

**EXETER-WEST GREENWICH July 28, 2009**

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES**

**The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee held a special meeting on this date at 6:00 p.m. in the Exeter-West Greenwich Jr. – Sr. High School Library. Members present were Teri Cicero, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher; Mark Rafanelli, Robert Bollengier, and Mary Walsh. Susan DeSack, Chairperson; Gregory Coutcher, Clerk were absent. Superintendent Thomas J. Geismar; Director of Administration Robert V. Ross were present.**

**ORDER – Vice Chair Cicero called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.**

**Senior High School Principal Appointment – Superintendent Geismar informed the school committee his recommendation for the senior high principal was Mr. Brian Butler. Mr. Butler who was in attendance stood in recognition of the recommendation. Member Rafanelli inquired what attracted Mr. Butler to apply to EWGRSD, and what would be his biggest challenges. Mr. Butler responded he can see the District is academically in good shape, the teachers, administration, school committee, and community are supportive of the District. His challenges will be to continue the success the**

**District has had, and to forge a positive working relationship with the stakeholders of EWGRSD.**

**Superintendent Geismar spoke about how comprehensive the interview process was and that the interview committee was very pleased with the choice of Mr. Butler as the senior high principal.**

**Member Zuercher made the motion to approve Superintendent's recommendation of Brian Butler as the EWGRSD senior high school principal. The motion was seconded by Robert Bollengier. Voted 5-0 in favor.**

**Approve adding .5 team at the Junior High School- Continuation - Superintendent Geismar stated this was a returning item after a 2-2 vote at the previous school committee meeting. The superintendent was seeking approval to restore as soon as possible in order to work through the changes in staffing that would result from recalling rights and seniority rights of the teachers affected. Member Bollengier recollected that at the last meeting it was agreed the superintendent would ask the EWGTA leadership to consider possible alternatives to restoring the .5 team, and the outcome of that discussion would be brought before the negotiation team. The superintendent informed the members that he did talk to the EWGTA leadership and they said no to considering alternative to hiring a .5 team.**

**Member Rafanelli made the motion to approve restoring a .5 team to the junior high school. The motion was seconded by Mary Walsh.**

**Voted 4-1 in favor with Member Bollengier dissenting.**

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**ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA – Superintendent Geismar recommended the appointment of Kimberly Regan as 1.0 FTE behavioral specialist for the Junior High School. Member Bollengier asked where the candidate was pursuing her graduate work. Mrs. Regan, who was in audience, responded that she is pursuing her grad work at Rhode Island College.**

**Mary Walsh made the motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation to appoint Kimberly Regan to the 1.0 Behavior Specialist position at the junior high school. The motion was seconded by Robert Bollengier. Voted 5-0 in favor.**

**The following ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA item(s) were approved:**

**IV. Routine Items**

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Personnel Items**

**1. Appointments**

**a. Kimberly Regan as 1.0 FTE Behavior Specialist at the Junior High School, (C-94), Step 3, Grade 5, Salary \$35,594.00, effective August 31, 2009**

- 2. Leaves of Absence**
- 3. Resignations**
- 4. Grievances**
- 5. Non-Renewals**
- 6. Recalls**
- 7. Sabbaticals**

**ADJOURNMENT – Member Cicero moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.  
Seconded by Member Walsh. Voted 5-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned  
6:15 p.m.**

**ROBERT ROSS  
CLERK**