

**EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 2006 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**6:30 p.m. Executive Session, RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1) (2) Request for Unpaid Medical Leave, TDI Insurance Program, Labor Contract Negotiations, Special Education Litigation. Adjourn to Open Session at 7:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

**The East Greenwich School Committee met on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 in the East Greenwich Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair Vincent Bradley at 7:30 p.m. Other members present were: Paul Martin, Dr. Al Ross, Steve Gregson, Sue Cienki, and Skip Day, as well as Superintendent Charles Meyers, Assistant Superintendent Helen O'Hara, and Director of Administration, Maryanne Crawford. Mrs. Friedemann arrived at the meeting at 7:55 p.m.**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda**

**Joanne Leach questioned an email about ticket takers, and scorers, etc. being paid. Mr. Meyers stated that they are pursuing having volunteers take over these positions.**

**2a. Jonathan Ordog, Eagle Scout Leadership Project**

**Jonathan, a candidate for Eagle Scout, and a member of the Cross Country Team,**

**presented his project to construct a cross country course at the high**

**school. He met with several people involved with the field design and will keep in touch with them.**

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

#### **July 18 Executive Session and Regular Meeting**

**Mrs. Cienki made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2006 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **4. Approval of Bids**

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

**Bids, a through c:**

- a. Roof Cleaning Maintenance Contract to W.P. Hickman Roofing for one year not to exceed \$19,885.00**
- b. Sprinkler Work at Cole to Rustic Fire Protection for \$9,950.00**
- c. Interactive Classrooms to Greenpages Ten Corp for \$22,983**
- d. Site Design Improvements and related wetlands permitting services at Hanaford School to Casali Engineering in the amount of \$29,500**

**Mr. Meyers stated that a commitment was made to the Town Council to address**

**those projects we could not get to with the warrants. The first item on the list was the Hanaford situation. Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gregson to approve the bid to Casali Engineering. The motion passed.**

**e. Contract Amendment with Saccoccio and Associates**

**Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Gregson to amend the**

**contract with Saccoccio. The Superintendent stated that there will not be a significant amount of architectural engineering work performed by them. The motion passed unanimously.**

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## **5.New Business**

### **5.1 New Positions**

**It was not that there is a balance in the Medicaid account to fund these positions. Mr.**

**Day made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the new paraprofessional positions as follows: The motion passed unanimously.**

**5.1.1 Paraprofessional, 0.5 for the Preschool Program**

**5.1.2 Paraprofessional, 1.0 for Eldredge School**

**5.1.3 Paraprofessional, 1.0 at Cole**

**5.1.4 Paraprofessional, 1.0 for full day kindergarten program**

**5.1.5 Grade One Teacher for Meadowbrook**

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

**one position at Meadowbrook Farms School. Mr. Meyers stated that there is an increase in enrollment with 24 new students registered. He also noted that this position will be funded through net savings in retirements.**

### **5.2 Resignation**

**Mr. Martin made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Cienki to accept the following resignations: The motion passed unanimously.**

**5.1.6 Michelle Kelley, 0.5 Mathematics Teacher at EGHS, effective 7-24-06**

**5.1.7 Robin Corsi, School Psychologist for the East Greenwich Public Schools, effective July 31, 2006**

**5.1.8 Deidre Castore, Paraprofessional at Hanaford School, effective 8-4-06**

### **5.3 Parental Leave**

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

**5.1.9 Krista Harvey, Physical Education and Health Teacher at EGHS for 06-07**

### **5.4 Appointments**

**Mr. Martin made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the**

**following appointments: The motion passed unanimously.**

**5.4.10 Jamie Cohen, High School Assistant Principal, for one year only, effective July 19, 2006**

**5.4.11 Jennifer Shanahan, Speech and Language Pathologist at Meadowbrook Farms School, for one year only.**

**5.4.12 Mary Catherine Lamoureux, 1.0 General Music and Band at Eldredge and Hanaford, effective August 29, 2006.**

**5.4.13 Ellise Wolff, 0.2 Business Education Teacher at EGHS, effective August 29, 2006, for one year only**

**5.4.14 Eileen James, 0.3 English Teacher at EGHS, effective August 29, 2006**

**5.4.15 Keith Doucette, 0.2 Technology Education Teacher at EGHS, effective 8-29-06, for one year only**

**5.4.16 Kerry Martin, PreSchool Special Educator at Meadowbrook Farms School, effective August 29, 2006**

#### **5.4.17 FALL COACHING APPOINTMENTS**

**Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the following**

**coaching appointments: The motion passed unanimously.**

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#### **COLE**

**Stanley Johnson, Cross Country**

**Stephanie Gloria, Head Girls Soccer, pending completion of CPR/FA certification**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

