

To be Approved 06/21/2005.

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SEAL MINUTES

NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE Special Meeting Thursday, May 26, 2005, 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order. Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 7:58 p.m. at the Thompson Middle School Library. Attendance was as follows: School Committee Members: Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary (absent), David R. Carlin (absent), Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Jo Eva Gaines, Dr. O. William Hilton, Jr., and Thomas S. Phelan (absent); School Department: Acting 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, School Building Principals, Administrators, and School Committee Counsel Neil P. Galvin.

ROLL CALL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

1.0 Personnel Actions. Discussion followed.

1.1 Resignations.

- Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of: Barbara K. Walton-Faria, Science Curriculum Liaison, Grades 6-8, Thompson Middle School, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (4-0).

1.2 Retirements. N/A.

1.3 Leaves of Absence.

- Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Leave without Pay of Emily A. Winsor, Chemistry Teacher, Rogers High School, for the 2005-2006 school year, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (4-0).
- Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the T.A.N. Sick Bank Leave Request of Deborah Gemming, Grade One Teacher,

Cranston-Calvert School, for nine days, effective June 14, 2005, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (4-0).

1.4 Appointments/Transfers/Recalls.

1.4.1 Appointments. N/A.

1.4.2 Transfers.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Transfer of Dorothy Ewart, Documentation/Mail Clerk, Administration, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (4-0).

1.4.3 Recalls*.

Rescissions of Non-Renewals for 2005-2006 School Year.

*(Recall may not be to the position that the employee currently holds.)

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Recall: Rescission of Non-Renewal for 2005-2006 school year of Michael Whaley, Science Teacher, Rogers High School, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (4-0).

2.0 Summer School. Thompson Middle School Principal Jane Regan, Carey School Principal Kimberly Homer, and Literacy Coordinator K-12 Dr. Pamela O'Day reviewed with the Committee the Placement, Promotion, and Retention Policy revised in September, 2004, and how the Policy related to the school year and extended school year student intervention programs. Discussion followed. Counsel Galvin provided his interpretation of the intent of the Policy to the Committee and the Administration. The Administration and the Committee were in agreement with the intent of the Policy, how it was being administered by the Administration, and that it would not need further revision at this time.

3.0 Executive Session.

At 8:59 p.m., Mrs. Gaines made a motion to go into **Executive Session** under jurisdiction of Rhode Island State Law, Chapter 46, 42-46-5 – Exceptions (a)(1) Personal Matters, and the person or persons affected have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held in an open session; and (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (4-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION

At 9:13 p.m., the meeting was called in Open Session.

Adjournment. At 9:15 p.m., Mrs. Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (4-0).

Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.
Chairperson

Robert B. Power, Ed.D.
Acting Clerk