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NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1.0 OPENING ITEMS.

- 1.1 Call to Order.** Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., called the Regular Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 7:00 p.m., at the Newport Public Schools' Administration Center, in Room 924.
- 1.2 Roll Call.** Attendance was as follows: School Committee Members: Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., Vice Chairperson Jo Eva Gaines, Rebecca Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., Robert J. Leary, Thomas S. Phelan, and Robert B. Power, Ed.D. School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance.** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 1.4 Moment of Silence.** Moment of Silence was presented:
- **Suzanne Brown Motzenbecker:** of Newport, passed away on Saturday, February 23, 2013, at Victoria Court, in Cranston. Born on June 8, 1923, in Newport, Mrs. Motzenbecker attended Rogers High School, Milgrim Secretarial School in Newport, and was employed by the Newport School Department for 20 years, retiring in 1989, as the Microfilm Technician for Central Administration.
 - **Kathleen Mary Tompsett:** of Newport, passed away on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at St. Clare Home, in Newport. Born on April 24, 1927, in Newport, Mrs. Tompsett was a graduate of St. Catherine's Academy, Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School, and was employed as a Bookkeeper/Secretary for the U.S. Government. Mrs. Tompsett is survived by her daughter Rogers High School Clerk Typist Trisha Lentz and her husband David.

- **Anthony P. Franco:** of Wakefield, passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2013, at South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Born on August 2, 1924, in Providence, Mr. Franco served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1948, aboard the USS Lexington and the USS Palau, and held a Private Pilot's License. Mr. Franco is survived by his son Coggeshall Elementary School Principal Michael Franco and his wife Kristen.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT.

No Public Comment was received.

3.0 RESOLUTIONS.

- 3.1 Resolution—Rogers High School—Boys Indoor Track—Class C State Champions.** On behalf of the Newport School Committee and Newport Public Schools, Ms. Bolan presented the Resolution (attached) to the Coaches and Members of the Rogers High School Indoor Track Team, as Rhode Island Class C State Champions. Mrs. Bolan praised the dedication of the coaching staff and made a motion to pass the Resolution—Rogers High School—Boys Indoor Track—Class C State Champions, as presented. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion which was carried unanimously (7-0).

4.0 STUDENT ACTIVITIES.

- 4.1 Student Council Update: Gabrielle Hermes.** Student Council President and School Committee Representative Gabrielle Hermes provided the Committee with an update on Student Activities of the Student Council: students are at the mid-term of third quarter and wrapping up Winter sports and anticipating the start of Spring sports activities. Physical Education Department hosted a successful Dodge Ball Tournament that many students attended. Sophomores are hosting a student versus faculty basketball game. Seniors are preparing for their Senior Project presentations on March 26. Senior Brady Bolan represented Rogers at the RI Congressional Youth Cabinet meeting with Congressman David Cicillene, and Rogers Jazz Band and Theater Company is preparing for Guys and Dolls.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA.

5.1.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 7 p.m. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 7 p.m., as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

5.1.2 Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 6 p.m. Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 6 p.m., as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

5.2 Personnel Actions.

APPOINTMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jennifer Booth	Executive Director of Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development	03/18/13
Megan Cawley	Instructional Academic Support Classroom, Thompson Middle School	03/13/13
Elizabeth Raffa	Instructional Academic Support Classroom, Thompson Middle School	03/13/13
Michael Yates	Head Baseball Coach – Rogers High School	03/13/13

TRANSFERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kimberly Behan	Principal, Underwood Elementary School to Principal, Pell Elementary School	07/01/13
Vincent Butler	Custodian – Cranston Calvert to Carpenter – Newport Public Schools	03/18/13
Nichole Cardoza	.5 FTE Early Childhood Coordinator to .8 FTE Early Childhood Coordinator	02/25/13
Patricia Murgo	Custodian – Underwood School to Custodian – Cranston Calvert School (pending transfer of Cranston Calvert Custodian to Carpenter)	03/18/13
Marcin Rembisz	Secretary to Director of Technology to Secretary to Executive Director of Teaching, Learning and Professional Development	03/18/13

Linden Smith	.5 FTE Special Ed Teacher – TMS to .6 FTE Special Ed Teacher – TMS & .4 FTE Special Ed Teacher – Cranston Calvert School	02/25/13
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LEAVES OF ABSENCE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kathryn Dusel	Leave Without Pay, English Teacher – Thompson Middle School	2013/2014 SY
Talia Powers	Maternity Leave – Early Childhood Special Ed, Underwood School	05/10/13 – 6/27/13

RESIGNATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>
Karen Gallagher	Co-Coach Cross Country Team, Thompson Middle School	02/19/13
Suzanne Oswald	Elementary Teacher – Coggeshall School	02/28/13

Appointments

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Appointment of: Jeniffer Booth, Ed.D. as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried (5-2). Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., Vice Chairperson Jo Eva Gaines, Rebecca Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., and Robert B. Power, Ed.D. Those members voting against the motion were Robert J. Leary and Thomas S. Phelan.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Appointment of: Megan Cawley, as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Appointment of: Elizabeth Raffa, as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Appointment of: Michael Yates, as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Transfers

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Transfer of: Kimberly Behan, Principal Underwood Elementary School to Principal Pell Elementary School, as presented. Dr. Power seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Transfer of: Vincent Butler, Custodian Cranston-Calvert to Carpenter, as presented.

Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried (5-2). Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., Vice Chairperson Jo Eva Gaines, Rebecca Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., and Robert B. Power, Ed.D. Those members voting against the motion were Robert J. Leary and Thomas S. Phelan.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Transfer of: Nichole Cardoza, .5 FTE Early Childhood Coordinator to .8 FTE Early Childhood Coordinator, as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Transfer of: Patricia Murgo, Custodian Underwood to Custodian Cranston-Calvert, as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried (5-2). Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., Vice Chairperson Jo Eva Gaines, Rebecca Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., and Robert B. Power, Ed.D. Those members voting against the motion were Robert J. Leary and Thomas S. Phelan.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Transfer of: Marcin Rembisz, Secretary to the Director of Technology to Secretary to the Executive Director of Teaching, Learning and Professional Development, as presented. Dr. Power seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Transfer of: Linden Smith, .5 FTE Special Education Teacher TMS to .6 FTE Special Education Teacher TMS & .4 FTE Special Education Teacher Cranston-Calvert, as presented. Dr. Power seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Leaves of Absence

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Leaves of Absence of: Kathryn Dusel and Talia Powers as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Resignations

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Resignations of: Karen Gallagher and Susan Oswald, as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

- 5.3 Requests for Home Instruction.** Mrs. Gaines made a motion to consent to the approval of the Request for Home Instruction, as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

6.0 ACTION ITEMS.

6.1 Policy No. 4610—Newport Public Schools—Human Resources—Recruitment & Appointment of the Superintendent—SECOND READING AND ADOPTION (Amendment). Mrs. Gaines made a motion to table the second reading and adoption of Policy No. 4610—Newport Public Schools—Human Resources—Recruitment & Appointment of the Superintendent. Mrs. Bolan seconded the motion which was carried unanimously (7-0).

6.2 Request for Proposals for Superintendent Search Consultant—Review and Selection by School Committee.

Mrs. Bolan made a motion to select Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA Executive Search Division of ECRA Group, Inc.—Educational Consultants and Research Associates) of Rosemont, Illinois for the search for a new Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Robert J. Leary. Discussion followed. The motion failed to carry (3-4). Those members voting for the motion were Rebecca Bolan, Robert J. Leary and Thomas S. Phelan. Those members opposing the motion were Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., Vice Chairperson Jo Eva Gaines, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph. D., and Robert B. Power, Ed.D.

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to select the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) of Marlboro, Massachusetts for the search for the new Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Dr. Flowers and was carried (5-2). Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Chairperson Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D., Vice Chairperson Jo Eva Gaines, Rebecca Bolan, Sandra J. Flowers, Ph.D., and Robert B. Power, Ed.D. Those members voting against the motion were: Robert J. Leary and Thomas S. Phelan.

6.3 Newport Public Schools—Calendar 2013-2014.

Dr. Power moved to adopt the 2013-2014 school year calendar, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Mrs. Gaines and was carried unanimously (7-0). Discussion followed. Concern was expressed about the potential for a conflict amongst the island graduation ceremonies. It was noted that Portsmouth has tentatively scheduled the high school graduation for June 6, 2014, a week before the scheduled RHS graduation. Middletown's calendar for 2013-2014 is not yet available, but traditionally, the MHS graduation is held on Saturday.

6.4 Resolution—Newport School Committee—Support of Revising Nomination Petition Requirements.

Dr. Power introduced a Resolution—Newport School Committee—Support of Revision Nomination Petition Requirements. Several years ago, in the 1980's, the State Legislature passed legislation concerning voter requirements that were in conflict with the Newport Charter. The Newport City Council has chosen to follow the state legislation, if Newport does not get state legislation changed, and ask that Newport be exempt from the state legislation. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion which carried unanimously (7-0).

7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS.

7.1 Rogers High School—Schedule.

Dr. Ambrogi reported on the proposed schedule for Rogers High School. Mr. Nelson's proposed block schedule is better than those currently used. Dr. Ambrogi recommended establishing a committee of teachers, and community members to discuss the scheduling issues and make recommendations for the 2014-2015 school year. Members of the committee would like a committee established this October 2013, to make recommendations for a proposed schedule for the 2014-2015 school year, investigating a 7 period 5 day schedule.

7.2 Free and Reduced Lunch Program—Update.

Dr. Ambrogi reported that District personnel have worked diligently to assure that every student has been captured for free and reduced lunch. We have found that 108 students have not responded as follows: Coggeshall – 1; Underwood – 60; Thompson – 2; Rogers – 45; further investigations have resulted in eight additional students eligibility changing from paid to free or reduced. The high number at Underwood is attributed to the high military enrollment and the Pre-K half-day program.

