbitt: The only difference is the Community Players want to go down from thirty to twenty eight performances and reflected that change. We enter into three year contracts now.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve the Community Players Contract beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019; annual payments of \$7,186.00, monthly payments of \$598.83. Ms. Grant and Mr. Knight seconded.

Mr. Knight: What are they going to do when it's closed for renovations?

Ms. Rabbitt: They only do one performance and will use Goff.

Mr. Knight: I'd prefer there be an addendum with this contract.

Ms. Rabbitt: We can pass it by legal and sign an addendum.

Ms. Bonollo: It does say Community Players will submit a schedule every year to the Superintendent of Schools. If school is not opened, it should not be available. They've been verbally informed and will take it into consideration.

Mr. Knight: July is in there now. They already gave that schedule last year?

Mrs. DiCenso: It says in Article 9 on page 2, "if during the terms of this agreement, there should arise some unforeseen circumstances"

It was determined that Page 2 was not included in the electronic copy in the shared google drive.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

g. FY17 Budget—this item was moved ahead.

h. MPA Design Proposals for Jenks Jr. High School Renovations

Mrs. DiCenso: I visited Jenks Junior High with the Facilities Director and Assistant Superintendent to think about eliminating open classrooms. There's no doors. This is a model that has been in place for decades. The fire department is very rigorous about having anything on the walls or enclosed bulletin boards. I think my walk through created a sense of urgency. It's stressful for students and teachers and creates an impairment for everything in those classrooms. I think it's unfair so with Derek we went to RIDE to see if we could use some of this funding. They said you have to come in with formal drawings and they have to say we are using a reputable diagram that is safe to students and staff. Together we thought we could go out and get drawings done.

Mr. Osterman: We went out to bid based on the Superintendent's request. In terms of responses we received a response from only one and it came in at over \$84,000.00 so we continued discussion with Ed Rowse and would like them to participate. The latest proposal is from Rowse and his group will come in to explain schematic plan and Colliers feels this is reasonable and advises you to take action.

Mrs. DiCenso: So this is a timely plan. Rowse did Goff Library and

the front entrance at Greene. They were quick and immediate to respond with Potter, Greene and Slater. They know our schools. They've done pointing of brick work at some of our schools.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve to award the MPA design proposals for Jenks Jr. High School Renovations to Rowse Architects in the total amount of \$10,600.00. Ms. Bonollo and Ms. Grant seconded.

Mr. Knight: Original bid returns were over \$80,000.00?

Mr. Osterman: We asked for full architectural from start to finish and they have hazmat and electrical documents. By taking out the majority of the work they were able to back off and if we need to go back, we can re-negotiate.

Mrs. DiCenso: We don't want to take a step out to \$80,000.00 and we're looking to use funding available to us.

Mr. Knight: Any idea of cost of the whole project?

Mr. Osterman: No, all we know it's approximately this much space and this many classrooms.

Mrs. DiCenso: We don't know what the cost is if we are not able, we will have to look at the next bond. We have highly qualified teachers trying to teach in sub-standard rooms to kids. We don't want to do

something that is not healthy. We can't close out air flow without knowing where to put it.

Mr. Knight: I'm totally in favor of getting rid of classrooms without walls. We're are we getting the money?

Mrs. DiCenso: We have to look at this as serious as when the ceilings fell. It's going to be minimal and safe. I can't put a number on it. The first goal is to look at the reimbursable part. We met with Joe DaSilva but he wants us to do it in a safe way. They're very strict about adhering to optimal environment.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

i. Award of Bid for Cunningham Elementary School Fire Alarm Upgrades

Mr. Osterman: I'd like to bring up a colleague who has been making sure the projects stay on track, Sean Jensen.

Mr. Jensen: We currently went out to bid and this morning had the

bid opening. Two bids were received. We did reference checks and Ahlborg meets all our requirements. It's Colliers recommendation to go with Ahlborg Construction Corporation in the total amount of \$377,000.00.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve the award of bid for Cunningham Elementary School Fire Alarm Upgrades to Ahlborg Construction Corporation in the total amount of \$377,000.00. Ms. Bonollo and Ms. Grant seconded.

Ms. Grant: Is this the company that did Curtis?

Mr. Rebelo: No.

Ms. Bonollo: Is there a stipulation to meet the timeline?

Mr. Osterman: Yes.

Mr. Knight: What date was this opened?

Mr. Osterman: Yesterday.

Mr. Araujo: It says 10% MBE, but is no dollar value. Is it guaranteed?

Mr. Jensen: Yes.

