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**NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**Special Meeting**  
Thursday, February 28, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order.** Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 4:02 p.m. at the Thompson Middle School Library.

**Roll Call.** Attendance was as follows: School Committee Members: Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, David R. Carlin (arrived at 4:09 p.m.), Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Jo Eva Gaines, Dr. Thomas P. Galvin, and Thomas S. Phelan; School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambroggi, Ed.D., Director of Student Services Amy Donnelly Roche (absent), Executive Director of Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development Jacqueline Naspo, Ed.D. (absent), Business Manager Michael Saunders, Director of Property Services Paul Fagan (absent), Coordinator of Human Resources and Information Services Fran Eames (absent), School Building Principals (absent), Administrators (absent), and School Committee Counsel Neil P. Galvin.

**1.0 Preliminary School Budget 2008-2009—  
Discussion and Approval.**

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambroggi presented to the Committee the Preliminary School Budget 2008-2009 for discussion and approval.

Dr. Ambroggi stated that these were very difficult times, in terms of the financial commitment from federal, state, and local government, and we anticipate a reduction in revenue from federal and local sources and flat funding from the state. He stated that this Budget would require a reasonable 2.12% increase which, because of the flat state funding and decreases in revenues from other sources, would require a contribution from the City of Newport of 5%.

Dr. Ambroggi stated that, once again, we have tried to be very careful in our expenditures and most of our savings are as a result of reductions in salaries and benefits from personnel costs.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Leary complimented the staff for a reasonable budget. Both Mr. Carlin and Mrs. Gaines echoed Mr. Leary's comments. Mr. Leary made a motion to adopt the Proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 School Budget in the amount of

\$38,501,606, resulting in a 2.12 increase, as presented. Mr. Carlin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

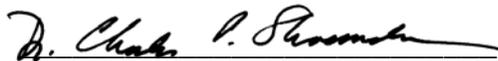
## 2.0 Executive Session.

At 5:03 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).

## OPEN SESSION

At 5:33 p.m., the meeting was called in Open Session.

**Adjournment.** At 5:35 p.m., Mrs. Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Phelan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

  
Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.  
Chairperson

  
John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.  
Clerk