7.3 Request for Proposal—Swipe Cards—Rogers High School and Thompson Middle School—Update.

Dr. Ambrogi reported that the Pell School will have a swipe card for building security and the vendor has indicated that for an additional cost, other purposes can be explored (i.e. teacher attendance). At Thompson, there are two locations (front and rear of building) that could be made swipe card entries. Rogers would require at least three swipe card locations. Discussion followed. Westerly recently installed swipe cards as a security measure. The

committee would like the Superintendent to explore district wide options for swipe cards that would secure entry at the Pell and Thompson schools, and provide improved safety issues at Rogers High School.

7.4 Business Office—Staffing Update.

Dr. Ambrogi reported that nothing has changed at the moment. With April 15th approaching, we will re-advertise the position and see what candidates might become available. Discussion followed.

7.5 Legal Counsel Selection Process—Collective Bargaining Contract Negotiations Process.

Mr. Leary requested that the Chief Negotiator for Collective Bargaining Agreements prepare a comparative analysis of key contract items from several comparative districts as the School Committee begins to enter into negotiations with both the Teacher's Association of Newport and Council 94, Local 841. Discussion followed. Specific strategies concerning upcoming contract negotiations will be put on an executive session agenda.

7.6 Strategic Plan—Reporting Schedule.

Vice Chairperson Mrs. Gaines reported that she needs to meet with Dr. Ambrogi and Dr. Naspo to develop a reporting schedule. Several of the items identified in the last strategic plan have been met and accomplished, but we need to update and revise our plan to use as a blueprint going forward.

7.7 Pell Building Committee—Update. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi and Vice Chairperson and Pell Building Committee Chairperson Jo Eva Gaines provided the Committee with an update on the progress of the Pell School Construction Process, as follows: construction meetings have been ongoing on a weekly basis; windows are being installed; walk-ins and hoods have been installed in the kitchen; the building is on-time, with an anticipated early 2 week delivery. Bid packages have gone out for furniture. Kindergarten registration resulted in 87 kindergarten students being registered for the new Pell school. Dr. Ambrogi is projecting 8 K classrooms for the 2013-2014 school year.

8.0 REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF.

8.1 Expenditure and Revenue Reports. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi reviewed the Expenditure and Revenue Reports. Vice Chairperson Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Expenditure

and Revenue Reports, as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

8.2 Enrollment Reports. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi reviewed the Enrollment Reports. Discussion followed. Vice Chairperson Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Enrollment Reports, as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

8.3 Damage Reports. There were no damage reports presented. However, Dr. Ambrogi indicated that the repair of the Triplett roof would be a project that the District will be addressing in the immediate future.

8.4 Superintendent's Update. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ambrogi listed for the Committee his activities to date:

1.	Newport Partnership for Families (NPF) — Plan Meeting (02-12-13)
2.	Newport Family & Child Opportunity Zone (NFCOZ) — Approval of Grant(s) (02-13-13)
3.	Pell School Construction Meeting (02-13-13)
4.	RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust — Board of Trustees Meeting (02-28-13)
5.	Newport School Committee/Newport City Council — Liaison Subcommittee Meeting (03-01-13)
6.	Meeting with First Night Promoter Charles Roberts — Literacy Program (03-04-13)
7.	Race-to-the-Top Leadership Meeting with Administrators (03-04-13)
8.	Pell School Construction Meeting (03-06-13)
9.	Administrative Team Meeting (03-06-13)
10.	Math Literacy Intervention Meeting (03-11-13)
11.	Pell School Technology Meeting (03-11-13)

Review and discussion followed. Vice Chairperson Mrs. Gaines made a motion to accept the Superintendent's Update, as presented. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

9.0 SUGGESTED MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS.

9.1 Meeting and Agenda Requests. The Committee reviewed Meeting and Agenda Requests.

- Food Service Contract Manager – Review Student Balances Due

10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There was no executive session.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT.

At 9:05 p.m., Vice Chairperson Jo Eva Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.
Chairperson

John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.
Clerk

NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Rogers High School Boys Indoor Track Team distinguished itself by recently winning the Rhode Island Class C State Championship on February 12, 2013, at Providence Career & Technical Academy; and

WHEREAS: Coach Andrew Martucci and Members of the Team, by achieving this honor, proved to the citizens of Newport and the State the quality of their training and practice; and

WHEREAS: The achievement of this goal is further evidence of the fine traditions of Rogers High School; and

WHEREAS: The faculty, student body, parents, and citizens of Newport actively supported the efforts of the team; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Newport School Committee formally extends to Coach Martucci and Members of the Rogers High School Indoor Track Team its congratulations on winning the Rhode Island Class C State Championship for the 2012-2013 School Year and offers to the staff and Team Members a unanimous "well done" on receipt of this great honor; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official records of the Newport School Committee and the original be presented to Coach Andrew Martucci and the Rogers High School Indoor Track Team as an expression of our sincere appreciation and acknowledgement of their service to the school and our community.

WHERE TO: The following bear witness:



Chairperson
On Behalf of the Newport School Committee



Superintendent of Schools
On Behalf of the Newport Public Schools