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**NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE/  
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL  
Special Joint Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 2, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**1.0 OPENING ITEMS.**

- 1.1 **Call to Order.** City of Newport Mayor Stephen C. Waluk called the Special Joint Meeting of the Newport School Committee and Newport City Council to order at 6:33 p.m., at the City of Newport Council Chambers.
- 1.2 **Roll Call.** Attendance was as follows: School Committee Members: Chairperson Patrick K. Kelley, Vice Chairperson Rebecca Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., Jo Eva Gaines, Robert J. Leary, Thomas S. Phelan, and Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker; City Council Members: Mayor Stephen C. Waluk, Vice Chairperson Justin S. McLaughlin, Charles Y. Duncan; Kathryn E. Leonard, Jeanne-Marie Napolitano, Naomi L. Neville, and Henry F. Winthrop; School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D. City of Newport Administration: City Manager Edward Lavallee and Finance Director Laura Sitrin.

**2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS.**

- 2.1 **Strategic Plan.** The Newport Public Schools' adopted Strategic Plan 2010-2015 was reviewed.
- 2.2 **2010 Accomplishments.** The Newport School Committee 2010 Accomplishments were reviewed.
- 2.3 **2011 Goals.** The Newport School Committee adopted 2011 Goals were reviewed.
- 2.4 **Pell School Construction Process.** Discussion followed regarding planned activities for the Pell School Construction Process and the proposed Project Schedule Development Timeline—Option 1—Fall, 2013 Opening; or Option 2—January, 2013 Opening, citing that the Pell Building Committee opted to follow Option 2—January, 2013 Opening. A more in-depth discussion will follow regarding the Pell School Construction Process at an upcoming Newport School Committee/Newport City Council Liaison Subcommittee Meeting to be scheduled in the very near future.

- 2.5 Transfer of Newport Area Career and Technical Center Building [State of Rhode Island to the City of Newport].** Discussion followed regarding the school department's request to the City to approve the transfer of the Newport Area Career and Technical Center Building from the State of Rhode Island to the City of Newport. City Council Members requested the school department first prepare a cost/benefit analysis to support the proposed transfer before action is considered.
- 2.6 Finance Revenue Outlook.** Discussion followed regarding federal funding, the state funding formula, ARRA, and fund balance differences from the current school budget. Discussion then followed regarding the City of Newport's Preliminary Revenue Estimates for the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.

### 3.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

- 3.1 At 7:37 p.m., Mrs. Gaines 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. Mr. Leary seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**SEALED MINUTES—CONFIDENTIAL**

**OPEN SESSION**

At 8:14 p.m., the meeting was called in Open Session.

**Adjournment.** At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Shoemaker 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