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**NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**Organizational Meeting**  
Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**1.0 OPENING ITEMS.**

**1.1 Call to Order (By Clerk).** Superintendent of Schools Dr. John H. Ambrogi, Chairperson Pro-Tem, called the Organizational Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Thompson Middle School Beatrice Berman Bazarsky Performing Arts Center and Cafeteria.

**1.2 Roll Call.** Attendance was as follows: School Committee Members: Patrick K. Kelley, Rebecca Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., Jo Eva Gaines, Robert J. Leary, Thomas S. Phelan, and Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker. School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., Director of Property Services Paul Fagan, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Caroline Frey, Ed.D.

**1.3 Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**2.1 ACTION ITEMS.**

**2.1 Election of Chairperson.**

Superintendent of Schools Dr. John H. Ambrogi called for nominations for the **2011 Chairperson** of the Newport School Committee.

Mrs. Gaines nominated Patrick K. Kelley. Ms. Bolan seconded the nomination of Patrick K. Kelley. Superintendent of Schools Dr. John H. Ambrogi called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Dr. Ambrogi closed nominations.

In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Dr. Ambrogi called for a "yea" vote from the Committee for the appointment of Patrick K. Kelley, as Chairperson, in alphabetical order, as follows: Ms. Bolan voted "yea", Dr. Flowers voted "yea", Mrs. Gaines voted "yea", Mr. Kelley voted "yea", Mr. Leary voted "yea", Mr. Phelan voted "yea", and Dr. Shoemaker voted "yea". The motion to appoint Patrick K. Kelley, as Chairperson, passed unanimously (7-0).

## 2.2 Election of Vice Chairperson.

Chairperson Patrick K. Kelley called for nominations for the **2011 Vice Chairperson** of the Newport School Committee.

Mr. Phelan nominated Rebecca Bolan. Mr. Leary seconded the nomination of Rebecca Bolan. Chairperson Patrick K. Kelley called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Chairperson Mr. Kelley closed nominations.

In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Chairperson Patrick K. Kelley called for a "yea" vote from the Committee for the appointment of Rebecca Bolan, as Vice Chairperson, in alphabetical order, as follows: Ms. Bolan voted "yea", Dr. Flowers voted "yea", Mrs. Gaines voted "yea", Mr. Kelley voted "yea", Mr. Leary voted "yea", Thomas S. Phelan voted "yea", and Dr. Shoemaker voted "yea". The motion to appoint Rebecca Bolan, as Vice Chairperson, passed unanimously (7-0).

**2.3 Subcommittee Appointments.** Discussion followed. Ms. Bolan made a motion to accept the Subcommittee Appointments, as presented (attached). Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

**2.4 School Committee Goals 2011.** Discussion followed. Dr. Shoemaker made a motion to adopt the 2011 School Committee Goals, as presented (attached). Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

## 3.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**3.1** At 7:15 p.m., Ms. Bolan 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 (7-0).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**SEALED MINUTES—CONFIDENTIAL**

**OPEN SESSION**

At 7:43 p.m., the meeting was called in Open Session.

**4.0 ADJOURNMENT.**

At 7:44 p.m., Mr. Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

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**Patrick K. Kelley**  
Chairperson

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**John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.**  
Clerk

# Newport School Committee

## Officers and Subcommittee Assignments—2011

### OFFICERS

Chairperson  
 Vice Chairperson  
 Legal Counsel  
 Clerk

Patrick K. Kelley  
 Rebecca Bolan  
 Neil P. Galvin, Esquire  
 John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D

### SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Negotiations (TAN)

All Members except:  
 Robert J. Leary

Negotiations (Council 94)

All Members except:  
 Sandra P. Flowers, Ph.D.

Administrative Compensation

Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., Chair  
 Patrick K. Kelley  
 Thomas S. Phelan

Finance Advisory/Audit Committee

Robert J. Leary, Chair  
 Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.  
 Patrick K. Kelley

Policy

Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., Chair  
 Jo Eva Gaines  
 Rebecca Bolan  
 Thomas P. Galvin, M.D. (Community)

Evaluation

Patrick K. Kelley, Chair  
 Sandra Flowers  
 Jo Eva Gaines

Facilities

Jo Eva Gaines, Chair  
 Patrick K. Kelley  
 Thomas S. Phelan

Wellness

Rebecca Bolan, Chair  
 Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D.  
 Robert J. Leary

Public Relations/Community Outreach

Rebecca Bolan, Chair  
 Jo Eva Gaines  
 Lynn Ceglie (Parent)

School Committee/City Council Liaison

Robert J. Leary, Chair  
 Rebecca Bolan  
 Thomas S. Phelan

School Committee/Legislative Liaison

Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D.  
 Jo Eva Gaines

Career Technical Coordinating Committee

Jo Eva Gaines  
 Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.

Substance Abuse Task Force

Robert J. Leary

District Strategic Planning

Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D.  
 Jo Eva Gaines  
 Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.

Rhode Island Association of School Committees

Patrick K.Kelley

Newport Public Education Foundation

Rebecca Bolan  
Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.

Pell Building Committee

Jo Eva Gaines, Chair  
Rebecca Bolan  
Patrick K. Kelley

## **Newport School Committee Goals—2011**

### **Improve student proficiency and graduation rates.**

- Meet or exceed Newport proficiency targets at all grade levels as outlined in Race To the Top scope of work.
- Continue to emphasize and support achievement of math proficiency goals district wide for all students.
- Monitor progress at all grade levels via communications with administration.
- Provide the teaching staff the support required to utilize data to improve instruction and student achievement.
- Realign school day to achieve goal of extended learning time.
- Review and revise the academic program at Thompson Middle School based on results.
- Implement a school uniform policy for elementary and middle schools.
- End the use of cluster organization for classroom scheduling at Thompson Middle School.
- Eliminate the placement of teachers based on seniority.
- Implement a teacher evaluation process that includes measures of student growth.
- Reduce student absenteeism rates at all grade levels.

### **Deliver high quality Pell School on time and within budget.**

- Provide a smooth transition for Sullivan School students throughout the construction process.
- Make the academic program transition a priority for the Pell School.
- Involve the community and Newport Public School employees in design and building of the Pell School.
- Include renewable energy components in the Pell School design.
- Provide information updates to the public on the project.
- Raise funds for an endowment to address future school needs including technology replacement and horticultural upkeep.

### **Develop a balanced budget that invests resources wisely.**

- Develop zero based budget for 2011-2012 school year using the RIDE Basic Education Program as a planning guide.
- Reduce per student costs relative to other Rhode Island school districts.
- Allocate 1% of operating budget to capital improvement projects.
- Negotiate fair and equitable contracts with TAN and Council 94.

### **Enhance community involvement in Newport Public Schools.**

- Increase parental involvement.
- Involve parents and community in our efforts to eliminate bullying.
- Include all demographic groups in the city in public awareness campaigns.
- Continue to work to improve the public perception of Newport Public Schools through the use of various media sources.
- Address use of appropriate interpreter services.
- Improve professional communications with government representatives including the Newport City Council, Newport's delegation to the Rhode Island legislature and Rhode Island's representatives to the United States Congress.
- Be aware of major evaluation instruments and grading procedures so that discussions with constituents and educators will have clarity and understanding.

### **Collaborate with other school districts.**

- Complete implementation of East Bay Educational Collaborative Science Curriculum Project
- Participate in Aquidneck Island school regionalization discussions.
- Continue to investigate factors related to regionalization including educational, financial, social and governmental.
- Support placement of a binding or non binding referendum for a regionalized school district on the 2012 ballot.

*Adopted: 01-11-11*