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**NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday, August 31, 2004, 7 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order.** Chairperson David S. Gordon called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Thompson Middle School Beatrice Berman Bazarsky Performing Arts Center and Cafeteria. Attendance was as follows: School Committee: Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, Mary Jane Barry, Ph.D., Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., David R. Carlin (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Jo Eva Gaines, and Thomas S. Phelan; School Department: Superintendent of Schools Mary C. Canole, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Schools Robert B. Power, Ed.D., Director of Special Education Linda Martin (absent), Director of Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development Judith M. Droitcour (absent), Business Manager Bruce Alexander (absent), Director of Property Services Paul Fagan (absent), Coordinator of Human Resources and Information Services Fran Eames (absent), School Building Principals, Administrators, and School Committee Counsel Neil P. Galvin (absent).

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1.0 Personnel Actions.**

Personnel Actions were acted upon individually.

**Leaves of Absence.**

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole informed the Committee that there were two Requests for Leave of Absence walked in this evening that needed the Committee's action.

At approximately 7:04 p.m., Mr. Carlin arrived at the meeting.

Discussion followed. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Request for a Leave of Absence of Renee Moniz, Special Educator, Thompson Middle School, one year only. without pay, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried (6-1). The Member voting against the motion was: Mary Jane Barry, Ph.D.

Discussion followed. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the denial of the Request for Leave of Absence of Diana Kriner, Para Educator, Special Education, Underwood School, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

**Appointments.**

**School Nurse/Teacher, Elementary.**

Discussion followed. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole stated that vacancies get seniority numbers, and replacement teachers do not get seniority numbers. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Appointment of Susan Jay, School Nurse/Teacher, Elementary, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

**School Nurse/Teacher, Elementary.**

Discussion followed. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Appointment of Victor Moniz, School Nurse/Teacher, Elementary, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried (5-2). Those Members voting in favor of the motion were: Chairperson David S. Gordon, Mary Jane Barry, David R. Carlin, Ph.D., Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., and Jo Eva Gaines. Those Members voting against the motion were: Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, and Thomas S. Phelan.

**Transfers.**

**Para Educator, Sheffield School.  
Para Educator, Cranston-Calvert School.**

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Appointments of Jamie Meeks, Para Educator, Sheffield School, as presented; and Mercedes Deines, Para Educator, Cranston-Calvert School, as presented. Dr. Barry seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

**2.0 Executive Session.**

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to go into **Executive Session** under jurisdiction of Rhode Island State Law, Chapter 46, 42-46-5 – Exception (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**OPEN SESSION**

At 9:25 p.m., the meeting was called in Open Session.

**Adjournment.** At 9:28 p.m., Dr. Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

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**David S. Gordon**  
Chairperson

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**Mary C. Canole, Ed.D.**  
Clerk