

**EXETER-WEST GREENWICH JULY 27, 2004**

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School Committee held a meeting on this date at**

**7 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School Library. Members present were Bill Clay, chairman; Paul McFadden, clerk; John Toro; Teri Cicero; and Gregory Coutcher. Connie Lyons, vice chairwoman; arrived at 7:03 p.m. Susan DeSack was absent. Superintendent Roy M. Seitsinger, Jr., Director of Curriculum Philip D. Thornton, Director of Administration Robert V. Ross, and Director of Curriculum Maureen DeCrescenzo were also present.**

**ORDER – Chair Clay called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and Maureen DeCrescenzo read the District Mission statement.**

**OPEN FORUM - Ted Nataly questioned the time, the value of the National School Board Association conference and the amount of money spent to send the Superintendent and two School committee members the National School Board Association conference last March. Mr. Nataly was asked to leave the meeting by Chair Clay. Member Lyons arrived at this time.**

**Joe Walsh representing The Exeter-West Greenwich Hockey Club, Inc. explained that they are looking for a site to put up an ice rink. They are requesting a donation of 3-5 acres of land to build this facility. The club would pay for, own and operate the facility. The rink would be available for EWG school use. The project would cost between 3 and 4 million dollars. The skating rink will be put on an agenda in August for discussion.**

**CONSENT AGENDA - Member Cicero moved to accept the Consent Agenda with the removal of the appointment of Metcalf 0.5 FTE Teacher Assistant. Seconded by Vice Chair Lyons. Voted 6-0. The following five (5) items were approved.**

**1. Minutes - Retreat Minutes of June 19, 2004; Regular and Executive Minutes of June 22, 2004; and Special Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2004.**

**2. Personnel Items - Appointments (as recommended by the Superintendent)**

**a. Jim Alves as Assistant High School Principal effective August 16, 2004.**

**b. Louise Boyce as Metcalf Principal effective August 2, 2004.**

**c. Robin Borges as High School Math teacher, Step 5, M, effective August 27, 1994.**

**d. William Drew as District Custodian, 1.0 FTE, Step 1, effective July 21, 2004.**

**3. Resignations (as recommended by the Superintendent)**

**a. Anthony Azar - Letter of resignations from Anthony Azar from his position as Middle School Principal, effective July 29, 2004.**

**4. Bills - Accruals in the amount of \$231,798.35, Regular bills in the amount of \$23,191.00 and \$10,326,89.**

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**5. Technology & Infrastructure Bid Approval - Recommended awarding the bid to InQuery, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$30,200. This company is comprised of EWG graduates who excelled in the field of technology.**

**End of Consent Agenda**

**Correspondence - (1) correspondence regarding The Exeter-West Greenwich Hockey Club, Inc., (2) Memo from the Superintendent regarding Open Meeting Law: Executive Session, (3) 2004 Job Fair results, (4) Edited Policy 6312, amended policy 3207 and amended policy 6242, (5) letters to the superintendent and Commissioner McWalters from RI Affiliate, American Civil Liberties Union regarding "anti-bullying" policies, (6) Letter to Christine Reinhard from The**

**Feinstein Foundation awarding her a Feinstein Leadership Scholarship, (7) letter from Concerned Exeter Republican Taxpayers.**

**NEW BUSINESS - Metcalf Enrichment Initiative - Mr. Dallas, representing the Task Force for Enrichment, gave an overview of their plan to facilitate servicing high-end students. The cost would be \$5,000 for stipends for 5 teachers and the utilization of volunteers in the classroom if the teacher desires. The Superintendent expressed his appreciation for the work and the focused, professional manner in which this group of parents have conducted themselves. Mr. Thornton and the Superintendent agreed that they will meet with the principal, faculty, SIT, and the union to discuss the initiative.**

**IOWA Text Score Results - Mr. Thornton gave an overview of the results of the IOWA testing results. The IOWA test is State mandated for grades K-12 and was administered last April. The District achieved a stanine score of 6 or "High Average." This indicates that our students scored at or higher than 68% of students in the nation taking the IOWA Test.**

**Policy 3207 - Chair Clay noted that Policy 3207 needs further editing to be complete.**

**03-04 Budget Projection - Mr. Ross reported that the District will finish in the black and should have an unaudited projection at the next School Committee meeting. The audit of the 03-04 budget**

**should be completed in December.**

**NEW BUSINESS - Sociology Textbook Approval - Member McFadden moved to approve the purchase of the Sociology Textbook. Seconded by Member Coutcher. Voted 6-0.**

**Metcalf Enrichment - Mr. Thornton highlighted the results of the meeting with approximately twenty-five Metcalf parents and central administration to discuss concerns regarding the elimination of the TAG program. The concept of a Study Center, which focuses on the selection of a location in the classroom where students of all abilities are afforded the opportunity to get personalized attention, and After School Education Programs for support and enhancement were discussed. Mr. Thornton noted that Title I money in the amount of \$14,000 can only be used for poverty students.**

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**School Committee By-laws - Member Toro moved to adopt the revised School Committee By-laws. Seconded by Member Cicero. Voted 5-1. Member McFadden voted no.**

**Junior High Principal Interview Team - Superintendent Seitsinger reported that interviews are in process.**

**Athletic and Coaches Handbooks for Approval - Tabled for the Athletic and Coaches Handbook committee review.**

**Policy 8513: Bullying - Amendment - Member Cicero moved to approve amended Policy 8513: Bullying. Seconded by Vice Chair Lyons. Voted 6-0.**

**Additional Correspondence - (8) Memo from the Superintendent regarding a Procedures Manual, (9) Memo from Denise Boule' regarding student classroom numbers, (10) Superintendent Seitsinger's End-of-Year Report 2003-2004, (11) Letter from RIDE to the American Civil Liberties Union director regarding the Bullying Policy, and (12) Expenditures in the amount of \$10,326.89.**

**Superintendent Seitsinger suggested listing the outstanding policies for the next School Committee meeting.**

**Reports/Comments - School Committee meeting dates August 10 and 24.**

**Appointment - Mr. Ross explained the reason for the appointment. Member Cicero moved to approve the appointment of Dolleen Lacombe as Metcalf 0.5 FTE Teacher Assistant, step 1, grade 3, effective September 1, 2004, as recommended by the Superintendent. Voted 5-1. Member McFadden voted no.**

**Executive Session - Chair Clay moved to go into Executive Session at 8 p.m. in accordance with RIGL 42-45-5(a)1 for the discussion of personnel and 42-46-5(a)2 for Collective Bargaining. Seconded by Member Cicero. Voted 6-0.**

**Recessed to Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.**

**Reconvened to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.**

**A vote was taken to amend the Superintendent's contract adding a 10% shared health cost provision and adding an addendum listing benefits. The voted was 6-0 to approve amendments. No other vote was taken.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

**JUDITH V. ALLENSON  
CLERK**