

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Education Meeting
EWG Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817

“Empowering Students: Dream...Reach...Succeed.”

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MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Member Kissinger called the School Committee meeting of May 26, 2026 to order at 6:02 PM.

Board members present: Lee Kissinger, Chairperson; Donna Gamache-Griffiths, Vice Chairperson; Kevin Mc Govern, Clerk; Shelley O'Connor

Board members absent: Kevin Robishaw; Jennifer Sweet; Madeline Josefson

Others present: Superintendent James Erinakes II; Patricia Denman, Director of Administration; Deidre Carreno, Esq., Solicitor

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. District Mission Statement

IV. Open Forum (3-minute time limit per individual; 15-minute maximum time allowed for open forum)

Comments must be directed to the Chairperson of the School Committee who may limit or terminate a discussion. No comment should address personnel, litigation or negotiations as restricted by open meeting regulations. The School Committee cannot take action or vote on topics introduced that are not reflected on the agenda.

V. Presentations/Recognitions

A. Video Presentation – Student Engagement/Instruction PK-12

Superintendent Erinakes played a brief video showcasing instruction and student engagement in the classroom for grades PK through 12, with a particular focus on math and science.

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the consent agenda. He requested that item 8 be pulled for revision and tabled until the next meeting.

VI. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments

2. Leave of Absence – (As recommended by the Superintendent)

- a. Letter from Jessica Morgan requesting to take a .5 FTE one-year leave of absence from her 1.0 FTE Jr. High School Math Teacher position, effective for the 2026-2027 school year

3. Resignations – (As recommended by the Superintendent, with regret)

- a. Email communication from Bevin Winner resigning her position as Jr. High School Soccer – Girls Head Coach, effective May 20, 2026

4. Non-Renewals/Terminations

5. Recalls – (As recommended by the Superintendent) – Please see attached *Recall of Teacher Non-Renewals – May 26, 2026*-(effective for the 2026-2027 school year)

6. Sabbaticals

7. Job Share Proposals

~~8. Administrative Salary Adjustments – (As recommended by the Superintendent)~~

- ~~a. Please see attached *Administrative Salary Adjustments May 26, 2026*~~

C. Bills –Bills in the amount of \$ 195,281.66

D. Home School Approvals

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the consent agenda, less item 8 – Member Gamache-Griffiths/Member McGovern. The motion passed. (4-0).

E. Correspondence

F. Monthly Subcommittee Reports

1. Policy Subcommittee

2. Building Committee

3. Technology Committee

VII. New Business

A. Discussion/Action: 2026-2027 Athletic Handbook – Review/Approval

MSV – To approve the 2026-2027 Athletic Handbook, as presented – Member O'Connor/Member Gamache-Griffiths. The motion passed. Voted (4-0).

B. Discussion/Action: 2026-2027 Coaches Handbook – Review/Approval
MSV – To approve the 2026-2027 Coaches Handbook, as presented – Member McGovern/Member O’Connor. The motion passed. Voted (4-0).

C. Discussion/Action: 2026-2027 School Calendar - Amendment

The calendar was modified to reflect only one change. The date of Primary Day has been moved from September 8 to September 9. On that day, there will be no school for students, but there will be professional development for faculty/staff.

MSV – To approve the 2026-2027 school calendar, as amended – Member Gamache-Griffiths/Member McGovern. The motion passed. Voted (4-0).

D. Discussion/Action: 2026-2027 School start and end time changes – Review/Approval

Based on the need to provide appropriate supervision, this proposed minor two-minute school start/end time adjustment allows buses to drop off students at the secondary school when teachers are contractually required to be present, while still leaving enough time to transport elementary school students.

MSV – To approve the 2026-2027 EWG School start/end time changes, as presented – Member O’Connor/Member McGovern. The motion passed. Voted (4-0).

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. FY2027 Budget Update

Superintendent Erinakes requested that this item be placed on hold until the June 10 meeting, at which time a final, balanced version of the approved budget will be presented to the committee.

B. Capital Project Update/Bond Discussion

Director Denman said that the only capital project that has seen significant progress is the security project. Superintendent Erinakes noted that the emergency funding was spent on security.

IX. Important Dates and Meetings – Thursday, May 28, 2026-Honors Night at 6:PM; **WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2026-School Committee Meeting; Saturday, June 13, 2026-Graduation – URI Ryan Center @ 1:PM; Tuesday June 23, 2026-School Committee Meeting**

The committee did not enter into executive session.

X. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5

A. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association) – Negotiation Discussion and/or Potential Litigation – Legal Advice

1. Discussion/Action: EWGRSC v. RIDE, CA No. PC2022-06435 (RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2))

2. Discussion/Action: Wawaloam School playground update (RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(2))

B. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – Grievance(s)

C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel

D. 42-46-5 (a)(3) – Security

XI. Vote to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session

XII. Vote to seal Executive Session Minutes

XIII. Disclosure of votes taken in Executive Session

XIV. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn at 6:30 p.m. – Member Gamache-Griffiths/Member McGovern. The motion passed. Voted (4-0).

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**