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**NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL
Special Joint Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 10, 2009**

MINUTES

Call to Order. Newport School Committee Chairperson Jo Eva Gaines called the Special Joint Meeting of the Newport School Committee and Newport City Council to order at 6:30 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 Jo Eva Gaines, Vice Chairperson Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Rebecca Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., Patrick K. Kelley, Robert J. Leary, and Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker; City Council Members: Mayor Jeanne-Marie Napolitano, Vice Chairperson Justin McLaughlin, Mary C. Connolly (absent), Stephen R. Coyne (absent), Charles Y. Duncan, Kathryn Leonard (absent), and Stephen C. Waluk (absent); School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., and Property Services Director Paul Fagan. City of Newport Administration: City Manager Edward Lavallee (arrived at approximately 6:45 p.m.) and Finance Director Laura Sitrin (absent).

1.0 Presentation—Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council—Aquidneck Island Consolidation and Feasibility Study—June, 2009. John Simmons, of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council (RIPEC) presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Newport School Committee and the Newport City Council on RIPEC's Aquidneck Island Consolidation and Feasibility Study of June, 2009. Discussion followed and public input was received relative to next steps.

Adjournment. At 8:16 p.m., Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bolan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Jo Eva Gaines
Chairperson

John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.
Clerk