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**NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL
Special Joint Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 5, 2008**

MINUTES

Call to Order. City of Newport Mayor Stephen Waluk called the Special Joint Meeting of the Newport School Committee and Newport City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Newport Council Chambers.

Roll Call. Attendance was as follows: School Committee Members: Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary (absent), David R. Carlin (absent), Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Jo Eva Gaines, Dr. Thomas P. Galvin, and Thomas S. Phelan; City Council Members: Mayor Stephen C. Waluk, Vice Chairperson Mary C. Connolly, Stephen R. Coyne, Charles Y. Duncan, Kathryn Leonard, Jeanne-Marie Napolitano, and Justin McLaughlin; School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, 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 (absent). City of Newport Administration: City Manager Edward Lavalley, Finance Director Laura Sitrin, and Counsel Joseph Nicholson (absent).

1.0 2008-2009 Pre-Budget Consultation. As required by state law, the 2008-2009 Pre-Budget discussion followed between the Council and School Committee. School Committee Chairperson Dr. Shoemaker and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi presented the tentative approved 2008-2009 School Budget of \$38,501,606, representing an increase of 2.12 percent. Review and discussion followed relative to tentative enrollment, staffing, expenditures, capital improvement funding, unfunded liability, City's projected revenues, School Department's projected revenues, health care benefits, new school construction, and scheduling meetings of the City-School Liaison Subcommittee.

2.0 Executive Session. No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment. At 7:43 p.m., Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0).


Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.
Chairperson


John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.
Clerk