

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH March 28, 2006

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

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

7:00 p.m. in the Metcalf Elementary School Cafeteria. Members present were Susan DeSack, Chairperson; Teri Cicero, Vice Chairperson; Gregory Coutcher, Clerk; Bill Clay, Paul McFadden, and William Munroe. Member Frank Maher was absent. Superintendent Roy M. Seitsinger, Jr.; Director of Administration Robert V. Ross; and Director of Special Services Maureen DeCrescenzo were present. Director of Curriculum Nancy I. Daley and Student Member Emily DeCristofano were absent.

ORDER – Chair DeSack called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and Clerk Coutcher read the District Mission Statement.

OPEN FORUM – Principal Thompson announced this afternoon he attended a Breaking Ranks Conference on Middle School Reform and explained the junior high will now be obligated to meet middle school reform requirements that will go hand-in-hand with those currently imposed at the high school level. Principal Thompson reported EWG

Regional Jr. High School is one of four Rhode Island schools recognized by New England League of Middle Schools as a Spotlight Middle School.

PRESENTATION – Metcalf School Presentation – Principal Boyce welcomed all to Metcalf School and gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Metcalf School’s goals, programs, teams, academics, and after school activities. Vice Principal Fish gave an overview of student attendance, student award programs, and student character building programs implemented at the school. Teachers Lenore Dorson, Bette Jean Black, Carolyn Scheff, Barbara Johnson, and Stacey Place offered reviews of past performances and activities held through an Arts Reach Curriculum Development Grant. Several students participated in an African Voice Presentation which included choral, dance, drama, and band performances, as well as a PowerPoint presentation. Principal Boyce extended thanks to the teachers and students for all their efforts

Student Member Report - None

ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA – Superintendent Seitsinger gave an overview of the Consent Agenda. With regard to item 2. a. Leaves of Absence, Superintendent Seitsinger stated this will be the final year a leave of absence will be granted to Ms. Foehr.

Member Clay requested agenda items B. Personnel Items, 1.

Appointments, b. and c. and 3. Resignations, a. be pulled from the consent agenda.

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Vice Chair Cicero moved to accept the consent agenda with items B. Personnel Items, 1. Appointments, b. and c. and 3. Resignations, a. pulled. Seconded by Member Munroe. Voted 6 – 0.

The following items were approved:

A. Minutes – Regular Minutes of March 14, 2006, Executive Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2006

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments - (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

a. Gerald Boucher as Sr. High School Boys' Assistant Track Coach, Stipend \$2,315, for the 2005-2006 season

c. John Dwyer as Girls' Assistant Track Coach, Stipend \$2,315, for the 2005 – 2006 season, effective March 28, 2006.

2. Leaves of Absence – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

a. Request from Lisa Foehr to continue her leave of absence from

her High School Foreign Language Teacher position, in order to complete her experience at RIDE as a Teacher Quality Fellow, for the 2006-2007 school year

3. Resignations

4. Non- Renewals

5. Grievances

C. Bills – In the amount of \$ 85,176.19

D. Home School Approvals

1. Burgess – Patrick – (for the 2006-2007 school year)

End of Consent Agenda

Superintendent Seitsinger read the list of correspondence.

Correspondence – (1) Letter to Mr. Plumley from Guy Lanzi, of Beacon Mutual Insurance Company Regarding Loss Prevention Service Visit Workers' Compensation Policy, (2) Mentoring Awards Recognition, (3) Superintendent's draft PowerPoint Presentation for the Public Hearing, (4) March 28, 2006 Revised 2006-2007 School Calendar, (5) Rhode Island School Committee Association Resolution

Referencing correspondence (5), Member Munroe requested RI School Committee Association Resolution be placed on the next School Committee agenda for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS – Policy #6251 – Prohibited Fraternization Between Employees and Students – 1st Reading – Member McFadden communicated he will bring comments/modifications concerning this policy to the next agenda. This policy will be continued onto the next agenda for a 2nd reading.

Policy #6250 – Sexual Harassment – Students and Employees – 1st Reading – Member McFadden communicated he will bring comments/modifications concerning this policy to the next agenda. This policy will be continued onto the next agenda for a 2nd reading.

Renewal of CTC Contract – (District telephone service contract renewal) - Member Clay moved to approve the renewal of the CTC Contract. Seconded by Vice Chair Cicero. Voted 6 – 0.

Extension of Building Control Contract – Director of Administration Robert Ross explained the Building Control contract extension duration is to 2007. Member Clay moved to extend the Building

Control contract. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 6 – 0.

