

December 16, 2008

Exeter-West Greenwich

Regional School District

Minutes

Joint Meeting of the EWG School Committee

and the West Greenwich and Exeter Town Councils

The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District, the West Greenwich Town Council, and the Exeter Town Council met at 7:00PM on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, in the High School Library. School Committee Members present: Sue Desack, Chairperson; Greg Coutcher, Clerk; Bob Bollengier; Mark Rafanelli; Valerie Zuercher. West Greenwich Town Council Members present: Thaylen Waltonen, Susan Woloohojian; Robert Butler. The entire Exeter Town Council. Others present: Tom Geismar, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration; Kevin Breene; Charlene Randall; Kelly Stewart.

A. JOINT SESSION 7:03 PM

1. Chair DeSack gave an overview of the draft budget summaries, paying particular attention to how a shift in student enrollment from each town impacts each town's contribution to the budget. A discussion ensued regarding the options available to the towns. The options included equalizing each town's contribution regardless of

enrollment, changing the EWGRSD charter to effect that change, or change how the District sets the budget relative to tax cap 3050.

2. Kevin Breen suggested that the state aid be leveled out in proportion to their populations. The same with group homes. A discussion of the suggestion followed.

3. Chair DeSack asked the Committee and Councils to consider how to solve the problem. The Councils suggested that the district pursue cuts. The West Greenwich town auditor suggested breaking down the budget column to show what programs we have above the BEP and those would be areas to consider cutting.

No votes were taken

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Thomas Geismar, Superintendent