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## SEAL MINUTES

### NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE Special Meeting Monday, June 13, 2005, 6:00 p.m.

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**Call to Order.** Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 6:02 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 (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Jo Eva Gaines, Dr. O. William Hilton, Jr. (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), and Thomas S. Phelan; School Department: Acting Superintendent of Schools Robert B. Power, Ed.D., Director of Special Education Linda Martin (arrived at 6:20 p.m.), Director of Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development Judith M. Droitcour (absent), 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.**

#### **Taken out of Order: Executive Session.**

#### **3.0 Executive Session.**

At 6:04 p.m., Mr. DeAscentis 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. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0).

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### OPEN SESSION

At 6:35 p.m., the meeting was called in Open Session.

#### 1.0 Personnel Actions. Discussion followed.

##### 1.1 Resignations.

- Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Resignation of Michael J. Lopes, Reading Specialist, Grade 9, Rogers High School; Julia A. Gressick, Teacher of Grade 7 Mathematics, Thompson Middle School; and Lisa Speck, Special Educator, Thompson Middle School, as presented. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

##### 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 Jan Campbell, Teacher of Grade 1, Underwood School, for the 2005-2006 school year, as presented. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

##### 1.4 Appointments/Transfers/Recalls.

###### 1.4.1 Appointments.

- Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Appointments of Hope Aswell, Teacher of Grade 8 Mathematics, Thompson Middle School, as presented, and Sharon MacDonnell, Teacher of Grade 7 Mathematics, Thompson Middle School, as presented, pending receipt of certification. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion. At the request of Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, discussion followed relative to readvertising given such a small candidate pool. Dr. Power spoke to the issue, and public input was received from Thompson Middle School Science Teacher Linda Moitoza. Mrs. Gaines moved the question, and Dr. Hilton seconded it, which carried (5-2). The Members voting against moving the question were: Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary and Thomas S. Phelan. A vote on the motion to consent to the approval of the Appointments carried (5-2). Those Members voting against the motion were: Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary and Thomas S. Phelan.

- Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Teacher Appointments to the Summer School Extended School Year 2005 Program, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion. At the request of Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, discussion followed. The motion carried (6-1-0). The Member who abstained was: Thomas S. Phelan.
- Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Special Education Para Educator Appointments to the Summer School Extended School Year 2005 Program, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion. At the request of Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, discussion followed. The motion carried (6-1-0). The Member who abstained was: Thomas S. Phelan.

#### **1.4.2 Transfers.**

- Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Transfer of Barbara Ripa, Clerk Typist, Dean's Office, Thompson Middle School, as presented. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

#### **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.)

At the request of Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary for supportive documentation relative to student and staff enrollment, Mr. Leary made a motion to postpone action (until the Committee's next Meeting) on the Recalls: Rescissions of Non-Renewals for 2005-2006 school year, as presented. Mr. Carlin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

**2.0 Elementary School Realignment.** Introduced by Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., and to be spread upon the official records of the Newport School Committee, Dr. Hilton made a motion to hold for discussion the Elementary School Realignment Resolution, at the request of Mr. Carlin. Mr. Carlin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0). The Committee reviewed the Elementary School Realignment Resolution, incorporating Mr. Carlin's following revisions: First Resolved: To strike the words "and/or renovating" and add the words after the word "facilities" "and/or renovating existing elementary school facilities". Mr. Carlin made a motion to adopt the First Resolved, as amended. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). Mr. Carlin requested that the next revision be made to the Second Resolved: To add the words after the word "support" "and input". Mr. Carlin made a motion to adopt the Second Resolved, as amended.

Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0). At the request of Jo Eva Gaines, discussion followed relative to the language indicated in the Third Resolved.

**Adjournment.** At 7:10 p.m., Mrs. Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

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**Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.**  
Chairperson

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**Robert B. Power, Ed.D.**  
Acting Clerk