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**NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting**

Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER. School Committee Chairman Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, MD called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Frank E. Thompson Middle School Marion Peckham Egan Library and Learning Resource Center.

ROLL CALL. 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. Thomas P. Galvin, and Thomas S. Phelan; School Department: Superintendent of Schools Dr. John H. Ambrogi.

1.0 CONSENT AGENDA. Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, as presented. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion. Mr. Phelan requested that the appointments / transfers be pulled from the consent agenda and considered separately. The motion to accept the Consent Agenda, minus the appointments/transfers carried unanimously (7-0).

1.1 Approval of Minutes. Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to consent to the approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 8, 2008 as follows. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

- **Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 8, 2008.** No changes.

1.2-5 Personnel Actions.

1.2 Resignations. N/A

1.3 Retirements.

Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to consent to the **retirements** of **Barry Coofer**, Physical Education/Health Teacher, RHS; **Edith Morin**, Social Studies Department Head, RHS; **David Stinson**, Physical Education/Health Teacher, RHS; **all effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.** Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

1.4 Leaves of Absence.

Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to **consent to the maternity leave of absence of Gretchen Pantig**, Reading Teacher, RHS on or about 3/12/2008 through 04/21/2008. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion which carried unanimously (7-0).

1.5 Appointments/Transfers/Recalls.

Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to approve **the appointment of Mr. David Goodburn, Science Department Head, RHS**. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion which passed (5-2) with Mr. Leary and Mr. Phelan both opposing. Both Mr. Leary and Mr. Phelan indicated that they were voting against the position, not the person selected for the appointment.

Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to approve **the appointment of Mr. Josh Hayes, Custodian 2nd Shift, TMS**. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion which passed unanimously (7-0).

1.6 Requests for Home Instruction. N/A

Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., distributed the approved Personnel Actions (attached) dated January 22, 2008, as presented.

2.0 DISCUSSION

2.1 2008-2009 SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS

Dr. Shoemaker presented the committee with a proposed list of 2008-2009 School Committee goals. Each goal was selected and discussed, with the final language of the goals presented below:

2008-2009 SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS

1. To implement the new provisions of the Federal *Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act* and State Regulations of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Governing the Education of Children with Disabilities to improve student achievement by carefully putting academic and behavioral interventions in place that reduce the over identification of students with disabilities.;
2. To continue supporting all efforts to comply with Federal "NCLB" and State Article 18 requirements, so that each student's achievement may be improved in all target areas and that the Newport Public Schools moves away from being under the requirements of Progressive Support and Intervention and reduces the number of schools not meeting AYP.
3. To continue to pursue "high expectations for all students" thereby challenging every youngster who attends Newport Public Schools based on his or her abilities and talents;

- a. To continue to explore efforts to advance curriculum by evaluating innovative avenues of access, such as on-line courses, inter-district collaboration, and to encourage concurrent enrollment of students, with implementation by September 2008 if possible.
 - b. To offer an AP Biology Course at Rogers High School with implementation by September 2008 if possible and to begin to discuss coordination of AP courses with Portsmouth High School and Middletown High School.
 - c. To explore the possibility of having a flexible day for the staff at Rogers High School with the goal of providing more opportunities for Rogers High School Students to take the courses that they want or need without concerns for scheduling conflicts.
4. To work towards the successful passage of a bond referendum to establish a new primary school and a new seventh and eighth grade middle school wing at the site of the Rogers High School campus;
 5. To continue to provide a realistic, educationally sound, cost-effective budget that supports district goals. This budget needs to be presented in a format that is transparent, easily understood and professionally presented to the citizens of Newport;
 6. To support the revision of the programs offered at the Newport Area Career and Technical Center; add the ninth grade and revise programs to comply with new state standards and pursue increased state funding for vocational education.
 7. To analyze the quality of the after-school and summer school services offered to students attending the Newport Public Schools with the goal of ensuring that these services provided to students outside of the school day and school year are appropriately coordinated with the goals academically, socially and emotionally of our core mission in the Newport Public Schools;
 8. To better coordinate mentoring and volunteer services in the Newport Public Schools;
 9. To carefully review ways that parents and guardians of students who attend Newport Public Schools may be more actively engaged in their children's educational program;
 10. To review and revise the English Language Arts program on a K-12 basis so that there is a better coordination across the various grade levels.
 11. To successfully complete a new collective bargaining agreement with the Teachers' Association of Newport.
 12. To encourage a higher rate of graduation without compromising academic standards.

