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**NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting**

Thursday, July 2, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order. Chairperson Mrs. Jo Eva Gaines called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 6:02 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 Jo Eva Gaines; Vice Chairperson Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Rebecca Bolan (absent), Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., Patrick K. Kelley (absent), Robert J. Leary, and Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker. School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.

1.0 Personnel Actions.

1.1 Resignations.

Dr. Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Resignation of: Sarah Bagley, Girls' Tennis Team Coach, Rogers High School, effective immediately. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0).

1.2 Appointments/Recalls.

Appointments.

Mr. Leary made a motion to approve the Appointment of: James Cawley, Athletic Director, Rogers High School, effective July 1, 2009. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Leary suggested reviewing, when appropriate, the possibility of reducing the Position of Athletic Director from full time to part time given the continued drop in enrollment. The motion carried (4-1). The Member voting against the motion was: Vice Chairperson Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr.

Dr. Shoemaker made a motion to approve the Appointments of: Instructional Support Team Teachers for the 2009-2010 School Year, as follows: Dale Blaess, Underwood School; Kathleen Bradley, Cranston-Calvert School; Christina Camardo, Thompson Middle School; Jennifer Conheeny, Sullivan School; Claire Mey, Cranston-Calvert School; Sue Moore, Underwood School; Aaron Sherman, Underwood School; and Traci Westman, Sullivan School. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0).

Recalls—Non-Tenured (rescission of non-renewal of contracts).

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve the Recall—Non-Tenured (rescission of non-renewal of contract), effective immediately, of: Stephanie DeAscentis, Grade 4 Teacher, Cranston-Calvert School. Dr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which carried (4-1-0). Vice Chairperson Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., abstained.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve the Recall—Non-Tenured (rescission of non-renewal of contract), effective immediately, of: Talia Powers, Grade 2 Teacher, Sullivan School. Dr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which carried (4-1-0). Mr. Leary recused himself.

Dr. Flowers made a motion to approve the Recall—Non-Tenured (rescission of non-renewal of contract), effective immediately, of: Amy Taft, Primary Special Education Teacher, Sullivan School. Dr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0).

Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., distributed the approved Personnel Actions (attached) dated July 2, 2009, as presented.

- 2.0 School Dress Codes—Discussion/Workshop.** Discussion followed relative to School Dress Codes and the District's current Policy. At the suggestion of Dr. Shoemaker, the Committee agreed to first solicit input from teachers, administrators, parents, parent-teacher organizations, and student councils before addressing the modification of the District's current Dress Code Policy. The Committee further agreed to revisit this discussion in September for potential modification to the District's current Policy for implementation the following school year, September, 2010.

Adjournment. At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0).

Jo Eva Gaines
Chairperson

John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.
Clerk