

EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2005 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Call to Order

The second School Committee meeting for June was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 in the Hanaford School gymnasium. The meeting was called to order by Chair Vincent Bradley at 8:10 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, Director of Administration, Maryanne Crawford, Attorney Matthew Oliverio, and Director of Student Services, Carol Brown. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Recognitions

3.1 Robert McCarthy

Mr. McCarthy was given a plaque of recognition for his service to East Greenwich High School and was given best wishes in his new endeavor.

3.2 Spring Sports Recognitions (see attached list)

Twenty-nine athletes were given certificates for spring sports. Eleven students were present at the meeting to receive the certificates.

4. Public Comments (15 minutes) for items not on the agenda

Jan Breidenbach, music teacher at Hanaford and strings teacher at Eldredge, spoke about her work in the school system. She feels that to limit before school music robs kids. She asked the School Committee to give the matter consideration.

Mrs. Joanne Leach stated that even though summer days are upon teachers, they remain committed to and stand with the negotiating team. She asked the School Committee negotiating members to come to the meeting with an open mind.

5. Approval of Minutes - none

6. Advisory or Subcommittee Reports-There were none.

7. Communications to the School Committee-None

8. Attendance Reports accepted for file

9. Financial Reports - none

10. New Business

10.1 Personnel Considerations

10.1a Appointments

Mrs. Cienki made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the following

appointments: The motion passed unanimously.

Timothy McPartlin, social studies department chair for grades 7-12, effective 8-30-05

Eileen James, 1.0 English Teacher at East Greenwich School, effective August 30, 2005, for one year only

Stephanie Lavioe, 1.0 Math Teacher at East Greenwich High School, effective August 30, 2005

Courtney Griggs, 0.8 French Teacher at East Greenwich High School, effective August 30, 2005

Frances Mae Healy, 1.0 Special Education Teacher at East Greenwich High School, effective August 30, 2005

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Patricia Ustick, 0.4 Guidance Counselor at East Greenwich High School, effective August 30, 2005, for one year only.

Carrie Maksymowicz, data processing clerk for the East Greenwich Public Schools, effective Friday, June 17, 2005

FALL SPORTS COACHES

On a motion made by Dr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Gregson, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following fall sports appointments: The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Corr, Varsity Football Coach at EGHS for the fall season

John Chin, Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach at EGHS for the fall season

Jillian Krebs, Assistant Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach for the fall season

Robert LaRocco, Assistant Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach at EGHS for the fall season

Lisa Macfarlane, Girls' Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach at EGHS for the fall season

Patrick McGuirl, Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach, at EGHS for the fall season

Lea Miguel, Girls' Varsity Field Hockey Coach at EGHS for the fall season

Norman Monks, Girls' Varsity Cross Country Coach at EGHS for the fall season

Andrew Sweeney, Freshman Football Coach at EGHS for the fall season

Joseph Ucci, Assistant Varsity Football coach at EGHS for the fall season

Vincent Ucci, Assistant Varsity Football coach at EGHS for the fall season

Kerri Valentine, Girls' Assistant Varsity Field Hockey Coach at EGHS for the fall season.

10.1b Resignations

Mr. Martin made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gregson to accept the following resignations: The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Jolin thanked Mrs. McMullen for all her hard work. Mrs. McMullen urged the School Committee to change the wording on the Athletic Director position. She stated that it is difficult to instruct students and work as an Athletic Director. She noted that assistance or clerical help is needed.

Debra McMullen, Athletic Director, effective June 16, 2005

Edward DePastina, boys' varsity basketball coach, effective June 2, 2005

Barbara Lindsay, School to Career Coordinator for the east Greenwich Public Schools, effective June 16, 2005

10.1c Retirement

Mr. Martin made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Cienki to approve the following retirement. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan Halkyard, School Social Worker for the East Greenwich Public Schools, effective 6-16-05 10.1d Parental Leave

Mr. Martin made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Cienki to approve the following parental leave. The motion passed unanimously.

Colleen Hanrahan, grade three teacher at Meadowbrook Farms School, from August 30, 2005 to November 1, 2005.

10.1e Teacher Involuntary Transfer

Mr. Gregson made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the involuntary transfer of Jan Breidenbach from elementary music to district-wide choral. A parent asked the School Committee to keep Jan Breidenbach in her original position because she is doing a great job there. Another parent asked the School Committee to think about what is best for the students before rearranging people. Mrs. McCormack, the EGEA President, stated that Megan Hennessey is a 0.4 teacher on the recall list. She suggested that Ms. Breidenbach should stay where she is and Ms. Hennessey should be employed full-time.

Leslie Lee, music teacher at the high school, spoke about her tenure in the school system. She noted that the music department believes that people who specialize should do just that. She is in support of the involuntary transfer. Dr. Ross stated that this item should be tabled and voted on after item 10.3 is discussed.

10.2 School Sports and Fields

Mr. Day stated a letter came from Cathy Bradley of the recreation department on items to be addressed at all the fields. He noted there are many items to be fixed but the town and school are going back and forth on where the responsibilities lie. Mrs. Friedemann asked if both sides could get together to delineate the roles and responsibilities, and get them in writing. It was noted that Mr. Gregson and Mr. Day will meet with the Town Council

10.3 Music Department Reorganization

Dr. Jolin stated that the reorganization involves a vacant elementary music position and the reorganization of staff which includes Meadowbrook and Frenchtown Schools. Mrs. Cienki made a motion to reorganize the music department. This was seconded by Mr. Gregson. Dr. Ross stated that last year music positions were cut. He also noted that he is opposed to one person doing choral for the whole system. Mrs. Friedemann stated that music is an innate talent. The motion to reorganize the music department passed with Dr. Ross voting no.

Mrs. Friedemann made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gregson to approve the involuntary transfer of Jan Breidenbach. The motion passed with Mr. Martin and Dr. Ross voting no.

10.4 Bid Awards

Dr. Ross made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gregson to award the bid to furnish and install ventilator, enclosures and related millwork to ADS Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$150,100. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Old Business

12. Reports to the School Committee

13. School Committee Concerns to be addressed to the Superintendent. The Superintendent congratulated all the principals on the graduations.

14. School Committee Procedural Business-None

15. School Committee Reminder List-None

16. Visits to Schools

17. Public Comments (15 minutes)

Christopher Boie stated that he had access to the Eldredge field as a coach, and although someone is getting paid to sit in the booth, coaches have to take down the nets.

Carol Alfano stated that Mr. Martin was the only School Committee member to visit Frenchtown this year. She noted that cleanliness needs to be addressed.

18. Executive Session, R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (1) (2) Personnel Issues, Contract Negotiations-Teacher, Paraprofessionals, Progress Report of EGHS Principal Search Committee, Superintendent's Job Performance. On a motion made by Mrs. Friedemann and seconded by Mr. Gregson, the committee voted, being polled individually, unanimously to go into executive session as stated above at 9:26 p.m.

19. Vote to seal minutes of Executive Session

20. Adjournment