

**MINUTES**

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The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee held a meeting on this date at 6:00 p.m. in the Jr. – Sr. High School Library. Members present were Mark Rafanelli, Vice-Chair; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Theresa Donovan, Lee Kissinger, and Claudine Pande. Members Absent: Teri Maia-Cicero, Chairperson; Paul McFadden. Others present: Superintendent James H. Erinakes, II; Director of Administration Robert V. Ross, (arrived 6:12 p.m.); Student Member Hannah Morgan

**ORDER** – Vice Chair Rafanelli called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Clerk Zuercher read the District Mission Statement.

**Open Forum** – Community member Pat D’Andrea offered as a reminder that the EWG Hoops Fundraiser is on Saturday, March 2 at the Quonset ‘O’ Club. Additional information is posted on the website.

**PRESENTATION – Student Member Report** – Student Member Morgan listed several senior high school student activities/events. She noted Winter Ball was postponed due to the blizzard.

Mr. Ross arrived, (6:12 p.m.).

**ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA-** Superintendent Erinakes gave an overview of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Ross answered Clerk Zuercher’s questions regarding *Bills*.

Member Pande made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Clerk Zuercher seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The following items were approved:

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Minutes of January 22, 2013; Executive Session Minutes of January 22, 2013; Budget Workshop Minutes of January 22, 2013; Budget Workshop Minutes of January 29, 2013**
- B. Personnel Items**
  - 1. Appointments**
  - 2. Leaves of Absence**
  - 3. Resignations**
  - 4. Grievances**

- 5. Non-Renewals – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**
    - a. Please see attached – *Layoff Notification List 2/12/2013***
  - 6. Recalls**
  - 7. Sabbaticals**
  - C. Bills – In the amount of \$439,580.60**
  - D. Home School Approval – (As recommended by the Superintendent)**
    - 1. NEW – Grade 7**
- End Consent Agenda**

Clerk Zuercher made a motion to move up, *Senior High Band Los Angeles, California Trip Proposal*; seconded by Member Pande. Motion passed (5-0).

**NEW BUSINESS – Senior High Band Los Angeles, California Trip Proposal** – Band Director Gregg Charest presented the proposed EWG Senior High School Concert Band trip to Los Angeles, CA from April 11-16, 2013. He offered a brief overview of the itinerary, cost, and curriculum purposes.

Clerk Zuercher moved to approve [the EWG Senior High School Concert Band trip to Los Angeles, CA]; seconded by Member Pande. Motion passed (5-0).

Clerk Zuercher moved to go back to *Correspondence*; seconded by Member Pande. Motion passed (5-0).

Superintendent Erinakes gave an overview of the Correspondence. Mr. Ross answered Vice Chair Rafanelli's questions regarding Correspondence (6).

**Correspondence** – (1) 8/28/12 – 1/31/13 Discipline Reports; (2) January 22, 2013 Notification from Exeter Board of Canvassers of April 8, 2013 All-Day Referendum Voting Location; (3) January 28, 2013 Memorandum Regarding NEARI Children's Fund Report Card; (4) Email Correspondence Regarding EWG Senior High Students' Hand-Written Notes to Newtown, CT school(s); (5) New England School Development Council (NESDEC) Enrollment Projections; (6) Letter from Exeter Citizen Regarding Transportation; (7) Copy of Superintendent's Email to Staff Regarding Communications

**2012 – 2013 Budget Projection** – Mr. Ross reported a projected June 30, 2013 General Fund Balance of \$774,864.

**2013 – 2014 Budget** – None

Clerk Zuercher said she wished to thank publically Director of Maintenance Bill Plumley for his efforts in locating a second-hand floor buffer machine, which results in a significant cost-savings of approximately \$7,000. Additionally, she thanked Mr. Plumley

and all his staff members for the great job they did on snow removal following the blizzard. Superintendent Erinakes concurred and said that letters would be going out to staff members in recognition of the good work that was done.

