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**NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER. Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, MD called the Regular April Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Frank E. Thompson Middle School Beatrice Berman Bazarsky Performing Arts Center and Cafeteria.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

1.0 MOMENT OF SILENCE. None.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT. (Held until after agenda item 7.2 presentation.)

3.0 STUDENT ACTIVITIES.

3.1 Student Council:

3.1.1 Update—Amelia Dias. No Report.

4.0 RESOLUTIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT.

4.1 On behalf of the Newport School Committee, Chairman Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker publicly read aloud the Resolution for the Rogers High School Swim Team, the Rhode Island Division II State Champions. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Resolution, as presented. Mr. Leary seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0). Dr. Shoemaker presented certificates to the swim team members, Lindsey Butler, Fiona Byrne, Tara Byrne, Maggie Gomes, Kate McGuire, Amber Machowski, Aleks Martins, Shannon McGinn, Tia McMahan, Michelle Norbury, Abbey Preston, Amanda Preston, and Vica White, and the coached, Kaelan Jewell and Chris Gleason.

7.2 Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Building Committee for the New School Construction Plan for Submittal to the Rhode Island Department of Education. (Taken out of agenda order.)

Dr. Ambrogi presented a PowerPoint™ presentation of the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Building Committee for the New School Construction. This recommended plan supports a K-1 Early Childhood Center at the Coggeshall Site, and Grades 2-6 at Thompson with the Middle School Grades 7-8 moving to the Rogers Campus. Dr. Ambrogi reported that this is the plan that will be acceptable to the RI Department of Education and the Board of Regents. The School Committee members explained their reaction to the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following members of the public addressed the committee regarding the plan outlined by Dr. Ambrogi:

1. Mr. Ron Becker, 189 Rhode Island Avenue
2. Ms. Isabel Griffith, 22 Walnut Street
3. Mr. George Marshall, 59 Second Street
4. Mr. David Elwell, 100 Harrison Avenue
5. Mr. James Asbel, 446 Broadway
6. Mrs. Sandra Flowers, 16 Kecher Avenue
7. Mr. Frank Landry, 59 Friendship Street
8. Mr. David Hanos, 133 Van Zandt Avenue
9. Mr. Drew Carey, 215 Eustis Avenue
10. Mr. Coles Mallory, 121 Washington Street
11. Mr. John B. Maytum, 24 Van Zandt Avenue
12. Mr. James Moore, 5 Ocean Lawn Lane
13. Mr. Marvin Abney, 12 Summer Street
14. Mrs. Terry Mason, 565 Spring Street
15. Mr. Jan Mermin, 16 Princeton Street
16. Mrs. Becky Bolan, 4 Channing Street

Dr. Galvin moved to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Building Committee for the New School Construction Plan for Submittal to the Rhode Island Department of Education. This plan supports a new PreK-1 at Coggeshall School, a Grades 2-6 upper elementary school at the Thompson Middle School site, the establishment of a Grade 7-8 Middle School at the

Roger High School Campus, and the renovation of Rogers High School, and to further authorize the submittal of the Stage II Application to the Rhode Island Department of Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shoemaker and failed (2:5) with Dr. Shoemaker and Dr. Galvin voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Carlin, Mrs. Gaines, Mr. Leary, Mr. DeAscentis and Mr. Phelan voting against the motion.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, as presented. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

5.1 Approval of Minutes. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 11, 2008 and Tuesday, March 18, 2008 as follows. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

- **Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 11, 2008.**
- **Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 18, 2008.**

5.2-5 Personnel Actions.

5.2 Resignations.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer Duggan Ingram, LOA 2007-2008 School Year, (Grade 3 at Cranston-Calvert). Dr. Galvin seconded the motion which carried unanimously (7-0).

5.3 Retirements. N/A

5.4 Leaves of Absence. N/A

5.5 Appointments/Transfers/Recalls.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the appointment of Lindsey True, Girls Softball Coach, TMS, effective immediately. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion which carried unanimously (7-0).

5.6. Requests for Home Instruction.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the following Requests for Home Instruction: James de Marcellus (Kindergarten); Rhys P. Miller (3rd Grade) and Paige E. Miller (6th Grade). Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., distributed the approved Personnel Actions (attached) dated April 8, 2008, as presented.

6.0 DISCUSSION

6.1 Subcommittee Reports:

6.2.1 Facilities Planning Subcommittee

6.2.1 Ad Hoc Building Committee

Dr. Shoemaker reported that Dr. Ambrogi's presentation on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Building Committee will take the place of the subcommittee report this evening.

6.2.2 Newport School Committee/Newport City Council Liaison. Dr. Shoemaker indicated that a Liaison Subcommittee has not met.

6.2.3 Policy. Subcommittee Chairperson Mrs. Gaines reported that the policy committee has incorporated consul's recommendations into the change to the Anti-Bullying Policy that will be considered for third and final reading under the action section of the agenda tonight.

6.2.4 Wellness. Dr. Galvin reported that Salve Regina University will be working with the wellness committee to develop a survey.

6.2.5 Rhode Island Association of School Committees (RIASC). Mrs. Gaines reported that State Annual meeting has been set for May 3, 2008 at the Pell Center for International Studies and Public Policy, The Young Building, Corner of Bellevue and Ruggles Ave., Newport, Rhode Island. Featured will be a legislative update and remarks from the Auditor General regarding the new statewide chart of accounts.

6.4.5 Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force. Mr. Carlin reported that the Task Force is continuing work on planning for the grant. The annual luncheon will be held on Friday, May 25, 2008 with awards presented at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon at noon at the Colonial Dining Room at the Newport Area Career and Technical Center.

6.4.6 Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Eligibility. Mr. Carlin reported that the committee has met twice to continue working on a policy that will present a compromise position to bring to the Committee.

7.0 ACTION.

7.1 Newport Public Schools Policy Amendments.

7.1.1 Anti-Bullying Policy Revisions – “Cyber Bullying Language”. Mrs. Gaines presented changes to the Anti-Bullying Policy which incorporates Anti-Harassment, Anti-Intimidation and “cyber-bullying” language into current policy. This policy change is presented for third and final reading. **Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the second reading of the**

proposed changes incorporating Mr. Galvin's suggestions, to Policy 5.4.6 Anti-Harassment, Anti-Intimidation and Anti-Bullying. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion which was carried unanimously (7-0).

8.0 Reports from Superintendent and Staff: Expenditure and Revenue Reports, Enrollment Reports, Damage Reports, and Superintendent's Update.

8.1 Expenditure and Revenue Reports. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi reviewed with the Committee the Expenditure and Revenue Reports as of March 31, 2008. **Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Expenditure and Revenue Reports, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).**

8.2 Enrollment Reports. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi reviewed with the Committee the March 31, 2008 Enrollment Report. **Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Enrollment Report, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).**

8.3 Damage Reports. N/A

8.4 Superintendent's Update. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi briefed the Committee on his activities during the past month to date: Substance Abuse Presentation; NACTC Coordinating Committee Meeting at Oliphant; National History Day at Rogers High School; Ad Hoc Academic Eligibility Meeting; Ad Hoc Building Committee; NPFF (Newport Partnership for Families) Annual Breakfast Meeting at Salve; St. Patrick's Day Parade; National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at Rogers High School; RISSA General Membership Meeting; New School Construction Meeting with RIDE Joe DaSilva; Wellness Subcommittee Meeting; NPEF (Newport Public Education Foundation) Meeting; RIIRMT (Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust) Board Meeting; Reading Week at Coggeshall School; RIPEC Meeting. **Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Superintendent's Update, as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).**

8.5 Aquidneck Island Adult Learning Center Report. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi reviewed with the Committee the March 2008 monthly report from the Aquidneck Island Adult Learning Center. **Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Aquidneck Island Learning Center monthly report as presented. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).**

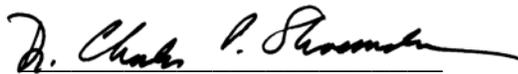
9.0 SUGGESTED MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

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

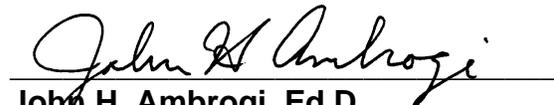
- Tuesday, April 8, 2008:
Regular Newport School Committee Meeting
Thompson Middle School Cafeteria
- Tuesday, April 22, 2008 (4:00 p.m.):
Special Newport School Committee Meeting
Newport Public Schools Administration Center
- Tuesday, May 13, 2008:
Regular Newport School Committee Meeting
Thompson Middle School Cafeteria
- Wednesday – May 21, 2008 - 6:30 p.m. (Council Chambers):
Newport City Council & School Committee Budget Workshop
- Tuesday, June 10, 2008:
Regular Newport School Committee Meeting
Thompson Middle School Cafeteria

Special Meetings may be scheduled, as required.

Adjournment. At 9:40 p.m., Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).



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 *John*
RE: **Personnel Actions –April 8, 2008**
DATE: April 9, 2008

The following personnel actions were taken at the April 8, 2008 Newport School Committee Meeting:

5.2 RESIGNATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jenifer Duggan Ingram	LOA, 2007-2008 School Year	Immediately

5.5 APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lindsey True	Girls' Softball Coach, TMS	Immediately