

**MINUTES**

1. Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Ms. Pezza at 7:00 p.m.
2. Present: Ms. Joyce, Mr. Burlingame, Ms. Carroll, Ms. Keeling, Mr. Mara, Ms. Pezza, Mr. Steere, Ms. Swanson  
Absent: Mr. Autiello  
Also present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Jacques, Ms. Almon

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion and/or vote on the following:

4. Student/Staff Recognition  
The committee acknowledged and thanked Ms. Marcotte for her service and contribution to the Ponaganset community.
5. Public Comment on Items Relating to Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes  
Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Joyce, to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting and Executive Session  
Motion passed 8-0-0
7. Approval of Monthly Bills  
Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Joyce, to approve the bills as listed on the Monthly Expenditure Report dated September 27, 2018 in the amount of \$700,539.77  
Motion passed 8-0-0
8. Business Manager's Report  
Ms. Almon highlighted several topics that were included in her written report provided to school committee members.
9. Assistant Superintendent Report  
Ms. Jacques highlighted several topics that were included in her written report provided to school committee members.
10. Superintendent's Report - Personnel: Resignations, Appointments, Retirements, Leaves, Lay Offs, Recalls, Job Share, and Other Personnel Actions  
Motion by Ms. Joyce, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the Superintendent's Report as modified. Motion passed 8-0-0

11. Report on The Moving Wall

Motion by Ms. Carroll, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the US Naval Academy Demonstration Jump provided there is a minimum of \$3,000,0000 of insurance specifically covering the district. Motion passed 8-0-0

12. Revisions to Disposition of Surplus Equipment Policy-2nd Reading

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Joyce, to approve the revisions to the Disposition of Surplus Equipment Policy as a 2nd Reading

Motion passed 8-0-0

13. Revisions to Service Animals Policy - 2nd Reading

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Joyce, to approve the revisions to the Service Animals Policy as a 2nd Reading. Motion passed 8-0-0

14. Revisions to the Grading Policy -2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Dr. Barnes reported that he has been meeting with teachers and administrators regarding changes to the Grading Policy and will bring a revised policy to the next meeting for a second reading.

15. Revisions to College and Career Pathways Application Policy - 2nd Reading

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Revisions to the College and Career Pathways Application Policy as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Motion passed 8-0-0

16. Transportation for Extra-Curricular and Field Trips

a. Reallocation of RIGL 16-7-6(f) Categorical Transportation Aid

Motion by Ms. Carroll, supported by Ms. Pezza, to get a written legal opinion from the district's attorney regarding use of RIGL 16-7-6(f) Categorical Transportation Aid. Motion passed 8-0-0

Motion by Ms. Joyce, supported by Mr. Burlingame, appoint at least one school committee member from each town to meet with the bus company and negotiate the cost for extra-curricular field trips for the Region.

Motion passed 8-0-0

Ms. Carroll and Ms. Swanson agreed to meet with the bus companies.

17. Discussion and/or Action on Regionalization/Charter Review

a. Financial Projections on Cost Savings

b. Next Steps and Timeline

Dr. Barnes reviewed some of the potential cost savings of regionalizing that the subcommittee discussed including salaries and transportation, as well as non-monetary benefits such as the reduction of triple data reporting, budgets, and contracts.

18. Authorization to Sign Contract for Renovations to Agriculture Building

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Joyce, to hold a special School Committee meeting within the next week to approve the lowest qualified bid for the agricultural building project.

Motion passed 8-0-0

19. Authorization to Sign MOU with High School Affiliated with Hangzhou Normal University

Motion by Ms. Joyce, supported by Ms. Swanson, to authorize the Superintendent to sign the MOU With High School Affiliated With Hangzhou Normal University pending final approval from the district's attorney.

Motion passed 6-1-1 with Ms. Carroll voting no and Mr. Steere abstaining.

20. Vote to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (8) Privacy of Student Records-Request to Home School; (1) Job Performance of an Individual; (2) Education Support Personnel Contract Negotiations - Memorandum of Agreement

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Joyce, to vote to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (a) (8) Privacy of Student Records-Request to Home School; (1) Job Performance of an Individual (2) Education Support Personnel Contract Negotiations - Memorandum of Agreement

Motion passed 8-0-0

21. Return to public session and announcement of votes, if any  
Chair announces vote, if any, in Executive Session.

Ms. Pezza reported that in Executive Session the committee discussed personnel issues and requests to home school. One vote was taken to approve the home school requests.

22. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion by Ms. Joyce, supported by Ms. Carroll, to seal the minutes of executive session.

Motion passed 8-0-0

23. Education Support Personnel Memorandum of Agreement

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Education Support Personnel as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion passed 8-0-0

24. Public Comment on Items Relating to Agenda

25. Communications From / To Members of the School Committee and/or

School District

26. Future Agenda Items - Identification of Future Agenda Items

- Regionalization
- Grading Policy - Second Reading
- Budget Discussion including Appointments to Budget Subcommittee
- Testing Data on 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
- Budget Retreat with Town Councils

27. Adjourn

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Joyce, to adjourn.

Motion passed 8-0-0

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Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk