

To be Approved 05/10/2005.

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NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2005

MINUTES

Call to Order. Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker called the Regular 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 Members: Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, David R. Carlin, Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Jo Eva Gaines, Dr. O. William Hilton, Jr., and Thomas S. Phelan; School Department: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Robert B. Power, Ed.D., Director of Special Education Linda Martin, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development Judith M. Droitcour, Business Manager Bruce Alexander, Director of Property Services Paul Fagan, 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 **MOMENT OF SILENCE.** A Moment of Silence was held for the recent passing of Pope John Paul, II.
- 2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT.** No Public Comment was received.
- 3.0 **STUDENT ACTIVITIES.**
 - 3.1 **Student Council Update: Keelan Maguire.** Substituting for Student Council President, Keelan Maguire, was Emma Reidy who provided an update on the Student Council activities planned for this current academic year to date: Band Orchestra/Chorus—New York Music Competition; Spring Sports; Gay Straight Alliance—Day of Silence; Senior Class—Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament; Junior Prom; New York Yacht Club; Underwood School Proposal; and HIV/AIDS Policy—Positive Students and Employees: First Reading.

4.0 RESOLUTIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT.

4.1 Certificates of Achievement.

- **Rhode Island All State Music Festival.** On behalf of the Newport School Committee, Members presented the Certificates of Achievement to those students who participated in the 2005 Rhode Island All State Music Festival and to their Advisor and School Department Music Head Alan Bernstein.

4.2 Resolution.

- **Superintendent of Schools.** On behalf of the Newport School Committee, Member Jo Eva Gaines presented Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole with a Resolution, a copy of which is to be spread upon the official records of the Newport School Committee, citing her dedication, commitment, and performance as an outstanding professional and member of the Newport Public Schools' educational community and wishing her well in her new position at the Rhode Island Department of Education as the Director of Leadership Initiatives (Progressive Support and Intervention). On behalf of the school administration, administrators provided thanks and commendation to Dr. Canole. Dr. Canole thanked the Committee, administrators, and staff for their recognition of her accomplishments.

TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

Mr. Leary made a motion to take out of order Action Item No. 7.3: New York Yacht Club: Underwood School Proposal and Action Item No. 7.7: Lenthal School—Formal Turnover to the City of Newport/Kitchen Relocation. Mr. Carlin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

7.0 ACTION

- 7.3 New York Yacht Club: Underwood School Proposal.** Underwood School Principal Nancy DaPonte-Easter and Underwood School PTO President Brian McKeon updated the Committee on the New York Yacht Club: Underwood School Proposal and reviewed the final design with the Committee. They requested that the Committee endorse the final design and provide legal counsel to develop a contract to specify the details of the agreement between the New York Yacht Club and Newport Public Schools. Discussion followed. Mr. Leary made a motion to endorse the final design and provide legal counsel to develop an agreement between the New York Yacht Club and Newport Public Schools, contingent upon the proposed agreement coming before the Newport School Committee and the Newport City Council for approval. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion continued. At the request of Mr. Carlin, Mr. McKeon stated that the estimate of the project could be between \$200,000 to \$300,000 and that the New York Yacht Club would assume all of the cost for the project. Mr. Leary amended

his original motion to strike the following words: “and the Newport City Council” and to add the following word after the word “endorse”: “/approve”. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, as amended. The motion carried (6-1). The Member voting against the motion was: Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr.

7.7 Lenthal School—Formal Turnover to the City of Newport/Kitchen Relocation. Property Services Director Paul Fagan and Sodexo School Services Manager Donna Walker reviewed with the Committee the revised recommendation for the kitchen relocation from Lenthal School to Rogers High School. After a survey by Sodexo School Services’ consultants, Ms. Walker indicated that it had been determined that the building currently occupied by the Maintenance Department at Rogers High School, (next to the former marine shop building), would be better suited for the production kitchen space and that the Maintenance Department be relocated across the parking lot to the former marine shop building and the maintenance building be used as the production kitchen space. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the revised recommendation of Sodexo School Services pertaining to the relocation of the new Kitchen Facility at Rogers High School, as presented. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA.

5.1 Approval of Minutes.

- **Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 8, 2005.**
- **Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 15, 2005, 6 p.m.**
- **Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 15, 2005, 7 p.m.**
- **Special Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 23, 2005.** At the request of Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, these Minutes were held for discussion.
- **Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 29, 2005.**

5.2 to

5.5 Personnel Actions.

Resignations. Resignations of Robert Frizelle, Principal, Coggeshall School; Virginia Tasso, Secretary to the Principal, Rogers High School; Patrick R.

Downes, Para Educator, Special Education, Thompson Middle School; and Katie Baker, Interim Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Rogers High School.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole and Committee Members thanked Coggeshall School Principal Robert Frizelle for his service and commitment to Newport Public Schools. Mr. Frizelle thanked the Committee.

Retirements. Genevieve M. Wiggins, Seventh Grade English Teacher, Thompson Middle School.

Leaves of Absence.

Request for Leave of Absence of: Denial of the Request for Leave of Absence: T.A.N. Sick Bank of Deborah Sullivan, Music Teacher, Rogers High School and Thompson Middle School.

Appointments/Transfers. Rocco Danella, Freshman Baseball Coach, Rogers High School; and Ross Weene, Head Sailing Coach, Rogers High School.

- 5.6 **Requests for Waiver of Rental Fees.** There were no Requests for Waiver of Rental Fees.
- 5.7 **Requests for Field Trips.** There were no Requests for Field Trips.
- 5.8 **Requests for Conferences/Workshops.** There were no Requests for Conferences/Workshops.
- 5.9 **Requests for Home Instruction.** There were no Requests for Home Instruction.
- 5.10 **Bids.** There were no Bids.
- 5.11 **Fiscal Impact Analysis:**
 - 5.11.1 **Basketball Court Renovation Project: Sullivan School.**
 - 5.11.2 **Thompson Middle School:
Comprehensive School Reform Grant Amendment.**
 - 5.11.3 **Rogers High School:
Comprehensive School Reform Grant Amendment.**
 - 5.11.4 **Rogers High School:
Technology Enhancing Academics—Project TEA—2005.**

**5.11.5 Elementary:
Technology Teacher Assessments for Literacy Education—Year
2—Project Technology TALE II.**

**5.11.6 Districtwide:
Improving Literacy through School Libraries.**

5.12 Request for Kindergarten Waiver.

Dr. Hilton made a motion to consent to the approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 8, 2005, as presented; the Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 15, 2005, 6 p.m., as presented; the Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 15, 2005, 7 p.m., as presented; to hold for discussion, at the request of Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, the Special Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 23, 2005, as presented; and the Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 29, 2005, as presented; Resignations of Robert Frizelle, Principal, Coggeshall School; Virginia Tasso, Secretary to the Principal, Rogers High School; Patrick R. Downes, Para Educator, Special Education, Thompson Middle School; and Katie Baker, Interim Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Rogers High School, as presented; Retirement of Genevieve M. Wiggins, Seventh Grade English Teacher, Thompson Middle School, as presented; Denial of the Request for Leave of Absence: T.A.N. Sick Bank of Deborah Sullivan, Music Teacher, Rogers High School and Thompson Middle School, as presented; Appointments of Rocco Danella, Freshman Baseball Coach, Rogers High School; and Ross Weene, Head Sailing Coach, Rogers High School, as presented; Fiscal Impact Analysis of Basketball Court Renovation Project: Sullivan School; Thompson Middle School: Comprehensive School Reform Grant Amendment; Rogers High School: Comprehensive School Reform Grant Amendment: Rogers High School: Technology Enhancing Academics—Project TEA—2005; Elementary: Technology Teacher Assessments for Literacy Education—Year 2—Project Technology TALE II; and Districtwide: Improving Literacy through School Libraries, as presented; and Request for Kindergarten Waiver, as presented. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

At the request of Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole defined the words "Seal Minutes" relative to the Executive Session portion of the Special Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 23, 2005. Dr. Hilton made a motion to consent to the approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 23, 2005, as presented. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole read aloud the approved Personnel Actions dated April 12, 2005, as presented.

6.0 DISCUSSION

6.1 Teaching and Learning:

6.1.1 Newport Public Schools' Web Site: Presentation. At the request of Jo Eva Gaines, Technology Curriculum Coordinator Audrey Boisvert presented to the Committee a demonstration of the Newport Public Schools' Web Site. Discussion followed. At the request of Mr. Carlin, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole stated that she would request that the Newport Daily News do a feature article on the public accessibility of the Newport Public Schools' Web Site.

6.2 Subcommittee Reports:

6.2.1 Administrative Compensation Subcommittee. No update was given by Mr. DeAscentis.

6.2.2 Facilities Planning Subcommittee. As reported by Mr. DeAscentis, the Facilities Planning Subcommittee met today, April 12, 2005. He stated that School Committee Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Property Services Director Paul Fagan, Energy Manager Richard Niejadlik, and he would be attending the upcoming Tenth Annual New England School Facilities Conference, sponsored by the New England School Development Council (NESDEC), to be held tomorrow, Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, in Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

6.2.3 Finance Advisory Subcommittee. As reported by Mr. Leary, the Finance Advisory Subcommittee met on March 22, 2005.

6.2.4 Newport School Committee/Newport City Council Liaison. As reported by Mrs. Gaines, the Newport School Committee/Newport City Council Liaison Subcommittee met on March 21, 2005., and would be meeting again on Monday, May 2, 2005.

