

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH June 26, 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; Bill Munroe; Mary Walsh; and Robert Bollengier. 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 Maureen DeCrescenzo; and Student Member Geoffrey Southworth were present.

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

PRESENTATION – Recognitions/Achievements – Student Achievement Recognition(s) – This item is postponed to a future meeting.

Teacher of the Year 2007 – Superintendent Geismar acknowledged that the Teacher of the Year Award is a very special award that is

given to one teacher who represents all the district's teachers. He recognized Gina Kilday as Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District's 2007 Teacher of the Year and expressed how proud and thankful the district is to have her in the school system. Mrs. Kilday expressed her gratitude to all.

Student Member Report – Student Member Geoffrey Southworth reported that there are many graduation parties taking place and that all seniors are happy to have graduated.

ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA – Superintendent Geismar gave an overview of the Consent Agenda. Superintendent Geismar and Chair DeSack answered Member Bollengier's clarify questions regarding the Home School process.

Vice Chair Cicero moved to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Member Bollengier. Voted 6 – 0.

The following items were approved:

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Minutes of June 12, 2007

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments

a. Melissa Marino as Wawaloam/Lineham Principal, effective July 1, 2007

b. Matthew Savoie as Sr. High School Boys' Head Soccer Coach, Stipend as per CBA, effective for the 2007 – 2008 season

c. Gina Kilday as 1.0 FTE Foreign Language Teacher, effective 07/08 School Year

d. Christopher Massed as 1.0 FTE Sr. High School Special Education Teacher, effective 07/08 School Year

2. Leaves of Absence

3. Resignations

4. Grievances

5. Recalls

a. Certified Employees (attached)

b. Council 94 Employees (attached)

B. Bills – In the amount of \$ 473,530.43

C. Home School Approvals

1. BURGESS – Morgan and Patrick

End Consent Agenda

Superintendent Geismar reviewed the correspondence.

Correspondence – (1) April 2007 Funding Our Future; (2) May 30, 2007 Final Report of the Foundation Aid Technical Advisory Group to the Joint Committee to Establish a Permanent Foundation Aid Formula for Rhode Island; (3) June 5, 2007 Memo to School Committee from Superintendent Geismar; (4) Confidential document from Maureen

DeCrescenzo Regarding the Status of Robert S. vs. EWGRSD; (5) Sr. High School May Discipline Report; (6) Memorandum from Superintendent Geismar Regarding the Certified Employees' June 18, 2007 Job Fair Results; (7) Memorandum from Superintendent Geismar Regarding Teachers; on Recall; (8) June 13, 2007 Letter to Denise Boulé from Superintendent Geismar; (9) June 1, 2007 Letter to Denise Boulé from the RI Board of Regents; (10) June 20, 2007 Confidential Memorandum from Maureen DeCrescenzo Regarding Robert S. vs. EWGRSD; (11) National Honor Society Newsletter EWG Sr. High School Spring 2007 – Summer 2007; (12) Memorandum from Director of Administration Robert Ross Regarding the June 20, 2007 Council 94 Job Fair

Director of Administration Robert Ross answered Member Bollengier's clarifying questions regarding Correspondence (1).

Monthly Budget Projection 2006 - 2007 – Director of Administration Robert Ross reported that this item will be carried over to the July 17th meeting.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS – Superintendent – Members did not express any questions or concerns regarding the Monthly Status Reports.

Business –

Curriculum –

Special Education –

Maintenance –

Technology –

NEW BUSINESS – Policies – Review and Adoption - #8607 – Participation in Extra Curricular Activities, Including Athletics - Amendment – Member Bollengier moved to pull Policy #8607 from tonight’s agenda and to carry it over to the first meeting agenda in August. Seconded by Member Munroe. Voted 6 – 0.

#6405 – Screening Potential Employees and School Volunteers – Amendment – Vice Chair Cicero moved to accept Policy #6405 – Screening Potential Employees and School Volunteers. Seconded by Member Walsh. Voted 6 – 0.

#8506 – Suspension and Expulsion – 1st Reading – Members did not express any questions or concerns regarding this item. This item will carry over to the next agenda for a 2nd Reading.

7 – 12 Math Program Review – Director of Curriculum Nancy Daley advised that this agenda item is in response to a request by Vice Chair Cicero regarding 8th grade mathematics and how it relates to students pursuing a science track. Ms. Daley distributed and reviewed the Exeter-West Greenwich High School Math Pathways graph and she and Math Department Chairperson Karen Purtil answered

members' questions regarding the math programs at the jr. and sr. high schools. Vice Chair Cicero recommended including the Exeter-West Greenwich High School Math Pathways graph in next year's Program of Studies.

