

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH December 11, 2007

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 Susan DeSack, Chairperson; Teri Cicero, Vice Chairperson; Gregory Coutcher, Clerk; Robert Bollengier; Mary Walsh; and Bill Munroe. Member Frank Maher was absent. Superintendent Thomas J. Geismar; Director of Administration Robert V. Ross; Director of Curriculum Nancy I. Daley; Director of Special Services Carmella Farrar; and Student Member Katherine Matook were present.

ORDER – Chair DeSack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and Clerk Coutcher read the District Mission Statement.

OPEN FORUM – West Greenwich parent Steven Johnson expressed his concerns regarding a busing issue on West Log Bridge Road in West Greenwich. Superintendent Geismar will meet with Mr. Johnson tomorrow morning to discuss his concerns.

PRESENTATION – Student Member Report – Student Member Matook gave an overview of high school sports and other activities at the Sr. High School.

ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA – Superintendent Geismar gave an overview of the Consent Agenda.

Member Bollengier requested to pull consent agenda items, V., C., Bills and V., D., Home School Approvals for discussion.

Superintendent Geismar answered Member Bollengier’s clarifying questions regarding consent agenda item, V., D., Home School Approvals. Member Bollengier withdrew his request to pull consent agenda item V., D., Home School Approvals.

Clerk Coutcher moved to accept the consent agenda with item, V., C., Bills pulled. Seconded by Member Munroe. Voted 6 – 0.

The following items were approved:

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Minutes of November 27, 2007**
- B. Personnel Items**
 - 1. Appointments**
 - 2. Leaves of Absence**

3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)

a. Letter of Resignation from Howard Andrews from

his position as 1.0 FTE Custodian at Metcalf and Senior High Schools, effective November 29, 2007

4. Grievances

5. Non-Renewals

6. Recalls

7. Sabbaticals

C. Bills – In the amount of \$339,377.61

D. Home School Approvals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

1. MOLLOZZI - Anthony

2. CASCIANO – Jadon and Benjamin

3. GREENE – Kelsey, Nicolette, Hannah, Mason, Courtney, and Noah

4. HATHAWAY – Peter, Aidan, Lillian, Alexander, Charles, Grace, Georgia, and Harold

5. FONTAINE – Noah Henry

6. BUCKLEY – Alexandra, Nicholas, Taylor, and Zachary

7. MARCANTONIO – Gio Jesse

End Consent Agenda

Correspondence – (1) December 5, 2007 Letter from American Arbitration Association regarding 11 390 02677 06 NEARI and EWG School Committee

MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS – Superintendent – Member Munroe moved to carry forward the discussion of the issue dealing with technology positions within the district mentioned in Status Reports - V., F., 1., and F., 6., Seconded by Member Bollengier. Voted 6 – 0.

Member Bollengier moved to continue to the next School Committee meeting the discussion on informational packet, reference # 0001b, Budget Summary - month ending November 30, 2007.

Consensus of the committee is to accept the consent agenda, including the BILLS, but to discuss the summary provided by Kathleen LaCroix to Member Bollengier regarding Budget Summary – month ending November 30, 2007 at the next regular School Committee meeting. Copies of the informational packet provided to Member Bollengier

by Kathleen LaCroix will be provided to all members at the next meeting. Member Walsh requested that members bring their copies of the Budget Summary – month ending November 30, 2007 with them to the next meeting to avoid reprinting.

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Business –

Curriculum –

Special Education –

Maintenance –

Technology –

NEW BUSINESS – HVAC Bid – Metcalf School – Director of Administration Robert Ross updated members regarding the HVAC bid. He reported that the HVAC cleaning at Metcalf School will go to bid in April and the cleaning will take place during the summertime. Mr. Ross confirmed that this item is a capital fund expenditure under the 2007 – 2008 budget cycle.

Metcalf School's Gymnasium Floor – This item will be part of the discussion with Mr. Torrado of LA Torrado Architect at the Special Meeting on December 20, 2007. Metcalf teacher Maureen Unsworth expressed her concerns regarding the routine maintenance of Metcalf School's gymnasium floor.

Member Munroe moved to have a discussion regarding general maintenance.

Consensus of the committee is that this item will continue onto the next regular meeting agenda of January 8, 2008.

Member Munroe withdrew his motion.

.25 FTE Sr. Project Seminar – Member Bollengier moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to add a .25 FTE Sr. Project Seminar for second semester. Seconded by Member Walsh.

Principal Boulé answered Member Bollengier’s clarifying question.

Voted 6 – 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Policies – Review and Adoption - #8901 – Maintaining Confidentiality of Students’ Records – 2nd Reading – Members did not express any questions or concerns regarding this policy. This item will continue onto the next regular School Committee meeting agenda for adoption.

AP US History Textbook Adoption – Member Munroe moved to approve the AP US History Textbook Adoption. Seconded by Vice Chair Cicero. Voted 6 – 0.

Transportation Update – Member Bollengier submitted a motion that the district provide afternoon transportation for the Slater child from the Wolf School to the Slater home, conditioned on a letter detailing the offer which would include a sunset provision

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and also the letter clearly stating that it is without establishing a precedent to the district. Seconded by Member Munroe. Voted 6 – 0.

Bond Discussion – A Bond Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr. – Sr. High School Library in Open Session. Torrado will be in attendance to review the Feasibility Study. Member Bollengier requested that the Special Meeting packets be provided to members in advance of the meeting to allow time for members to review prior to the meeting.

REPORTS/COMMENTS –

IMPORTANT DATES AND MEETINGS – December 24, 2007 - January 1, 2008-Winter Recess; Friday, January 4, 2008-First Draft of Superintendent’s Budget available for School Committee members; Tuesday, January 8, 2008-School Committee Meeting; Wednesday, January 9, 2008-Special Education Budget Workshop; Thursday, January 10, 2008-Joint Meeting; Tuesday, January 15, 2008-Elementary Budget Workshop; Thursday, January 17, 2008-Junior High School Budget Workshop; Monday, January 21, 2008-Martin Luther King Day; Tuesday, January 22, 2008-School Committee Meeting; Wednesday, January 23, 2008-Districtwide/Facilities/Athletics Budget Workshop; Tuesday, January 29, 2008-Senior High School Budget Workshop; Thursday, February 7, 2008-Town Council/School Committee Joint Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RIGL 42-46-4 AND RIGL 42-46-5 – Member Bollengier moved to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. in accordance with 42-46-5 (a) (2) – Collective Bargaining Agreement/Negotiation Discussion. Seconded by Member Walsh. Voted 6 – 0.

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Member Bollengier moved to reconvene to Open Session. Seconded by Member Walsh. Voted 6 – 0 in favor.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:00 p.m.

No votes taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT – Member Bollengier moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Member Walsh. Voted 6 – 0. Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

**ROBIN CERIO
CLERK**