

February 12, 2009

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 School Committee, the West Greenwich Town Council, and the Exeter Town Council met at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009 in the High School Library. School Committee Members present: Susan DeSack, Chairperson; Greg Coutcher, Clerk; Bob Bollengier; Mark Rafanelli; Valerie Zuercher; Mary Walsh. West Greenwich Town Council Members present: Thaylen Waltonen, Susan Woloohojian; Robert Butler; Kelly Stewart. Exeter Town Council Members present: Arlene Hicks. Robert Johnson, William Monahan; Kenneth Fernstrom. Others present: Tom Geismar, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration; Kevin Breene.

A. JOINT SESSION 6:05 PM

- 1. Chair DeSack gave an overview of the budget summary sheet.**
- 2. Chair DeSack said that the School Committee is asking the unions**

to open the contracts.

3. Exeter Town Councilman Monahan expressed that a charter change would have to be approved at the Town Financial Meetings. It has to be approved by both towns.

4. Exeter Town Councilman Johnson said that since 1994 Exeter has paid a lot more, (\$5 million) than West Greenwich.

5. A discussion took place regarding finding a solution to the funding problems the District faces.

6. Chair DeSack encouraged everyone to attend the budget meetings. They will be posted.

7. Chair DeSack said that next Tuesday evening the School Committee will consider a charter change that proportions increases by population.

No votes were taken

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Thomas Geismar, Superintendent