

**EXETER-WEST GREENWICH August 8, 2006**

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES**

The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee held a meeting on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the Exeter-West Greenwich Jr. – Sr. High School Library. Members present were Teri Cicero, Vice Chairperson; Gregory Coutcher, Clerk; Paul McFadden; and Bill Clay. Member Frank Maher arrived at 7:05 p.m. and Member Bill Munroe arrived at 7:10 p.m. Susan DeSack, Chairperson; was absent. Director of Administration Robert V. Ross; Director of Curriculum Nancy I. Daley; and Director of Special Services Maureen DeCrescenzo were present.

**ORDER – Vice Chair Cicero called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and Member McFadden read the District Mission Statement.

**OPEN FORUM – None**

**PRESENTATION – Teacher of the Year 2006 – Principal Mark Thompson introduced Teacher-of-the-Year 2006 Michelle Livsey. He gave an overview of the selection process and explained why Mrs. Livsey was selected. On a personal note, Principal Thompson**

**expressed his view that Mrs. Livsey is a phenomenal, wonderful teacher.**

**Member Maher arrived at this time - (7:05 p.m.).**

**On behalf of the School Committee, Vice Chair Cicero presented Mrs. Livsey with the School Committees' Apple Recognition Award and expressed to her how proud the committee is. Mrs. Livsey thanked the committee and Mr. Thompson for their acknowledgment.**

**ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA – Director of Special Services Maureen DeCrescenzo gave an overview of the Consent Agenda.**

**Member McFadden pulled consent agenda items A. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2006, and Regular Minutes of July 25, 2006.**

**Member Munroe arrived at this time, (7:10 p.m.).**

**Vice Chair Cicero pulled consent agenda item B. Personnel Items – 1. Appointments – b. Melissa Cohen as Jr. High School 1.0 FTE, Literacy Teacher/Coach, Step 4, M+30, Salary, \$47,165, effective August 28, 2006.**

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**Member Clay moved to accept the consent agenda with items A. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2006, and Regular Minutes of July 25, 2006, and B. Personnel Items – 1. Appointments – b. Melissa Cohen as Jr. High School 1.0 FTE, Literacy Teacher/Coach, Step 4, M+30, Salary, \$47,165, effective August 28, 2006 pulled. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 6 – 0.**

**The following items were approved:**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**B. Personnel Items**

**1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**

**a. Michael Walsh as Jr. High School 1.0 FTE, ELA Teacher, Step 1, Bachelors, Salary \$35,249, effective August 28, 2006**

**b.**

**c. Jennifer Connolly as 1.0 FTE, Special Education Teacher at Wawaloam School, Step 9, Masters, Salary \$60,128, effective August 28, 2006**

**d. Sheila Broderick as .2 FTE School Psychologist (job share) at**

**Metcalf School, Step 6, Masters, Salary \$10,905, effective August 28, 2006**

**e. Joy Souza as .5 FTE Half-Day Kindergarten Teacher at Lineham School, Step 3, Bachelors, Salary \$20,479, effective August 28, 2006**

**f. Patrice Roberts as .3 FTE (job share – one year) Physical Education Teacher at Lineham/Wawaloam Schools, Step 5, Masters, Salary \$14,565.60, effective August 28, 2006**

**2. Leaves of absence**

**3. Resignations**

**C. Bills – August invoices in the amount of \$58,200.59, June 2006  
Accruals in the amount of \$347,191.93**

**End Consent Agenda**

**Maureen DeCrescenzo reviewed the correspondence.**

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**Correspondence – Correspondence – (1) Job Description EWG Secondary Reading Teacher/Literacy Coach, (2) Recommendation from Director of Administration Robert Ross for Architect Service**

**NEW BUSINESS – New Textbook - Review – Curriculum Director Nancy Daley reviewed History Department Chair Oliviera’s written request to purchase new History textbooks for Senior High School Advanced Placement classes. The new textbooks will replace the 1989 copyrights currently used. Mrs. Daley explained, with the committees’ permission, she will post on the district website that the textbook will be available for public viewing. Member Munroe expressed his view that Department Chairs requesting new textbook reviews/adoptions should be in attendance at School Committee meetings in order to answer questions members may have. Some members will review the proposed textbook and this item will carry over to the next agenda for adoption.**

**Vice Chair Cicero requested members’ consensus to move up Executive Session to this time. Member McFadden moved to move Executive Session up to this time. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 6 – 0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Vice Chair Cicero moved to go into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. in accordance with RIGL 42-45-5 (a) (1) for the**

