

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

The first School Committee meeting for November was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at the Hanaford School. The meeting was called to order by Chair Vincent Bradley at 7:03 p.m. Other members present were: Steve Gregson, Dr. Al Ross, William Day, and Sue Cienki, as well as Superintendent Charles Meyers, Director of Administration Maryanne Crawford, Assistant Superintendent Helen O'Hara, and Director of Administration, Robert Wilmarth. Mr. Martin and Mrs. Friedemann were absent.

2. The meeting commended with the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag.

3. Reports to the School Committee-There were no reports.

4. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Joanne Leach spoke about the purchase of new chairs and tables for School Committee meetings and asked the School Committee to think about purchasing a protective covering for the new gym floor so that students don't have to wear sneakers to formal dances. She also commended students for their incident free Homecoming and Spirit Week.

Chris Boie, Science Teacher at the High School, stated that the Committee should take steps to be pro-active since there may be a

paper shortage and their agenda was run off on two sheets of paper.

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. August 16, 2005 School Committee Meeting**
- b. October 4, 2005 School Committee Meeting**
- c. October 18, 2005 School Committee Public & Executive Session**

Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Cienki to approve the minutes as

stated above with corrections to the August 16, 2005 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business

7.1 a. Appointments

CURRICULUM COORDINATORS

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

following curriculum coordinators:

7.1.1 Jody Mangiaratti, Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator for grades K-12

Lori Koplik, ELA Curriculum Coordinator for grades 7-12

Kristin Pontarelli, Foreign Language Curriculum Coordinator for 7-12

Linda Santos, ELA Curriculum Coordinator for grades K-6

The motion passed unanimously.

7.1.2 Mrs. Cienki made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the following paraprofessionals for the Homework Club:

Lynne Weremay and Colleen Procopio, paraprofessionals, who will work with students during the Homework Club at Eldredge School.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Dr. Ross made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the following paraprofessional appointment:

7.1.13 Maria Collins, Paraprofessional at Frenchtown School, effective October 25, 2005

The motion passed unanimously.

WINTER COACHES:

Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gregson to approve the winter

coaches as follows:

7.1.4 Craig MacKenzie, boys' basketball coach at EGHS

7.1.5 Matthew Records, assistant girls' basketball coach at EGHS

7.1.6 Donald Bowen, assistant boys' basketball coach at EGHS

7.1.7 Len Kiernan, head hockey coach for EGHS

7.1.8 Sean Fahey, assistant hockey coach for EGHS

7.1.9 Nicole Mancini, girls' swimming coach for EGHS

7.1.10 Joe Amato, head wrestling coach at EGHS

7.1.11 James Westell, assistant wrestling coach at EGHS

7.1.12 Stanley Johnson, head girls' indoor track coach at EGHS

Mr. Bob Donald, a parent of a former basketball player in East Greenwich, stated that he

objects to the JV and Varsity coaches. He noted that the players have

been treated unfairly and he feels that due diligence of the School Committee has not been completed.

Mrs. Mary Rossetti stated that her son is part of the basketball program and he has had a positive experience. She noted that her family is in support of both coaches.

Mrs. Laurie Ratigan, cheerleading coach of the basketball cheerleaders, stated that the public support for Mr. Bowen has been overwhelming.

Mr. Gregor Johnson, a coach and former basketball player, stated that Mr. Bowen is a great coach and a better man. Mr. Day made a motion to withdraw 7.1.4 and 7.1.6 and vote on the other winter coaches. The motion passed unanimously. The motion to approve the winter coaches, 7.1.5, and 7.1.7 through 7.1.12 passed unanimously.

Mrs. Cienki made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve Mr. MacKenzie as boys' basketball coach for East Greenwich High School. The motion passed with Dr. Ross abstaining.

Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gregson to approve Mr. Bowen as boys' assistant basketball coach at East Greenwich High School. Dr. Ross feels that the Committee should meet with the coach on this matter in Executive Session. Mr. Bradley stated that extensive time has been spent looking at this issue. The Superintendent stated that he would not have made the recommendation if he had reservations about the coach. On the vote to approve Mr. Donald Bowen as assistant basketball coach, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Gregson and Mr. Day voted yes. Mrs. Cienki voted no,

and Dr. Ross abstained. The motion passed.

YEARBOOK ADVISOR

7.1.13 Mr. Gregson made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve Paula

Glod as Yearbook Advisor for East Greenwich High School. The motion passed unanimously.

7.1b Resignation

7.1.14 Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Cienki to accept the

resignation of Cynthia Wilson from her .05 nursing position at Our Lady of Mercy and Sweet Peas, effective October 6, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

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7.1.15 Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Cienki to accept the

resignation of Norman Monks, head coach of the girls' cross country team, effective

October 13, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Out-of-State Field Trips

8.1 Boston, MA for High School Art Class

Mrs. Cienki made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the out-of-state field trip to Boston. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gregson asked about the school department's liability coverage, specifically with regard to insurance information from our attorney.

Mrs. Crawford responded that the current carrier will not cover the trip to London which was previously approved, and the company has an alternative insurance to present. It was also noted that additional chaperones are needed to meet the insurance carrier's requirements.

9. Bid Awards

9.1 Mr. Gregson made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to award the bid to Rustic Fire Protection, Inc. in the amount of \$9,200 for a sprinkler system for the wood shop at the high school. The motion passed unanimously.

9.2 Mr. Gregson made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to award the bid to Automatic Temperature Control, \$68,750; O'Rourke \$11,900; and ADS \$37,500 for a total of \$117,650 for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Phase I for the music and administration area at East Greenwich High School. Mr. DeSaia stated that the combination of three companies was the best they had. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Reconciliation of Budget to conform with approved FTM

Mr. Meyers stated that in March the School Committee adopted a budget of \$27,678,314 but had to pair it down by \$800,000. He noted where the reductions took place. Mr. Meyers also noted that the school department could run a deficit and will go back to the Town Council to ask for money.

11. Format for School Committee Retreat

Mr. Gregson stated that a retreat is long overdue because goals need to be set and the new administration needs to hear about School

Committee policies. A date of Saturday, December 10 was given.

12. School Committee Concerns

Mrs. Cienki has concerns about the computer program at the high school and how it will impact quarterly grades coming out. Mr. Meyers explained that the school department switched over to School Max instead of MMS, and is now running parallel systems. She also noted that the website needs some work. Mr. Bradley mentioned that the copier at Frenchtown which is used by the PTG's is not working, and they don't have a place to make copies.

13. Public Comments for Items on the Agenda

Mrs. Ellen Shanus asked about the copier. Mr. Meyers responded that the school department is looking into a new copy machine. Mrs. Crawford stated that she is going out to bid for new machines and she has asked the PTG's to put their newsletters on the website.

14. Dr. Ross made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to adjourn and go into Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (1) (2) at 7:55 p.m. for the following reasons: Continue discussion of Special Education Services, Frenchtown Elementary School Principal Search, Legal Issues Involving Contracts, and Custodian Contract Negotiations. The Committee, being polled individually, voted unanimously to do so.