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SEAL MINUTES

NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

Friday, July 8, 2005, 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order. Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 3:01 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, David R. Carlin, Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Jo Eva Gaines, Dr. O. William Hilton, Jr., and Thomas S. Phelan; School Department: Acting Superintendent of Schools Robert B. Power, Ed.D., Director of Special Education Linda Martin, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development (position vacant), 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.

ROLL CALL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

1.0 Appointment: Superintendent of Schools.

Executive Session.

At 3:03 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 (7-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION

At 3:50 p.m., the meeting was called in Open Session.

1.0 Appointment: Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Gaines moved the appointment of John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., as Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0). Mrs. Gaines moved the acceptance of the Contract of Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., as recommended by Counsel Galvin. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion. Discussion followed. For the record, both Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary and Member Thomas S. Phelan voiced their wholehearted support for the Appointment of Dr. Ambrogi and that he was the right candidate for the position, but they both stated that they could not support some of the terms of the Contract. The motion carried (5-2). Those Members voting in favor of the motion were: Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, David R. Carlin, Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Jo Eva Gaines, and Dr. O. William Hilton, Jr. Those Members voting against the motion were: Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary and Member Thomas S. Phelan. The Committee and the public applauded Dr. Ambrogi's Appointment. On behalf of the Committee, Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker thanked Dr. Power for all of his help throughout the transition process. He then introduced Dr. Ambrogi and cited many of his accomplishments. Dr. Ambrogi thanked the Committee and provided brief remarks.

2.0 Personnel Actions.

2.1 Resignations. N/A.

2.2 Retirements. N/A.

2.3 Leaves of Absence. N/A.

2.4 Appointments/Transfers/Recalls.

2.4.1 Appointments.

- Mr. Carlin made a motion to postpone action on the Requests for Appointments of the Director of Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development; Elementary Principal, Coggeshall School; English Department Head, Rogers High School; Social Studies Department Head, Rogers High School; and Special Education Department Head, Rogers High School until Incoming Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D. has had an opportunity to review these vacancies. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0). Public Input was received from Jacob Cykert who indicated concern for holding action on the Requests for Appointments of the three Department Heads, given they are contractually collective bargaining unit positions. Chairperson Dr. Shoemaker publicly accepted Mr. Cykert's comments for the record.

2.4.2 Transfers. N/A.

2.4.3 Recalls. N/A.

3.0 Bid: Rogers High School Auditorium Dome Roof Coating. Director of Property Services Paul Fagan reviewed the Rogers High School Auditorium Dome Roof Coating Bid with the Committee. Mr. Carlin made a motion to award the Bid: Rogers High School Auditorium Dome Roof Coating to Newport Roofing and Construction, 15 Vernon Avenue, Newport, Rhode Island, in the total amount of \$66,000. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Fagan stated that the funding source for this project was budgeted under the Capital Improvement Plan. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

4.0 Policy Subcommittee:

4.1 Physical Restraint Policy: Second Reading. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept for second reading the Physical Restraint Policy. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried (4-3). The Members voting in favor of the motion were: Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Jo Eva Gaines, and Dr. O. William Hilton, Jr. The Members voting against the motion were: David R. Carlin, Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, and Thomas S. Phelan.

5.0 Executive Session.

At 4:10 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. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

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OPEN SESSION

At 5:58 p.m., the meeting was called in Open Session.

Adjournment. At 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Hilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.
Chairperson

Robert B. Power, Ed.D.
Acting Clerk