2.2 2008-2009 School Committee Sub-Committee Appointments

Dr. Shoemaker presented the following Sub-Committee Appointments for approval by the school committee. Mrs. Gaines moved to approve the sub-committee appointments as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeAscentis and was carried unanimously (7-0).

Subcommittee Appointments

Negotiations (TAN)

School Committee (6)
Exception: Leary

Newport School Committee
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Negotiations (Council 94)	School Committee (6) Exception: DeAscentis
Finance Advisory	Robert J. Leary, Chair Thomas S. Phelan Community Members
Performance Oversight and Evaluation	Jo Eva Gaines, Chair Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr. David R. Carlin
Policy	Jo Eva Gaines, Chair Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr. Thomas P. Galvin, MD M. Jane Barry PhD, Community
Wellness	Thomas P. Galvin, MD, Chair Jo Eva Gaines
Administrative Compensation	Hugo J. DeAscentis, Chair Jo Eva Gaines Thomas S. Phelan Robert J. Leary
Facilities Planning	Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Chair Thomas P. Galvin, MD Jo Eva Gaines Thomas S. Phelan Community Members
Career/Technical Coordinating Committee	Thomas S. Phelan Robert J. Leary
Newport Public Education Foundation	Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker
RI Association of School Committees	Jo Eva Gaines
School Committee-City Council	Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Chair Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr. Robert J. Leary Thomas P. Galvin, MD – Alternate Thomas S. Phelan – Alternate
School Committee/State Legislators	David R. Carlin, Chair Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr. Thomas S. Phelan
Strategic Planning Team	Jo Eva Gaines, Chair David R. Charlin Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker
Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force	David R. Carlin
Ad Hoc Academic Eligibility	David R. Carlin, Chair Thomas P. Galvin, MD, Vice Chair Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr.

John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D. (Superintendent)
Patricia DiCenso (RHS Principal)
Eric G. Thomas (TMS Principal)
John Heino (Athletic Director)
Teacher representing Band
Member of Boosters Club

3.0 ACTION.

3.1 REAFFIRM ORGANIZATIONAL VOTE TAKEN AT 1/08/08 MEETING

Mr. DeAscentis moved to reaffirm the organizational vote taken at the **01/08/2008 meeting, which elected Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Chairman** The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gaines and carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. DeAscentis moved to reaffirm the organizational vote taken at the **01/08/2008 meeting, which elected Mr. Robert J. Leary, Vice Chairman** The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gaines and carried unanimously (7-0).

3.2 2008-2009 SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS.

Mr. Carlin moved to **accept the 2008-2009 School Committee Goals as discussed.** The motion was seconded by Mr. DeAscentis and was carried unanimously (7-0).

4.0 SUGGESTED MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi reviewed suggested meeting dates and agenda topics for the months of January 2008 and February 2008, as follows:

- Tuesday, February 12, 2008:
Regular Newport School Committee Meeting
Thompson Middle School Cafeteria
- Monday – Friday, February 18 – February 22, 2008:
Winter Recess [No School]
- Thursday – February 28, 2008:
RIDE Non-Renewal Hearing
- Wednesday – March 5, 2008 – 6:30 p.m. (Council Chambers):
Preliminary City Council & School Committee Budget Workshop
- Tuesday, March 11, 2008:
Regular Newport School Committee Meeting
Thompson Middle School Cafeteria

- **Wednesday – May 21, 2008 - 6:30 p.m. (Council Chambers):**
Newport City Council & School Committee Budget Workshop

Special Meetings may be scheduled, as required.

5.0 Executive Session. N/A

Adjournment. At 6:25 p.m., Mrs. Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carlin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).



Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.
Chairperson



John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.
Clerk

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MEMORANDUM

TO: Building Principals, Central Office Administration, and Union Presidents
FROM: John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools *Jack*
RE: **Personnel Actions – January 22, 2008**
DATE: January 23, 2008

The following personnel actions were taken at the January 22, 2008 Newport School Committee Meeting:

1.3 RETIREMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Barry Coofer	Physical Ed/Health Teacher, RHS	end of 07-08 School Year
Edith Morin	Social Studies Dept. Head, RHS	end of 07-08 School Year
David Stinson	Physical Ed/Health Teacher, RHS	end of 07-08 School Year

1.4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Type of Leave</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Gretchen Pantig	Reading Teacher, RHS	Maternity	on or about 3/21/08 returning on or about 4/21/08

1.4.1 APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
David Goodburn	Science Dept. Head, RHS	1/23/08
Josh Hayes	Custodian 2 nd Shift, TMS	1/23/08