

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by Co-Chair, Ms. Pezza at 7:00 p.m.
 2. Roll Call
Present: Ms. Joyce, Ms. Keeling, Mr. Mara, Ms. Pezza, Mr. Steere, Ms. Swanson
Absent: Mr. Autiello, Mr. Burlingame, Ms. Carroll
Also present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Almon
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- Discussion and/or vote on the following:
4. Student/Staff Recognition
 5. Public Comment on Items Relating to Agenda
 6. Approval of Minutes
Motion by Ms. Joyce, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 8, 2018 Regular Meeting and Executive Session
Motion passed 6-0-0
 7. Approval of Monthly Bills
Motion by Ms. Joyce, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the bills as listed on the Monthly Expenditure Report dated November 30, 2018 in the amount of \$412, 486.88.
Motion passed 6-0-0
 8. Business Manager's Report
Ms. Almon's included evaluating fixed cost electricity supply options to control energy costs.
 9. Authorization to Sign Energy Procurement Contract
In order to give them time to read the contract prior, the committee will schedule another meeting to vote on authorizing the Superintendent to sign an energy procurement contract
 10. Assistant Superintendent Report
Dr. Barnes stated that the district has to accelerate the alignment of curricula and instructional materials to the State assessment to raise test scores. He stated there have been multiple changes in assessment tools over the recent years - the New Standards reference exam, the NECAP assessment, the PARCC assessment, and now the change to the RICAS assessment and SAT and PSAT. The schools have not exerted significant effort on test preparation or purchased instructional materials for each new version of the test. The schools have focused on developing problem solving, critical thinking, communicating, and other priority areas. Dr.

Barnes believes the Common Core Standards are stable and not likely to change and the State assessment is finally stable and not likely to change again in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the district is actively working to align curricula and instructional materials to the State standards and assessment. The district is currently working with the State to review these materials. The district plans to make a significant purchase once materials are selected. Ms. Jacques will report on testing scores next month and show comparisons to other districts in the state.

11. Superintendent's Report - Personnel: Resignations, Appointments, Retirements, Leaves, Lay Offs, Recalls, Job Share, and Other Personnel Actions

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Superintendent's Report as presented.

Motion passed 5-0-0

(Mr. Mara had to leave the meeting.)

12. Ratification of Northwest Rhode Island Special Education Collaborative Agreement

Motion by Ms. Joyce, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the collaborative agreement with Northwest Rhode Island Special Education.

Motion passed 5-0-0

13. Approval of 2019 School Committee Meeting Dates

Motion by Ms. Joyce, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the 2019 School Committee Meeting Dates and time change as discussed, conditional upon approval from other members (not present at meeting.)*

Motion passed 5-0-0

**After discussion with all committee members, start time for meetings will remain 7:00 pm.*

14. Award Bid for Athletic Supplies and Equipment

Motion by Ms. Keeling, supported by Ms. Joyce, to award bid for athletic supplies to Grognan-Marciano.

Motion passed 5-0-0

15. Award Bid for Fitness Room Equipment

a. Award bid for Athletic Indoor Turf

Motion by Ms. Keeling, supported by Ms. Swanson, to award bid for athletic indoor turf to Dollamur in the amount of \$10,677.00.

Motion passed 5-0-0

b. Award bid for Cardio and Strength Equipment

Motion by Ms. Keeling, supported by Ms. Joyce, to award bid for Cardio and Strength Equipment to Perform Better in the amount of \$25,829.40.

Motion passed 5-0-0

16. Revisions to the Grading Policy - 2nd Reading

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Pezza, to approve revisions to the Grading Policy as a second reading effective immediately with revisions as discussed.

Motion passed 6-0-0

17. Appointments to Negotiations Subcommittee

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Joyce, to appoint Ms. Pezza to the Negotiations Subcommittee

Motion passed 5-0-0

18. Report on Transportation for Extra-Curricular and Athletic Trips
Another meeting will be scheduled and a contract brought before the committee.

19. Vote to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (8) Matters Related to Student Privacy (4) Investigative Matter

Motion by Ms. Joyce, supported by Ms. Swanson, to vote to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (a) (8) Matters Related to Student Privacy and (4) Investigative Matter

Motion passed 5-0-0

20. Return to public session and announcement of votes, if any
Ms. Pezza reported that in Executive Session the committee discussed matters related to student privacy and an investigative matter. One vote was taken.

21. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

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

Motion passed 5-0-0

22. Public Comment on Items Relating to Agenda

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

24. Future Agenda Items - Identification of Future Agenda Items

- RICAS and SAT Test Scores
- Transportation
- Proration - Student Population Swing

25. Adjourn

Motion by Ms. Joyce, supported by Mr. Steere, to adjourn at 9:55pm.

Motion passed 5-

Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk