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NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Call to Order. Chairperson Mrs. Jo Eva Gaines called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 4:01 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 (arrived at 4:04 p.m.), and Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker. School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., Business Manager Michael Saunders, Property Services Director Paul Fagan, Rogers High School Principal Patricia DiCenso, and Rogers High School Assistant Principal James Nelson.

1.0 PUBLIC HEARING: Request a Variance from the Board of Regents. The School Committee held a Public Hearing on Monday, July 27, 2009, at 4 p.m., at Thompson Middle School to consider a request for a Variance from the Rhode Island Department of Education requiring that the Newport Area Career and Technical Center has a Director. Public Input was received in support of maintaining the Director of the Newport Area Career and Technical Center from only two individuals: Charles Walker, a former student who attended the Newport Area Career and Technical Center, and Parent and Resident Patricia Kalble who has a son who attends Rogers High School and the Newport Area Career and Technical Center. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi highlighted the reasons for the Request of a Variance. Discussion followed by School Committee Members. Mr. Leary made a motion that "The Newport School Committee hereby seeks a variance from Regulation, Section IV, Staffing, 1, 2, and 6 of the Regulations of the Board of Regents Governing The Management and Operation of Area Vocational-Technical Centers in Rhode Island dated July 19, 1990, which require that area vocational-technical directors be appointed." Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0).

2.0 Personnel Actions.

2.1 Resignations.

Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to approve the Resignation of: Michael Whaley, Dean of Students, Rogers High School, effective July 24, 2009. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0).

Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to approve the Resignation of: Britany Coleman, Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach, Rogers High School, effective July 28, 2009. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0).

2.2 Appointments.

Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to approve the Appointments of:

Brian Krauss	Boys' Soccer Coach, TMS	8/20/09
Jamie Butterworth	Junior Class advisor, RHS	9/9/09
Jamie Butterworth	Special Education Teacher, ALP	9/9/09
Peter Corr	Drama Advisor, RHS	9/9/09
Stephen Ferris	Student Council Advisor, RHS	9/9/09
Stephen Ferris	Mock Trial Coach, RHS	9/9/09
Melissa Henry	Reading Specialist, ALP (job share)	9/9/09
Linda Moitza	National Honor Society, RHS	9/9/09
Colleen Murray	USA Skills Advisor, RHS	9/9/09
Gretchen Pantig	Reading Specialist, ALP (job share)	9/9/09
Joanne Ritchie	Transition Coordinator, RHS	9/9/09
Brian Sullivan	Bus/Cafeteria Duty, RHS	9/9/09
Lisa Kirby	Eng. Language Arts Curriculum Liaison, TMS	9/9/09
Sharon McDonnell	Yearbook Advisor, TMS	9/9/09
Donna Radkovich	Special Education Liaison, TMS	9/9/09
Barbara O'Neill	Head Teacher, Cranston Calvert	9/9/09
Carla Jewell	Head Teacher, Sullivan	9/9/09
Deborah Berdy	Head Teacher, Underwood	9/9/09
Guia Coleman	Bus/Playground Duty, Underwood	9/9/09

Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0).

Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., distributed the approved Personnel Actions (attached) dated July 27, 2009, as presented.

- 3.0 Heating Fuel Oil—2009-2010.** Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi stated that the Heating Fuel Oil Bid for 2009-2010 was rebid and opened this afternoon at 3 p.m. and that no conforming bids were received. Dr. Ambrogi advised the Committee that, after telephone consultation with Counsel Galvin prior to this meeting, he had indicated that the Superintendent, pursuant to state law, can reject the bids and is allowed to negotiate the best price possible with those bidders that bid either during the initial bidding process and/or the rebidding process. Business Manager Michael Saunders then addressed the Committee regarding the Heating Fuel Oil Bidding Process and Results. Discussion followed. Dr. Shoemaker made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to reject the bids and allow him to negotiate with all prior bidders for the best price, with the understanding not to exceed the fixed price of \$2.14 per gallon. Mr. Leary seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried (4-1). The Member who voted against the motion was: Vice Chairperson Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr.

- 4.0 Executive Session.** No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment. At 4:45 p.m., Dr. Shoemaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. DeAscentis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (5-0).

Jo Eva Gaines
Chairperson

John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.
Clerk