K – 5 New Math Program Approval – Director of Curriculum Nancy Daley gave an overview of the course taken in evaluating and selecting a new math program for grades K – 5. Ms. Daley made the recommendation to adopt Everyday Math 2007 published by McGraw Hill Wright Group for grades K – 4. She explained that the district is not ready to make a recommendation for grade 5 at this time. Further discussion regarding grade 5's program will begin early next year.

Member Walsh moved to approve the K – 4 New Math Program. Seconded by Member Bollengier.

Ms. Daley answered Vice Chair Cicero's clarifying questions regarding Professional Development and the implementation process.

Chair DeSack repeated the motion made by Member Walsh and seconded by Member Bollengier. Voted 6 – 0.

Bond Discussion – Director of Administration Robert Ross asked members to refer to the two documents enclosed in their packets illustrating the likely timelines and events that would occur as the

district pursues going to bond for the numerous capital projects

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that need to be addressed. He distributed a copy of a letter that he received this afternoon from Torrado Architects regarding Task Order No. 4 – Facility Analysis of Existing Buildings to members for their review. Mr. Ross advised that it is conceivable to go to bond as early as spring 2008. He recommended formulating a building committee to oversee the process. Chair DeSack recommended that once the district receives the completed Facility Analysis, the School Committee; Building Committee; and two Town Councils should meet to discuss and decide the scope of the project. Chair DeSack advised that the Charter requires the building committee to consist of two School Committee members; two representatives from each Town Council; and two community members from each town. Chair DeSack and Member Bollengier volunteered to serve as representatives of the School Committee. Chair DeSack requested that Administration notify the Town Councils that the district needs to enlist two community members from each town and to ask for their assistance in soliciting community members with expertise in this subject matter. She also suggested soliciting community members through the district’s School Improvement Teams; Parent Teacher Association; and the Boosters Club. Consensus of the committee was to expectantly review and approve who will serve on the building committee at the July 17, 2007 School Committee meeting.

Legal Counsel Services – Member Munroe suggested the committee vote to replace the district’s current legal counsel with the legal council that is presently handling negotiations for the district. Chair DeSack advised that the committee must first investigate if the bylaws require the school district to have a counsel of record, if Attorney Ragosta is willing to accept, and what Attorney Ragosta’s fee is. These answers will be brought to the next meeting so the committee can decide how to proceed. This item will continue to the next agenda.

Siemens Control Contract Extension –Member Bollengier moved to extend the Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. buildings controls contract, as presented by Mr. Ross, through June 30, 2008. Seconded by Vice Chair Cicero. Voted 6 – 0.

A brief discussion disclosed that this item is already budgeted for at a price which is below the anticipated budgeted increase.

Auditor Bid – This item will carry over to the next agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Metcalf Fire Alarm – Update – Director of Administration Robert Ross reported that Phase II of the Metcalf Fire Alarm project is underway. Member Munroe requested that the Metcalf Fire Alarm Phase II and the Sr. High AP Science Vents projects costs be presented separately at the next meeting. Mr. Ross

said that Phase I is complete with the exception of the installation of magnets on the doors which will take place once the doors are installed. He said that the wiring is complete.

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Special Education Director Search – Superintendent Geismar requested permission to expand the search committee from what is depicted in the policy. Vice Chair Cicero recommended that the search committee include a building administrator as well.

Vice Chair Cicero moved to give authorization to create an 11 member search committee consisting of two School Committee members, two parents, one non-certified staff person, one social worker, a secondary regular education teacher, a junior high school special education teacher, an elementary special education teacher, a district administrator, and a building administrator. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 6 – 0.

SAT Prep Course – Superintendent Geismar updated members concerning the status of the SAT Prep Course program. He said that he is considering hiring a team of teachers to teach the course, a position has been posted, two responses have been received thus far, and his hope is to run sessions in the summer, fall, and spring. Consensus of the committee was that students should be required to

pay a deposit which is refundable upon completion of the course. This will help to ensure that students attend classes.

REPORTS/COMMENTS – Member Bollengier and Chair DeSack reviewed the status of tonight’s three policies.

IMPORTANT DATES AND MEEINGS – Tuesday, July 17, 2007- School Committee Meeting-(optional or eliminate); Tuesday, August 7, 2007-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, August 21, 2007 – School Committee Meeting

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5 –
-----Vice Chair Cicero moved to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. in accordance with 42-46-5 (a) (2) – Collective Bargaining Agreement/Negotiation Discussion and 42-46-5 (a) (9) – Collective Bargaining Agreement 0- Grievances. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 6 – 0.**

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

Vice Chair Cicero moved to reconvene to Open Session. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher.

Voted 6 – 0.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:14 p.m.

A 6 – 0 vote was taken during Executive Session to accept Attorney Ragosta’s proposal to resolve the grievance.

**ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chair Cicero moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 6 – 0. Meeting adjourned 9:15
p.m.**

ROBIN CERIO

CLERK