

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH September 22, 2009

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; Gregory Coutcher, Clerk; Valerie Zuercher; Mark Rafanelli, and Robert Bollengier. Teri Cicero, Vice Chairperson and Mary Walsh were absent. Superintendent Thomas J. Geismar and Director of Administration Robert V. Ross were present. Director of Special Services Carmella Farrar was absent.

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 – None

Presentation – None

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

Member Bollengier made a motion to accept the consent agenda.

Member Zuercher seconded the motion. Voted 5 – 0 in favor.

The following items were approved:

A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Minutes of September 8, 2009

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments

a. John Geyer as Jr. High School Boys' Soccer Coach, Stipend \$986.52; effective for the 2009 – 2010 season

2. Leaves of Absence

3. Resignations

4. Grievances

5. Non-Renewals

6. Recalls

7. Sabbaticals

C. Bills – In the amount of \$146,869.17; Accruals in the amount of \$2,280.00

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

1. IVES – Alexander, Jennifer

2. WILKINS – Adam, Shawna, Jason, Daniel

End Consent Agenda

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Correspondence – (1) August 31, 2009 Letter from RI Department of Health to the Superintendent Regarding the Vaccinate Before You Graduate Program;

(2) September 18, 2009 Memorandum from Superintendent Geismar to School Committee, with attachments, Regarding East Greenwich School Committee Resolution; (3) September 18, 2009 Memorandum from Superintendent Geismar to School Committee Regarding A Letter of Thanks; (4) August 13, 2009 Town Funding Review Committee Meeting Minutes; (5) September 22, 2009 Memorandum from Superintendent Geismar to School Committee Regarding Science NECAP Results; (6) September 22, 2009 Memorandum from Superintendent Geismar to School Committee Regarding Commissioner’s Visit; (7) Copy of a Resolution adopted by the South Kingstown School Committee on September 8, 2009

Member Bollengier noted a correction to Correspondence (2) –Regarding East Greenwich School Committee Resolution. He said that he read the resolution as the East Greenwich Town Council and not the School Committee. After a brief discussion regarding Correspondence (2) and (7), consensus of the committee is to prepare and send out a similar correspondence signed by Chair DeSack. In response to Chair DeSack’s inquiry regarding Correspondence (5), Superintendent Geismar said that the Science NECAP Results will be brought to the October 27, 2009 School Committee agenda for review.

Budget 2009 – 2010 – Director of Administration Robert Ross reported that the district has instituted a freeze on all purchases. However, principals can still submit purchase orders along with a Justification Form that is reviewed by the Director of Administration or the Superintendent. Mr. Ross said he will have a more comprehensive budget report enclosure for the October 13, 2009 School Committee business meeting.

New Business – Jr. High Washington, DC Fieldtrip Approval – Member Zuercher made a motion to approve the Jr. High Washington, DC trip. Member Bollengier seconded the motion. Voted 5 – 0 in favor.

National FFA Convention Fieldtrip Approval – Member Bollengier made a motion to approve the National FFA Convention trip. Member Zuercher seconded the motion. Voted 5 - 0 in favor.

Commissioner's Review 2010 Electronic Report – Superintendent Geismar recognized and thanked Director of Student Affairs Chris Anthony for his work to complete the Commissioner's Review 2010 Electronic Report. Principal Brian Butler commended Mr. Anthony as well. Principal Butler and Mr. Anthony answered members' clarifying questions. Principal Butler gave a brief overview of the Commissioner's upcoming visit next month. Dr. Geismar explained what the Commissioner's review team will be looking for in the report

and during its visit, which is part of the process for obtaining approval from RIDE for Exeter-West Greenwich's High School Diploma System.

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Approve 2009 – 2010 Calendar Change – Superintendent Geismar explained the necessary changes made to the 2009 – 2010 school calendar due to the two-day delay in opening schools this fall.

Member Zuercher made a motion to approve the 2009 – 2010 calendar [change]. Member Bollengier seconded the motion. Voted 5 – 0 in favor.

Unfinished Business – Policies – Review and Adoption - #6203: Family, Maternity, Parental and Medical Leave Policy – 1st Reading – Members did not express any questions, comments or concerns regarding this item. This item will carry over to the next agenda for a 2nd reading.

Capital Project Update – Superintendent Geismar reported on the status of the various capital projects to date. A discussion ensued regarding the underground oil tank that was inadvertently damaged by a subcontractor during construction. It has yet to be determined if the tank can be repaired or will need to be replaced. Mr. Ross

reported Director of Maintenance Bill Plumley's position that should the tank need to be replaced; he would be hard-pressed that less than a 10,000-gallon tank is best for the school district. In response to Member Rafanelli's inquiry, Mr. Ross explained how the new scan card entry security system is designed to work. In response to Member Bollengier's comments relating to the wet condition of the perimeter of the new athletic field, Mr. Ross said he finds comfort in Dave Wallace's, (Tee & Green Sod Turf Farm) advice to use the field and address the drainage issues after the season ends. Chair DeSack said she presumed the district should follow Mr. Wallace's advice as long as it does not become a safety issue.

Reports/Comments – None

Important Dates and Meetings – Wednesday, September 23, 2009-Building Committee Meeting; Wednesday, September 30, 2009-Building Committee Meeting; Thursday, October 8, 2009-Town Finance/Charter Review Committee Meeting; Tuesday, October 13, 2009-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, October 27, 2009-School Committee Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5 – Member Rafanelli moved to go into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. in accordance with 42-46-5 (2) – CBA – (C-94/TA)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending Litigation. Member Bollengier seconded the motion. Voted 5 - 0 in favor.

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

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Member Zuercher moved to reconvene to Open Session. Member Rafanelli seconded the motion. Voted 5 – 0 in favor.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:58 p.m.

No votes were taken during Executive Session.

Adjournment - Member Zuercher moved to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Member Rafanelli seconded the motion. Voted 5 – 0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ROBIN CERIO

CLERK