6.2.5 Policy. As reported by Mrs. Gaines, the Policy Subcommittee has been meeting on a regular basis, and their upcoming scheduled meetings will be held on April 20 and 27, 2005. Mrs. Gaines stated that the Subcommittee will introduce to the Committee this evening one Policy for First Reading under the Action Portion of the Agenda: HIV/AIDS Policy—Positive Students and Employees and three Policies for Second Reading: Disenrollment Policy; School Committee—Community Communication Policy; and Vandalism/Restitution Policy.

6.2.6 Rhode Island Association of School Committees (RIASC). Mrs. Gaines reviewed with the Committee the work to date of the Rhode

Island Association of School Committees and their upcoming 2005 Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2005, beginning at 8 a.m., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and encouraged all Committee Members to attend.

6.2.7 School Committee/State Legislators. No update was given by Mr. Carlin.

6.2.8 Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force. No update was given by Mr. Leary. He did state that the Task Force would be meeting next Monday, April 18, 2005.

7.0 ACTION

7.1 Budget.

At the request of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole, Dr. Hilton made a motion to request the administration to develop a Request for Proposal to secure a health care consultant to provide advice to the Committee regarding Newport Public Schools' participation in the Governmental Health Care Trust. Mr. Phelan seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Dr. Hilton amended his original motion to include the phrase, "and other issues pertaining to health care". Mr. Phelan seconded the motion, as amended. The motion carried (6-1-0). The Member who abstained was: Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary.

Because of its potential impact on the school district budget, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole stated that Requests for Proposals were being developed to secure professional services for the Superintendent of Schools' Search Process. Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., stated that the Committee's intentions would be to begin the search immediately and to secure a candidate for the Superintendent of Schools' position to begin as soon as possible, rather than delaying the commencing of the Search Process to the fall.

Because of its potential impact on the school district budget, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole stated that Newport Area Career and Technical Center Director Joseph Martins received communication from the Rhode Island Department of Education to have the renovation application form completed by this Friday relative to the recent state legislation passed to repair the existing career and technical facilities statewide and to secure from the Committee their wishes on whether or not to accept ownership of the facility from the state. Discussion followed. Mr. Martins spoke to this issue with the Committee. Dr. Canole and Mr. Martins suggested that perhaps a representative from the Rhode Island Department of Education could address the Committee relative to the question of ownership. Mr. Carlin made a

motion to request that representative(s) from the Rhode Island Department of Education address the Committee relative to local ownership of career and technical facilities statewide. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

7.2 2004-2005 School Audit Management Letter.

At the request of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary C. Canole, Mr. Leary made a motion to receive the 2004-2005 School Audit Management Letter. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Leary amended his original motion to include the words "to invite representative(s) from the Auditing Firm of Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. to address the Committee. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, as amended. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

7.3 New York Yacht Club: Underwood School Proposal. Taken out of order earlier in the meeting.

7.4 Rogers High School: 2005-2006 Program of Studies. Rogers High School Principal John Harrington distributed and reviewed with the Committee the Rogers High School: 2005-2006 Program of Studies. Discussion followed. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the changes in the Rogers High School 2005-2006 Program of Studies related to the new graduation requirements, the arts proficiency requirements, and the reduction in academic credit for Ramp-Up Programs, as presented. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). At the request of Mr. Carlin, discussion continued relative to the Social Studies Curriculum Course Offerings.

7.5 Rogers High School/Thompson Middle School: Alternative School Proposal. Discussion and action were postponed until the May 10, 2005, Meeting.

7.6 2005-2006 School Calendar. Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert B. Power reviewed with the Committee the 2005-2006 School Calendar. Discussion followed. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to adopt the 2005-2006 School Calendar, as presented. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

7.7 Lenthal School—Formal Turnover to the City of Newport/Kitchen Relocation. Taken out of order earlier in the meeting.

7.8 Policy Subcommittee:

Taken out of Order.

7.8.4 HIV/AIDS Policy—Positive Students and Employees: First Reading. Discussion followed. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept

for first reading the HIV/AIDS Policy—Positive Students and Employees. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously (6-0). [Mr. Leary was temporarily away from the table at the time of the motion.]