Mrs. DiCenso: With shovel ready projects, they are very ambitious. It is a tight timeline and mindful of what the Committee votes on.

Mr. Knight: it would be extremely helpful that you mandate prevailing wages. This is the second time this has happened.

Mr. Osterman: There is prevailing wage. They have the right to pay what they will pay.

Mr. Charbonneau: Pawtucket business is zero and TRAC filled it in.

Mr. Jensen: Yes, it's zero.

Mr. Osterman: The one third, one third split looks at the combination of experience, cost and MBE component. Encore is the local that usually shows up. We're making sure we're doing that.

Mrs. DiCenso: I don't know how to justify spending \$100,000.00.

Roll call

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

Motion carries with six members present.

j. Out of State Field Trips—Mrs. DiCenso

- **Agnes Little to Capron Park Zoo Attleboro MA on 6/14/16—69 students; 3 chaperones**
- **Potter Burns to Carratunk Wildlife Refuge Seekonk MA on 5/19/16—90 students; 24 chaperones**
- **Goff Junior High to Ecotarium Worchester MA on 6/1/16—90 students; 6 chaperones**
- **Goff Junior High to Trills & Thrills Music Festival Lake Compounce Meriden CT on 6/3/16—85 students; 8 chaperones**
- **Slater Junior High to High Meadows Resort Granby CT on 6/9/16—150 students; 6 chaperones**
- **Tolman JROTC-JROTC Leadership Camp, Camp Edwards, Bourne MA June 27 through July 1, 2016—22 students; 2 chaperones**

Mr. Knight moved to take all out of state field trip requests at one time. Mr. Araujo seconded.

Voice vote carries with six members present.

Mr. Knight moved to amend to take all field trips with the exception of Capron Park. Mr. Araujo seconded.

Ms. Bonollo: When having student ratio and chaperones of 69 to 3, can we get more chaperones?

Mrs. DiCenso: We can look at that and Goff.

Ms. McQuade: The Ecotarium has staff that goes with the students. It's an interactive event.

Ms. Bonollo: The ratio is getting higher and higher.

Mrs. DiCenso: At Goff a team is taking the students. I'm more concerned about Capron Park. Goff is 15 students per chaperone because it's interactive.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve all out of state field trip requests with the stipulation that extra chaperones be added to the Capron Park trip. **Mr. Knight** seconded.

Roll call on amendment

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

Motion carries with six members present.

Roll call on original amendment as amended

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

Motion carries with six members present.

VIII. Discussion Items

The Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso, commented that the discussion items would be taken all together and asked the Committee Members if they had any questions.

There were no questions.

- a. City Expense Report**
- b. Monthly Vendor Report**
- c. Budget Transfer Report**
- d. Monthly Employee Overtime Report**
- e. Maintenance Work Orders**

IX. Superintendent's Update

Mrs. DiCenso: We have had great events. Earth Day at Tolman led by students. There was the drunk driving campaign for prom season. This is a new tradition for Tolman as they use venues away from Pawtucket. We also have coming up many events including the Shea Fashion Show and Honors Night. Summer programming will include Credit Recovery and the COZ Program.

As soon as PARCC is done we will be packing up Potter Burns and

talking with staff.

X. School Committee Members Update

Mr. Araujo: This is a great time of year to see the fruits of your labor and receiving awards. Kudos to Ms. McQuade on Get Healthy Pawtucket and to the Superintendent on the graduation of her son. I often talk about my children and my daughter, Amanda, was inducted in the Women in Stem Honors Program (WISH) at Baypath College. We can focus on all good work. This is about thanking everyone in this room for all of their hard work. Thank you for staying the entire time. Good night.

Ms. Bonollo: It was a good meeting. May 21st my daughter graduates from Wheaton. Thank you.

Ms. Grant: I want to thank Kaydi for a great Get Healthy Pawtucket event. Congratulations to everyone here. My little girl and Kaydi's will be in a play at Varietur and I'm very proud. Have a great night and hope everyone had a great mothers' day.

Mr. Knight: Congratulations to everybody and the Superintendent and Mrs. Devine. You've done a great job.

Ms. McQuade: I am excited we passed a budget. It means we are moving forward with great things. Thank you for Get Healthy

Pawtucket. The Wellness Committee has decided to host it again next year. I'm excited for that. Thank you for all your hard work.

Mr. Charbonneau: Good night and I'd like to turn this over to Mr. Knight.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Knight moved to adjourn tonight's meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Gobeille, Dr. McWilliams father. Mr. Araujo seconded.

Motion to adjourn carried with six members present.

The Chairman, Mr. Charbonneau, adjourned the regular meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Clerk

(2 Addendum)

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