Letter to the Community – Superintendent Seitsinger referenced the proposed letter to the community regarding the April 10th District Financial Meeting enclosed in members' supplementary packets.

Member Clay moved to send the letter to the community. Vice Chair Cicero seconded.

Discussion: Members discussed and exchanged opinions, comments, and suggested modifications regarding language content used in the proposed letter. After a lengthy discussion, consensus of the committee was Clerk Coutcher will make the suggested modifications to the letter and forward a revised copy to Chair DeSack. She will in turn forward the copy to all members for their review. Member Clay suggested addressing this matter in a timely manner; preferably by the end of this week.

Vice Chair Cicero moved to accept this letter to communicate with the community; with direction to Greg to edit it as we discussed here tonight. Member Clay seconded.

Voted 6 – 0.

Special Education Status Report – Some members, Director of Special Education Maureen DeCrescenzo, and Superintendent Seitsinger discussed group home enrollment, current and proposed

group home housing aid rates, Medicaid reimbursement, the ALP

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program at Metcalf School, and the significant increase in population; particularly in Lineham's pre-school program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – New Textbook Adoption - History – Member McFadden moved to accept the new textbook adoption. Seconded by Member Munroe. Voted 6 – 0.

Policy #2300 – School Safety Plans-Crisis and Emergency Response Management – 2nd Reading – Members did not voice any questions or concerns regarding this policy. This policy will continue onto the next agenda for adoption.

Policy #4200 – Food-Borne Illness Management -2nd Reading – Members did not voice any questions or concerns regarding this policy. This policy will continue onto the next agenda for adoption.

Referendum Bond Discussion – Director of Administration Robert Ross gave an overview of roofing and gutter contractor contacts made to date. Mr. Ross plans to pursue general contractors to discuss and obtain price quotes for Capital Improvement projects needed.

Member McFadden voiced his opinion that he would like to see bathrooms in the district updated to today's standards with auto flushing; which costs approximately \$800 per unit.

Chair DeSack suggested holding a work session devoted to discussing/reviewing Capital Improvements recommended by Mr. Ross, Director of Maintenance Bill Plumley, and School Committee members. Consensus of the committee was to hold a separate meeting devoted to capital improvements/bond referendum discussion on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at the administration building from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mr. Ross will collect price quotes for big cost items to bring to the work session.

2004-2005 Money Held Back by Exeter – Superintendent Seitsinger explained there is no additional information to report at this time. Attorney Gorham has made inquiry concerning this matter on several occasions. The judge handling this case has not yet responded.

Final Budget 2006-2007 – No discussion

REPORTS/COMMENTS –

IMPORTANT DATES AND MEETINGS – April 10, 2006 – District Financial Meeting, April 11, 2006 – School Committee Meeting-(Sr. High School Presentation),

April 25, 2006 – School Committee Meeting-(Special Services Presentation)

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Chair DeSack asked members to add April 29, 2006 – Work Session to this list.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Cancelled

Adjournment – Clerk Coutcher moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Vice Chair Cicero. Voted 6 - 0.

Clerk Coutcher retracted his motion to adjourn.

Chair DeSack reverted to Consent Agenda items pulled. Member Clay requested agenda items B. Personnel Items, 1. Appointments, b. and c. be pulled and questioned if these positions were new. Mr. Ross confirmed these positions do not represent any change in budgeted FTE's. Member Clay requested agenda item 3. Resignations, a. be pulled from the consent agenda and voiced his opinion that the district school nurse teachers are professional and hard working individuals; and that Camille Sensale is exceptional. He said Camille's letter of regret should include sentiments on behalf of the School Committee.

Member Clay moved to accept the items pulled from the consent agenda. Clerk Coutcher seconded. Voted 6 – 0.

The following items were approved.

- 1. Appointments - (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
- b. David Rodrigues as 1.0 FTE 2nd Shift Custodian at Wawaloam School, Step 1, Salary \$21,673, effective on or about March 13, 2006**
- c. Eugene Scallon as 1.0 FTE 2nd Shift Custodian at Metcalf School, Step 1, Salary \$21,673, effective on or about March 13, 2006**

- 3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**
- a. Letter of resignation from Camille Sensale from her position as Nurse/Teacher at the Jr. – Sr. High School, for the purpose of retirement, with regret, effective June 30, 2006**

Adjournment –Vice Chair Cicero moved to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher . Voted 6 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

ROBIN CERIO

CLERK