

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair, Mr. Steere at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Burlingame, Ms. Keeling, Ms. Pezza (7:03), Mr. Steere,  
Ms. Swanson, Ms. Worthy

Absent: Mr. Autiello, Ms. Joyce, Mr. Mara

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 recognized students for earning their lead paint certification.

5. Public Comment on Items Relating to Agenda

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Keeling, to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 2, 2019 Open and Executive Session.

Motion passed 5-0-1 with Mr. Steere abstaining.

7. Approval of Monthly Bills

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Keeling, to approve the bills as listed on the Monthly Expenditure Report dated May 3, 2019 in the amount of \$970,394.93.

Motion passed 6-0-0

8. Business Manager's Report

The four regional school districts in the state met and discussed how each apportions local appropriations, debt & capital. Mr. Steere stated that he thought the district should do away with proration (student enrollment swing). Several committee members agreed and requested that forming a Charter Review Committee be on the next agenda to discuss this further. In addition, it was agreed that committee members will email or call Ms. Almon with questions concerning the 2018 Audit.

9. Assistant Superintendent Report

No discussion on report.

10. Superintendent's Report -Personnel - Resignations, Appointments, Retirements, Leaves, Lay Offs, Recalls and Other Personnel Actions

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Pezza, to approve the revised Superintendent's Report. Motion passed 6-0-0

11. Announcement of Ponaganset Education Foundation Grants

**PMS**

- Purple Team Podcasts \$760.00
- Reading Appreciation Activities \$300.00
- Junior Mock Trial Club \$600.00

**PHS**

- Black History Month Museum \$1,500.00
- Video Club/Communication Pathway \$ 585.00

12. Request for Cell Tower Funds

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the request for \$2,000 to Bring Black History 101 Mobile Museum to High School Motion passed 6-0-0

13. Approval of 2019-2020 School Calendar

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar with spring vacation April 20-24. Motion passed 5-1-0 with Mr. Steere voting no.

14. Survey to Parents/Teachers/Staff Regarding Potential Changes to 2020-2021 School Calendar

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to authorize the Superintendent to survey parents, teachers, and staff regarding possibly changing the one week mid/late April vacation in 2021 to a one-week vacation in mid-March.

Motion passed 5-0-0

15. Commissioner's Advisory on Field Trips

Mr. Anderson offered options for responding to the guidance on field trips issued by former Commissioner Wagner including: disregarding the advisory; suggested donations; have a mandatory paid for field trip policy - field trip is tied to curriculum and the cost is included in the district budget. Another option is that an outside group such as band parents or PTO could run the field trip. After discussion, it was agreed that for the remainder of the year field trips that were already approved will continue as in past practice (including the trip to Washington); however, any new field trips will not be approved until further review. The committee will revisit this at a future meeting.

16. Revisions to Search of Students, Student Property and School Property Used by Students Policy- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the Revisions to Search of Students, Student Property and School Property Used by Students Policy as a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Motion passed 6-0-0

17. Revisions to Background Check Policy - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the revisions to the Background Check Policy as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Motion passed 6-0-0

18. Professional Learning Policy - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Worthy, to approve the Professional Learning Policy as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Motion passed 6-0-0

19. Vote to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining NEAPON/Grievance; (1) Job Performance of an Individual/Administrative Contracts

Announcement by Ms. Pezza that the people being discussed were properly notified in accordance with RI General Law.

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining NEAPON/Grievance; (1) Job Performance of an Individual/Administrative Contracts

Motion passed 6-0-0

*Ms. Keeling recused herself from the discussion on Collective Bargaining.*

20. Return to public session and announcement of votes, if any

21. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session  
Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Mr. Steere, to seal the minutes of executive session. Motion passed 5-0-0

Ms. Pezza announced that in Executive Session the committee discussed NEAPON collective bargaining and the job performance of an individual. The individual was properly notified. No votes were taken.

22. Job Performance of an Individual/Administrative Contracts  
Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Mr. Burlingame, to approved the proposed extension of the superintendent's contract through June 30, 2022 with all terms and conditions of employment to remain as outlined in the existing contract. renew the administrative contract as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion passed 5-1-0 with Mr. Steere voting no

23. Public Comment on Items Relating to Agenda

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

25. Future Agenda Items - Identification of Future Agenda Items

26. Adjourn

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to adjourn at 9:44pm.

Motion passed 6-0-0