7.8.1 Disenrollment Policy: Second Reading. Mrs. Gaines read aloud Counsel Galvin's suggested amendments. Discussion followed. Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to refer the Disenrollment Policy back to the Committee for further review. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

7.8.2 School Committee—Community Communication Policy: Second Reading. Discussion followed. Dr. Hilton made a motion to accept for second reading the School Committee—Community Communication Policy. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

7.8.3 Vandalism/Restitution Policy: Second Reading. Mrs. Gaines read aloud Counsel Galvin's suggested amendment. Discussion followed. Mr. Carlin made a motion to accept for second reading the Vandalism/Restitution Policy, incorporating Counsel Galvin's suggested amendment. Mr. Leary seconded the motion, as amended. Discussion followed relative to clarification. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mrs. Gaines reminded Committee Members that School Committee Counsel Neil P. Galvin will have reviewed the draft policies before the third and final reading by the School Committee.

8.0 Expenditure and Revenue Reports, Enrollment Reports, and Damage Reports.

8.1 Expenditure and Revenue Reports. Business Manager Bruce Alexander reviewed with the Committee the Expenditure and Revenue Reports dated March 31, 2005.

8.2 Enrollment Reports. Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert B. Power reviewed with the Committee the Enrollment Reports dated March 31, 2005.

8.3 Damage Reports. There were no Damage Reports presented this month.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Expenditure and Revenue Reports and the Enrollment Reports, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

9.0 SUGGESTED MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Canole reviewed the meeting dates and suggested agenda topics, as noted below:

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| 9.1 | 7 p.m., April 11, 2005 | Newport School Committee
Special Meeting
<u>Topic:</u>
Executive Session
<u>Location:</u>
Thompson Middle School:
Library |
| 9.2 | 3 p.m., April 12, 2005:
[Met: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., March 29, 2005] | Newport School Committee
Facilities Planning Subcommittee
<u>Topic:</u>
Regular Meeting
<u>Location:</u>
Room 104, Lower Level
Triplett School |
| 9.3 | 11:30 a.m.
April 6, 20, and 27, 2005: | Newport School Committee
Policy Subcommittee
<u>Topic:</u>
Regular Meeting
<u>Location:</u>
Newport Public Schools: Administration Center |
| 9.4 | 7 p.m., May 2, 2005:
[Met: 7 p.m., March 21, 2005] | Newport School Committee
Newport City Council
Liaison Subcommittee
<u>Topic:</u>
Regular Meeting
<u>Location:</u>
Conference Room, Second Floor, Newport City Hall |
| 9.5 | To be Determined:
[Met: 7 a.m., March 22, 2005] | Newport School Committee
Finance Advisory Subcommittee
<u>Topic:</u>
Regular Meeting
<u>Location:</u>
Conference Room, Second Floor
Newport City Hall |
| 9.6 | To be Determined: | Newport School Committee
School Committee/State Legislators Subcommittee
<u>Topic:</u>
Regular Meeting
<u>Location:</u>
To be Determined |

- 9.7 7:00 p.m., April 14, 19, and 26, 2005: Newport School Committee
Special Meetings
Topic:
 - 2005-2006 Budget Presentation (April 14)
 - 2005-2006 Budget Workshops (April 19/26)
 - Personnel Actions (If Needed) (April 26)Location:
April 14, 2005:
ESL Conference Room, First Floor
Triplett School
April 19 and 26, 2005:
Thompson Middle School:
Beatrice Berman Bazarsky
Performing Arts Center and Cafeteria
- 9.8 7:00 p.m., April 25, 2005: Newport School Committee
Special Meeting
Topic:
Executive Session
Location:
Thompson Middle School:
Library
- 9.9 7:00 p.m., May 10, 2005: Newport School Committee
Regular Meeting
Location:
Thompson Middle School:
Beatrice Berman Bazarsky
Performing Arts Center and Cafeteria
- 9.10 6:30 p.m., May 19, 2005: Newport School Committee
Newport City Council
Special Joint Meeting
Topic:
 - 2005-2006 Budget PresentationLocation:
City of Newport Council Chambers, Second Floor
- 9.11 6:00 p.m., May 24, 2005: Newport School Committee
Employee Retirement Dinner
Location:
Newport Area Career and Technical Center
Colonial Dining Room

10.0 Executive Session. No Executive Session was held.

Mr. Carlin made a motion to reconsider the vote to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 29, 2005. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Adjournment. At 9:35 p.m., Dr. Hilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.
Chairperson

Robert B. Power, Ed.D.
Acting Clerk