**MONTHLY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT(S) – Policy Subcommittee** - None

**Public Relations Subcommittee** – Member Pande proposed the Public Relations subcommittee should convene soon in preparation for publicizing the All-Day Referendum. It was decided that subcommittee members Pande, Rafanelli, Erinakes, and Sharon Walsh would network to collaborate on a time to meet perhaps next week.

**IT Subcommittee** – Superintendent Erinakes referenced the *Technology Assessment Update: Key Points of Interest* handout he provided and said a conference call to review survey results took place on Monday. Information was received today that funding would be available to the District through RIDE for addressing wireless accessibility (\$305,000). RIDE will be sending someone out to assess so that the District can access those funds. Additionally, the vendor (CDWG) will be attending the next regular School Committee meeting to present its final report and answer any questions. The final report will be forwarded to members in advance of that meeting.

**Charter Review Subcommittee** – None

**MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS –**

**Superintendent**

**Business** – Member Pande recommended the School Committee should begin to prioritize the list of Housing Aid Reimbursable Capital Projects presented for consideration for 2013. She offered a list of which projects she would like to consider. Member Pande requested and Vice Chair Rafanelli agreed to have Mr. Ross research the cost to replace the gymnasium floor at Wawaloam School instead of paying to repair the existing floor, which is not an actual gymnasium floor.

Superintendent Erinakes advised the District would be having some very extensive safety training, followed by recommendations with costs attached. He proposed another strategy would be to hold off until the safety concerns and costs are determined. He is waiting to hear back from the many other agencies involved in the process about available dates/times to assemble together to work on action planning, identifying procedures, improvements, etc.

Vice Chair Rafanelli requested to bring the Capital Projects for 2013 discussion to the February 26 meeting to hear where the District stands and to begin to prioritize.

**Special Education**

**Maintenance** – Member Pande requested to have a status update at the next meeting on Mr. Plumley’s list of immediate fixable building security items.

**Technology** –

**NEW BUSINESS – Accept 2012 Audit Report** – Mr. Ross introduced CPA Pat Boucher of Bacon & Company, LLC and District Treasurer Patricia Ruizzo to present the 212 Audit Report. Ms. Boucher gave an overview of the EWG Regional School District Annual Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012. She and Mrs. Ruizzo answered Member Pande’s question regarding the recommendation for adopting a fund balance policy.

Member Pande moved to accept the audit report; seconded by Clerk Zuercher. Motion passed (5-0).

**NECAP Test Results** – Superintendent Erinakes presented highlights of the 2012 – 2013 NECAP scores released last week. Data demonstrates high school scores are significantly above the state averages. The new regulations for graduation require students be at least partially proficient in reading and math to graduate. EWG has 17 students in jeopardy of graduating. RIDE will meet with the Superintendent, Principal Butler, Guidance, ELA and Math department chairs, and Special Education Director Carmella Farrar to brainstorm on how to help those 17 students. A more comprehensive NECAP report is forthcoming.

**Maintenance Equipment Request** – Mr. Ross presented a request to approve the purchase of a reconditioned Rider Floor Scrubber. The expenditure (\$5,850) is in the budget.

Clerk Zuercher moved to approve; seconded by Member Kissinger. Motion passed (5-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – School Resource Officer** – Member Pande expects to have a response to the request she sent to a private company soliciting funds to support having a School Resource Officer (SRO) in District by next Thursday. If Member Pande receives a negative response, she will reach out to another company.

**Capital Project Update** – Mr. Ross said the only remaining Capital Bond Project to complete is the parking lot. He reached out to RIDE and RIBEC and resolved that the Capital Bond Project is complete.

**Reports/Comments** – Superintendent Erinakes told members the Council-94 contract is about to expire. Mr. Ross received official notice from C-94 representatives requesting

to begin the process of negotiations. The committee will need to think about beginning the process and determine who will be involved in that process.

**Important Dates and Meetings** – Wednesday, February 13, 2013-Negotiations Meeting; Monday, February 25, 2013-Joint Meeting; Tuesday, February 26, 2013-School Committee Meeting (*Budget Adoption*)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5** – None

**Adjournment** – Clerk Zuercher moved to adjourn; Member Kissinger seconded the motion; and voted 5-0 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ROBIN CERIO  
CLERK