

**EXETER-WEST GREENWICH NOVEMBER 23, 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 Auditorium. Members present were Bill Clay, Chairman; Teri Cicero; Susan DeSack; and Gregory Coutcher. Connie Lyons, Vice Chairwoman, arrived at 7:05 p.m. Members Paul McFadden, Clerk; and John Toro were absent. Superintendent Roy M. Seitsinger, Jr.; Director of Curriculum Philip D. Thornton; Director of Administration Robert V. Ross; and Student Representative Jaclyn Manchester were present. Director of Special Services Maureen DeCrescenzo was absent.**

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

**Superintendent Seitsinger acknowledged all FFA members and their advisor Mrs. Millar for the fine job they are doing. He also acknowledged Shane Jacques and Tom Linden, (class of 2003), for having achieved the highest degree in the FFA, The American Degree. Less than 1% of the FFA membership ever achieves this honor.**

**Vice Chair Lyons arrived at this time.**

**NEW BUSINESS – Review of Grade 9 Writing Assignment – A parent of a 9th grade student expressed concerns regarding a Grade 9 English assignment. She found the writing assignment to be vulgar and distasteful.**

**A stenographer was present in the audience. She was brought by a member of the public.**

**A senior high school English teacher, the English Department Chair, and Principal Boulé responded to the concerns.**

**Superintendent Seitsinger and Principal Boulé had already instructed teachers to discontinue the lesson.**

**The School Committees' consensus was to request a review of the curriculum process.**

**OPEN FORUM – Dr. Seitsinger noted that the Jazz Band performance was postponed to the next School Committee meeting on December 7, 2004.**

**PRESENTATION – Volunteer presentation to Metcalf School – Parent volunteer John Sartin presented a \$1,600.00 check, representing 163 volunteer hours, to Metcalf Elementary School. Metcalf teachers**

**Lenore Dorson and Sue Wieboldt accepted the check and gave an overview of how Mr. Sartin helped and what the monies are used for. Dr. Seitsinger expressed his appreciation to Mr. Sartin for his volunteerism.**

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**Student Member Report – Jaclyn Manchester gave an overview of the various student activities.**

**ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA – Member DeSack asked that the November 9, 2004 Executive Minutes be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Chair Clay asked that items 1.a., the JH Canada 2005 Trip Approval, and Mr. Ross' correspondence regarding terminations be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Superintendent Seitsinger pulled Gina Kilday's request for leave/sabbatical beginning September 2005 through June 2006.**

**Member DeSack moved to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Vice Chair Lyons. Vote 5-0.**

**The following items were approved:**

**1. Minutes – Regular Minutes of November 9, 2004. Special Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2004.**

**2. Personnel Items**

**Appointments – (as recommended by the Superintendent)**

**a. Hal Allen as Technology Technician, \$16.76 per hour –**

**(Administration cut – return Hal to Council 94 Bargaining Member)**

**b. Mark Bartley as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2004-2005 school year**

**c. Teresa Lowe as Jr. High Math Teacher, 0.2 FTE, effective November 17, 2004**

**d. Lori Geyer as .5 FTE Lineham School Special Education Teacher effective November 29, 2004**

**Leave of Absence – (as recommended by the Superintendent)**

**a. Shelley Krom's request for a maternity leave beginning on November 24, 2004 and continuing until August 2005**

**Terminations**

**a. Caroline Garvey's position eliminated**

**b. Audrey Lussier reassigned**

**c. James Franklin reassigned**

**3. Bills – In the amount of \$195,807.33.**

**End of Consent Agenda**

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**JH Canada 2005 Trip Approval - Member DeSack moved to approve the JH Canada 2005 Trip Proposal. Seconded by Member Coutcher. Voted 5-0.**

**Correspondence – (1) Keyword Meeting flyer, Draft Agenda, and Directions, (2) Copy of Superintendent’s e-mail sent to School Committee members regarding epi-pen use on the school bus, (3) Letter from the Superintendent to parents of students carrying epi-pens, (4) Catherine Murray’s invitation to School Committee members to attend Partnership with Parents meeting on Tuesday, November 30, 2004**

**Monthly Status Reports – No comments at this time**

**Unfinished Business – Open Forum – Superintendent Seitsinger noted there still has not been a formal response from the Attorney General, regarding the letter he sent on behalf of the School Committee requesting interpretation of the Open Meetings Law**

**procedure for an Open Forum. This item will remain on the agenda until a response is received.**

**Space Needs Committee – Superintendent Seitsinger reported that the Space Needs Committee members have a tentative meeting set for December. Their objective is to reach out to the community and they will continue to move forward.**

### **Reports/Comments**

**Important Dates and Meetings – Chair Clay clarified that because of the upcoming holidays, the next School Committee meeting will be held on December 7, 2004, the 1st Tuesday of the month, rather than the standard 2nd Tuesday of the month. December 11, 2004- RI School Committee Association at RI College-Forman Center-All new and present members were invited.**

**The following items were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion -**

**Member DeSack moved to approve and seal the Executive Minutes of November 9, 2004 School Committee meeting. Seconded by Member Cicero. Voted 5-0.**

**Chair Clay asked for clarification that the JH Math Teacher position was an existing position and not a new position. Superintendent**

**Seitsinger confirmed that this was an existing position.**

**Vice Chair Lyons moved to approve Teresa Lowe as Jr. High Math Teacher, 0.2 FTE, effective November 17, 2004. Seconded by Member Coutcher. Voted 5-0.**

**Terminations – With reference to Mr. Ross' correspondence on terminations, Chair Clay questioned if the maintenance position reassignment required the individual take a skills test. Mr. Ross confirmed that James Franklin was previously qualified for the maintenance position.**

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**One proposal from the union was an incentive to encourage Council 94 members to retire early. This is also included in Mr. Ross' correspondence. No vote was taken. Consensus was that further investigation is needed on incentive program.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Teacher's request withdrawn**

**Member Cicero moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Member DeSack.**

**Voted 5-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

**ROBIN A. CERIO**

**CLERK**