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NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting
Monday, August 4, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order. Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. at the 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 (absent), Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Jo Eva Gaines, Dr. Thomas P. Galvin, and Thomas S. Phelan; School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., Property Services Director Paul Fagan, and School Committee Counsel Neil P. Galvin (arrived at 5:41 p.m.).

1.0 Consent Agenda

1.1 Personnel Actions

1.1.1 Resignations.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Resignation of Rocco Danella, Grade 2 Teacher, Underwood, 2007-2008 (currently on layoff), effective immediately. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0). Mrs. Gaines expressed Rocco Danella was an excellent teacher.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Resignation of Rocco Danella, Freshman Baseball Coach, Rogers High School, effectively immediately. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Resignation of Brian Ferreira, Technical Assistant, Thompson Middle School, effective immediately. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Resignation of Brent Kermen, Assistant Principal, Thompson Middle School, effectively immediately. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

1.1.2 Leaves of Absence.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the Leave of Absence of Margaret Brennan, Grade 4 Teacher, Underwood School, Maternity, effective on or about 9/30/08 to on or about 11/25/08. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the Leave of Absence of Michael Brennan, PE/Health Teacher, Thompson Middle School, Paternity, effective on or about 9/30/08 to on or about 10/09/08. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the Leave of Absence of Renato Ramirez, Custodian, Thompson Middle School, Leave without Pay, effective on 09/05/08 to 09/04/09. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

1.1.3 Appointments/Transfers.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the Appointment of Stanley Brown, Interim Director, AIALC (part-time), not to exceed 90 days, effective for the 2008-2009 School Year Only. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the Appointment of Deborah Berdy, Underwood School, Lead Mentor, effective for the 2008-2009 School Year Only. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the Appointment of Ann Green, Cranston-Calvert School, Lead Mentor, effective for the 2008-2009 School Year Only. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the Appointment of Claire Mey, Cranston-Calvert School, Lead Mentor, effective for the 2008-2009 School Year Only. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the Appointment of Marice Ann Piquette, Thompson Middle School, Lead Mentor, effective for the 2008-2009 School Year Only. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to approve the Transfer of Diane Lathan, Special Education Para Educator PCA, Sullivan to Kindergarten Para

Educator, Underwood, effective 09/03/08. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

2.0 Third Reading—Early Admission to Kindergarten Policy. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to adopt for Third Reading the Early Admission to Kindergarten Policy. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (6-0).

3.0 Interviews—Engineering Firms.

3.1 Requesting Fire Safety Upgrades at Elementary Schools.

- **Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc.**
- **The Robinson Green Beretta Corporation.**
- **Andrew Yates Architects.**

At the conclusion of each firm's presentation, a question-and-answer period followed.

4.0 Executive Session.

At 5:46 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 (6-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION

At 6:15 p.m., the meeting was called in Open Session.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to contract with the firm of Robinson Green Beretta Corporation to provide architectural/engineering services relating to the required fire code compliance upgrades for the following schools: Carey, Coggeshall, Cranston-Calvert, Sullivan, Underwood, and Triplett, contingent upon review by School Committee Counsel. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried (4-2). Those Members voting in favor of the motion were: Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Jo Eva Gaines, Dr. Thomas P. Galvin, and Thomas S. Phelan. Those Members voting against the motion were: Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary and Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr.

4.0 Executive Session.

At 6:18 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 (6-0).

SEAL MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION

At 6:58 p.m., the meeting was called in Open Session.

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

Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.
Chairperson

John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.
Clerk