

**EXETER-WEST GREENWICH October 13, 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; Robert Bollengier, and Mary Walsh. Vice Chairperson Teri Cicero arrived at 7:03 p.m. Members Valerie Zuercher and Mark Rafanelli were absent. Superintendent Thomas J. Geismar, Director of Administration Robert V. Ross, and Director of Special Services Carmella Farrar were present.**

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

**Open Forum (15-minute limit) – None**

**Presentation – None**

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

**Vice Chair Cicero arrived at this time, (7:03 p.m.).**

**The following items were approved:**

**A. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session Minutes of July 21, 2009; Regular Minutes of September 22 , 2009; Executive Session Minutes of September 22, 2009**

**B. Personnel Items**

**1. Appointments**

**a. Timothy Daft as Athletic Director, Stipend \$11,973.38; effective October 14, 2009**

**2. Leaves of Absence**

**3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**

**a. Letter of Resignation from Steven McGrane from his position as Athletic Director, effective October 7, 2009**

**b. Letter of Resignation from Timothy Daft from his position as Sr. High School Head Wrestling Coach, effective September 28, 2009**

**4. Grievances**

**5. Non-Renewals**

**6. Recalls**

**7. Sabbaticals**

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**C. Bills – In the amount of \$333,780.28**

**D. Home School Approvals**

**End Consent Agenda**

**Correspondence – (1) Resolution of the Portsmouth School Committee passed on September 22, 2009; (2) EWGHS School Improvement Team Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2009; (3) EWGHS School Improvement Team Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2009; (4) Agenda for Commissioner Gist’s Visit October 23, 2009**

**Budget 2009 – 2010 – Director of Administration Robert Ross gave an overview of his (Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats) – SWOT Analysis 2009-10 Operations report. He told the committee that the state’s new Uniform Chart of Accounts, (UCOA) is ever changing; therefore, putting the district at a disadvantage to complete an analysis. He said that in about one-month the School Committee will be able to see how granular the new accounting system will get. Chair DeSack asked if the School Committee could anticipate that Administration will put forward its proposed budget in the actual format when it comes time to present. Mr. Ross replied yes and briefly described the in-depth report that the Committee can expect to receive. He said that the new UCOA will allow the state to see exactly how much money is spent in detail regarding state aid. Mr. Ross expressed that the reality is what was budgeted and what is actual are different. The district is down \$149,000 in state aid. The school district was not level funded. However, it does look as if the district**

**will be better off than what was anticipated because of retirements and replacement hires [at a lower step]. A discussion followed relating to [Threats] - Vocation Enrollment. Chair DeSack recommended researching what programs students are taking to see if the high school might be able to offer classes to keep students in district. Other suggestions put forward were to institute a signup cutoff date in order to budget appropriately and to perhaps develop a review panel to approve/deny vocation enrollment requests. Superintendent Geismar said that Administration will do further analysis of the vocation enrollment and will bring information back to the School Committee at a later date.**

**Monthly Status Reports – Superintendent – Members did not express any questions, comments or concerns regarding the monthly status reports.**

**Business**

**Special Education**

**Maintenance**

**Technology**

**New Business – None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Policies – Review and Adoption - #6203: Family, Maternity, Parental and Medical Leave Policy – 2nd Reading – Members did not express any questions, comments or concerns regarding policy #6203. This item will carry over to the next regular**

meeting agenda for adoption.

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**Capital Project Update – Superintendent Geismar expressed dissatisfaction regarding issues with the heating system(s) particularly at Metcalf School. He told the School Committee that Metcalf’s heating system was not up and running today. However, it is hopeful that it will be by the end of the day tomorrow. Tomorrow morning a temporary backup heating system will be brought in before students arrive to warm up the building. Contractors will work on the heating system and will check to see if it is working tomorrow after students are dismissed. If it does not work, the backup system will be available. When all is said and done, there will be a brand-new heating system at Metcalf School. Next, Superintendent Geismar informed members that the temporary water system at Metcalf needs to be replaced soon because it can freeze up. At this point in time, the new system design is in the review process at the state level. Superintendent Geismar updated members on the oil tank issue at the Jr. – Sr. High School that was inadvertently damaged during excavation. He said that the contractors found the leak today. It is an easy fix but the repair must be approved first. At this point, the district is not permitted to add more oil to the tank. Presently, there**

are 2,000 gallons of oil in the tank, which should last approximately one week. There is a possibility that the district may have to bring in a temporary oil tank. Superintendent Geismar told the School Committee that contractors had to rewire the boiler system at Lineham School today. They vowed to work all night to complete the rewiring. In summary, Superintendent Geismar said that the district should be able to heat all the buildings by the end of the day tomorrow.

**Reports/Comments – None**

**Important Dates and Meetings – Thursday, October 22, 2009-Town Finance/Charter Review Committee Meeting; Tuesday, October 27, 2009-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, November 10, 2009-School Committee Meeting; Thursday, November 19, 2009-Evening Parent Conferences-J/SHS; Friday, November 20, 2009-Parent Conferences; Tuesday, November 24, 2009-School Committee Meeting**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5 – Vice Chair Cicero 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.**

**Member Bollengier moved to reconvene to Open Session. Member Walsh seconded the motion. Voted 5 – 0 in favor.**

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**Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 7:55 p.m.**

**A vote was taken during Executive Session to accept the concessions from Council-94. Voted 5 – 0 in favor.**

**Adjournment - Member Bollengier moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Vice Chair Cicero seconded the motion. Voted 5 – 0 in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.**

**ROBIN CERIO**

**CLERK**