

**EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2005 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING****1. Call to Order**

The second School Committee meeting for May was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 in the Hanaford School gymnasium. The meeting was called to order by Chair Vincent Bradley at 8:05 p.m. Other members present were: Vice-Chair Paul Martin, Steve Gregson, Dr. Al Ross, Sue Cienki, William Day and Merrill Friedemann, as well as Superintendent Michael Jolin, Assistant Superintendent Helen O'Hara, and Director of Administration, Maryanne Crawford. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Pledge of Respect recited by Meadowbrook Farms students.

Dr. Jolin announced the votes from Executive Session.

1. Mrs. Friedemann made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Ross not to grant a kindergarten waiver. The motion to deny the waiver passed 5 to 2 with Mrs. Cienki and Mr. Martin voting no.

2. Dr. Ross made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to table the parental leave for Onna Holland and to seek legal opinions. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor.

3. Mrs. Friedemann made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve a one year leave of absence for Noelle Minardi. The motion passed with Mr. Bradley dissenting.

### **3. Recognitions**

**3.1 Perry Haynsworth was recognized for being the recipient of the Byrd Scholarship for**

**2005 from East Greenwich High School.**

**3.2 Mollie Anderson and Will Gifford, Eldredge students, were recognized for winning**

**the Writing Contest sponsored by the RI Council of Teachers of English:**

**3.3 The following Eldredge staff and students were recognized for cleaning up the**

**grounds around the Eldredge School for Earth Day: Students: Ani Kasparian, Victoria VanVleet, Charlotte Mays, and Staff. Carrie Maksymowicz, and Sherry Mong, and Boy Scout Troop #2 and John Bradley.**

**4. Public Comments (15 minutes) for items not on the agenda-None**

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

**On a motion made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Gregson, the Committee voted**

**unanimously to approve the following minutes:**

**5.1 April 26, 2005 School Committee Meeting**

**5.2 May 3, 2005 School Committee Meeting**

**5.3 March 1, April 15, and April 26 Executive Session Meetings**

**6. Advisory or Subcommittee Reports-It was noted that the Property Subcommittee will**

**meet on Friday, May 20, 2005 to talk about the Cole boiler and windows.**

**7. Communications to the School Committee-None**

**8. Attendance Reports accepted for file**

**9. Financial Reports-Accepted for file**

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**10. New Business**

**10.1 Bid Awards**

**10.1.1 Change Order for Northeast Steel for additional handrails at East Greenwich**

**High School and Color Concepts for painting. Mr. Martin made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gregson to approve the change order for Northeast Steel and Color Concepts. The motion passed unanimously.**

**10.2 Layoffs**

**10.2.1 There are two non-certified positions that need to be approved and voted on for lay-offs; the accounts payable position, and the payroll clerk position. These need to be voted on by June 7, 2005. No action is needed but there is a contractual obligation for notification.**

**10.3 Recalls-On a motion made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Day, the**

**Committee voted unanimously to approve the following recalls:**

**HS - Karen Champagne, 1.0 Business**

**Keith Doucette, 1.0 Tech Ed**

**Lauren Drury, 1.0 Foreign Language**

**Nancy Bucci, 1.0 Math**

**Michael Florio, 0.6 Physical Education**

**Ellise Wolff, 0.6 Family & Consumer Science**

**Amanda Rogers, 0.4 Art**

**Dalia Pucci-0.2 Science**

**Michelle Kelley-1.0 Math**

**Cole-Julie Buffan-Math; Melissa Costa-Math**

**Eldredge- Lisa Barry**

**Meadowbrook-Michelle Rinn; Stephanie Rozakis-Special Education**

**Frenchtown – Lynn Bushoven**

**10.4 Involuntary Transfers-SEE MUSIC REORGANIZATION-this item was tabled.**

**10.5 Parental Leave- On a motion made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Gregson, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the parental leave for Christine Carr, physical education and health teacher for the 2005-2006 school year.**

**10.5 Diversity Day 2005-2006**

**Dr. Jolin stated that Mrs. Rabinowitz, President of the Frenchtown PTG, approached him about Diversity Day. He will come back to the School Committee in the fall with the final plan of action and the cost of the program.**

**10.6 Budget 2005-2006**

**It was noted that at the Financial Town Meeting, a vote can be taken to either approve or deny the budget. Dr. Ross stated that the Town Council likes to set policy for the schools and they want the School**

**Committee to hire the cheapest teachers, not the best teachers. He also noted that Town Council won't be happy until they cut one of our programs. Dr. Ross also noted that it is okay for the Town Council to have a surplus at the end of the year, but not the schools.**

**10.7 Policy Manual Revisions-Dr. Jolin noted that the Prior School committee created an electronic policy manual which is available via the internet, and indexed to the R.I. General**

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**Laws and Commissioner's Decisions. He stated that these policies have not been reviewed in a public forum. Dr. Ross went through the policies and stated that Jerry Nettik will burn discs for the entire committee. He noted that it can be reviewed by a small committee or have a Saturday meeting to hash through the whole thing. Dr. Jolin stated that the School Committee attorney will get involved as well.**

**10.8 Authorize Bid Process Cole Windows \$60,000 est. from Surplus  
Mr. Gregson noted that the Property Subcommittee will be meeting on Friday, May 20 to make a recommendation to the School Committee. Dr. Ross made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to replace the Cole windows and boiler with payment coming from the surplus. The motion passed unanimously.**

**10.8 Authorize Bid Process Cole Boiler Replacement \$250,000 est. from Surplus**

**10.9 Authorize Bid Process Meadowbrook Floor Replacement \$800,000 est. from Warrant Bond Fund. Dr. Ross stated that paying for this would mean that something else will not get done. He hops**

that it is the last disaster to come along. He prefers to see the cost go on a separate warrant. Mrs. Friedemann requested a report and an expert's recommendation. She asked that a formal report be prepared for the School Committee with photographs so they can make a determination. Dr. Ross made a motion to put this on the next agenda with a recommendation from the staff and property subcommittee. This was seconded by Mr. Gregson. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Friedemann would like this information five days before the meeting.

## **11. Old Business**

### **10.6 Sound System-Bid on East Greenwich High School Auditorium Sound System**

and Furniture. Dr. Ross made a motion to go out to bid for a sound system which is appropriate for music groups, student use, theatre, the financial town meeting, and School Committee meetings. This was seconded by Mr. Martin. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Ross also made a motion to go out to bid for furniture for School Committee meetings to be held at the high school. This was seconded by Mr. Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

**11.2 Facilities Committee Resolution-**This item was tabled until the next meeting when the School Committee attorney will explore what can be done under the law. Mrs. Friedemann asked to have a letter sent to our lawyer advising him to appear at the meeting to make a presentation.

## **12. Reports to the School Committee-none**

**13. School Committee Concerns to be addressed to the**

## **Superintendent**

**A stated concern was holding graduation in the new gym, because of making heel marks in**

**the wood. Mr. Bradley had a concern about public use of school property. He noted that it is okay for recreation use but churches and civic groups would no longer be able to use the facilities after July 1, 2005.**

**14. School Committee Procedural Business-none**

**15. School Committee Reminder List-none**

**16. Visits to Schools-Mr. Martin noted that he visited Frenchtown for three hours. He will**

**be visiting Meadowbrook on May 18 and has an intention to visit all six schools.**

**17. Public Comments-Mr. David Chamberland spoke about the surpluses.**

**18. Adjournment-There was no Executive Session after the meeting; therefore, Dr. Ross**

**made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gregson, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.**