**purpose of discussion regarding Superintendent Search. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 6– 0.**

**Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.**

**Clerk Coutcher moved to reconvene to Open Session. Seconded by Member Clay. Voted 6 – 0.**

**Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:48 p.m.**

**Vice Chair Cicero called the meeting back to order in Open Session in accordance with RIGL 42-46-2 (b) at 7:48 p.m.**

**A 6 – 0 vote was taken during Executive Session to appoint James DiPrete as interim Superintendent. Vice Chair Cicero welcomed Mr. DiPrete aboard.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –Metcalf Fire Alarm - Update – Vice Chair Cicero read Chair DeSack’s summary concerning the Metcalf Fire alarm system and the August 1, 2006 State Fire Board Appeal and Review - which is continued until August 29, 2006. Director of Administration Robert Ross, Exeter Fire Marshal St. Jean, and Members Munroe, and Maher were in attendance at the review. Chair DeSack testified. There was no decision on the timeline. Exeter Fire Marshal St. Jean recommended granting 45-days to secure a bid and 90-days to complete the project. It was strongly suggested not to go out to bid without a bid-spec. If this recommendation is approved, completion will take place while school is in session. Currently**

**Metcalf School will open on time. Members are encouraged to call Chair DeSack should they require additional information. Director  
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**of Administration Robert Ross reported an RFP for contracting architectural/engineering services was issued and his written recommendation is enclosed in members' supplemental packets.**

**Member McFadden moved to have the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District accept securing L.A. Torrado for architectural/engineering services. Seconded by Member Clay. Voted 6 – 0.**

**2004 – 2005 Money Held Back by Exeter – To date, there is no new information to report concerning this matter. This item will continue to the next agenda.**

**Superintendent Search – Vice Chair Cicero reported members have been provided with the brochure produced by NESDEC for the EWG Superintendent Search and explained a letter and the brochure were circulated. Additionally, an advertisement appeared in Education Week.**

**Community Newsletter – This item was carried over from the previous meeting, as Member McFadden volunteered to bring to tonight's**

meeting a summary regarding the status of the Metcalf Fire alarm system to post on the district website. Member McFadden explained he is declining at this time, as Metcalf School will open on time after all. Consensus was the Community Newsletter is still something the committee wishes to pursue at a later date.

**Jr. High School Promotion/Summer School Policy Proposal – Member Clay moved to adopt the Jr. High School Promotion/Summer School Policy. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 5 – 1. Member Munroe voted no.**

**2007 Budget Enactment by House Finance – As a result of the 2007 Budget Enactment by House Finance, the district received additional funds. Members briefly debated how these additional funds can be spent. Consensus was these additional funds are used to support education whether directly or indirectly.**

**Policies – Review and Adoption - #8515 – Prohibited Behavior Between Students - Adoption – Clerk Coutcher moved to adopt Policy #8515 – Prohibited Behavior Between Students. Seconded by Member Clay. Voted 6 – 0.**

**REPORTS/COMMENTS – Member McFadden requested consent agenda item A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Minutes of July 25, 2006 be pulled, on behalf of Member Munroe. Member Munroe requested modification to page 5, as American Alarms was**

**erroneously recorded for Electronic Alarms.**

**Member McFadden requested consent agenda item A. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2006 be pulled, on behalf of Member Munroe. Member**

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**Munroe requested modification to the motion recorded under Old Business-Metcalf Fire Alarm – paragraph 2, as in his opinion it does not properly reflect his vote. Clerk Coutcher will modify the Special Meeting minutes to reflect the motion exactly as written on June 13th and bring the revised Special Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2006 to the next School Committee meeting for review.**

**Vice Chair Cicero requested consent agenda item B. Personnel Items - Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent) b. Melissa Cohen as Jr. High School 1.0 FTE, Literacy Teacher/Coach, Step 4, M+30, Salary, \$47,165, effective August 28, 2006 be pulled for clarification of a certificate as a reading specialist. Jr. High School Principal Mark Thompson reported he in is receipt of a copy of Ms. Cohen’s certificate.**

**Vice Chair Cicero moved to accept consent agenda items A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Minutes of July 25, 2006 - with the recommended revision and B. Personnel Items - Appointments – (As**

**Recommended by the Superintendent) b. Melissa Cohen as Jr. High School 1.0 FTE, Literacy Teacher/Coach, Step 4, M+30, Salary, \$47,165, effective August 28, 2006. Clerk Coutcher seconded. Voted 6 – 0.**

**IMPORTANT DATES AND MEETINGS – August 22, 2006 – School Committee Meeting; August 28, 2006 – Teacher Orientation Day; August 30, 206 – 1st Day – All Students**

**ADJOURNMENT – Member Clay moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 6 – 0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

**ROBIN CERIO**

**CLERK**