



WARWICK CITY COUNCIL
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November 21, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE STEPHEN MCALLISTER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT
AND
THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE WARWICK CITY COUNCIL:

Pursuant to City Charter 8-22

Entitled

“LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES”

I hereby appoint:

CHERYL A. (Whalen) COTTER

3166 West Shore Road
Warwick, RI 02886

Vice: JEFFERY URSILLO
(Ward 6)

Term to expire December 31, 2026

Appointments Chairman Vinny Gebhart

11/21/23

Date

Cheryl A. (Whalen) Cotter

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EDUCATION:

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI Certificate URI Master Gardener Program	May, 2014
Wheelock College , Boston, MA Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies – Early Childhood, Special Education	December, 1986
Rhode Island College , Providence, RI Masters in Education – Reading K-12	May, 1978
Rhode Island College , Providence, RI Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education & Special Education	May, 1974

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Member - National Education Association	1974 to Present
Board Member – Friends of the Warwick Public Library	June, 2003 to Present
Chairperson – Friends of the Warwick Public Library Bi-Annual Book Sale	Sept., 2014 to Present
President—Friends of the Warwick Public Library Board	May, 2022 to Present
Board Member—Warwick Public Library Board of Trustees	2014--2019
Member of URI Master Gardener Association	May, 2014 to Present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Eldredge School Gr.4-6, East Greenwich, RI Reading Specialist/Consultant	2005-2009
Frenchtown School K-3, East Greenwich, RI Reading Specialist/Consultant	2003-2005
Frenchtown School K-3, East Greenwich, RI Grade 2 Classroom Teacher	1990-2003
East Greenwich High School, East Greenwich, RI Learning Disabilities Resource Teacher/Diagnostician/IEP English Teacher Gr.9-12	1984-1989
Cole Junior High School, East Greenwich, RI Behaviorally Disordered Resource Teacher/Diagnostician Gr.7-8	1984
Meadowbrook Farms Elementary School, East Greenwich, RI Learning Disabilities Resource Teacher/Diagnostician K-6	1981-1983
Marian College, Launceston, Tasmania, Australia Gr.2-3 Classroom Teacher	1980
Grade 3 Classroom Teacher	1979
Eldredge Elementary School K-6, East Greenwich, RI Learning Disabilities Resource Teacher/Diagnostician & Title 1 Coordinator	1975-1978
Meadowbrook Farms Elementary School, East Greenwich, RI Grade 3 Classroom Teacher	1974-75

SKILLS:

35 Years of Educational Experience in Elementary Education/ Special Education (K-12) and Reading

Educational Evaluator for Special Education and Reading Assessments
Testing Administrator for NECAP (New England Common Assessments Program) Testing
Testing Administrator for NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) Testing
Member of the RTI (Response to Intervention) Team at Eldredge School
PLP (Personal Literacy Plan) Coordinator
Member of the Eldredge TQP (Team Qualified Professionals) Team for IEP (Individual Education Plan) Evaluations
Basic Knowledge of Microsoft Word
Avid Reader and Gardener

SPECIAL TRAINING:

Webinar Course with Ellin Oliver Keene, Author, “ To Understand – New Horizons in Reading Comprehension ” Book Club Study	2008-2009
Rebecca Sitton Spelling and Word-Skill Literacy Workshop	2008
Autism Project of RI - Aspire Five Week Training Series	2008
Wilson Reading System Applied Methods Workshop	2008

REFERENCES:

Available upon request.