**Deb McMullen, Head Field Hockey**

**Renee Gannon, Assistant Field Hockey**

**Bob Corr, Head Football**

**Vincent Ucci, Assistant Football**

**Joseph Ucci, Assistant Football**

**Andrew Sweeney, Freshman Football**

**Patrick McGuirl, Head Soccer**

**Robert Larocco, Assistant Soccer Boys**

**Peter Dion, Head Cross Country Boys**

**Charlotte Evasick, Head Cross Country Girls**

**Adam Scott, Head Soccer Girls**

**Lisa MacFarlane, Assistant Soccer Girls**

**Marc Brocato, Head Tennis**

**Robert Petrucci, Assistant Tennis Girls**

**John Chin, Head Volleyball Girls**

**Jillian Krebs, Assistant Volleyball Girls**

**5.4.18 Tana Fatkin, Head Football Cheerleading Coach at EGHS**

## **6. Second Reading and vote on Policy on Web Advertising on School Web Sites**

**Mrs. Cienki made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the three policies on web advertising. The motion passed with Mrs. Friedemann voting no because she has not received indication how this goes along with the budget and the new cap. Mr. Meyers stated that this is no expense to the district. Mr. Trembowitz from EdNets stated that the design section is done and should be ready for the beginning of the school year.**

## **7. Approval of EdNets Contract**

**Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the EdNets contract. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **8. Discussion of Spatial Study EGHS and McHale Property**

**John Caito and Kevin Alverson were present at the meeting and stated that they met to determine the best efficient use of the McHale property. It was noted that the location of Carcieri Field has yet to be decided. River Farm neighbors will be notified of a future meeting to be held. Town Manager Sequino stated that Mr. Caito did an excellent job. He also noted that the Town Council would like to meet with the**

**School Committee as they move forward with the bond issue. The Town Council needs to know about reimbursement before they go to bond. Mr. Herb DeSimone of the Fields committee stated that West Bay Youth Lacrosse supports the proposal since the soccer and lacrosse programs are feeder programs for high school students.**

#### **9. Discussion of Human Resources Consultant Bid**

**Two responses were received by the Town, and DI Jacobs Consulting Company was the bidder selected. Since the Town Council wants more information on the performance review evaluation, they invited the School Committee to their August 28 meeting to meet with the consultant. It was noted that the Munis system has a software package for human resources. Mr.**

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**Gregson made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Friedemann to approve the DI Jacobs base bid of \$12,000 for the Town and \$10,000 for the School Department. The motion did not pass.**

**10. Revised School Committee Calendar for 06-07 school year (add Sept. 12 for Primary Day and change professional development day from March 23 to March 30)**

**Mr. Meyers stated that a bill recently passed to close school on primary day. He also noted that a speaker was scheduled for Professional Development Day and could not be there on March 23, therefore the date is changed to March 30. Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to change the school calendar dates as requested by the Superintendent. The motion passed with**

**Mr. Martin voting no.**

**11. Change Dates of November School Committee Meeting from November 7 and 21 to November 14 and 28.**

**Mr. Bradley requested that the November School Committee meeting dates be changed because of election day. Mr. Martin made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Cienki to change the dates as requested. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mrs. Friedemann left the meeting at 9:15p.m.**

**12. Home School Request**

**Isabella Colucci, Kindergarten, and Emily Colucci, grade 9**

**Mrs. Cienki made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the home school plans for the above students. The motion passed unanimously.**

**13. State of Rhode Island Resolution on Medicaid Service Claims**

**It was noted that this resolution would be devastating and a lost revenue resource.**

**14. School Committee tour to view summer work on Friday, August 25**

**These tours will be postponed.**

**Mrs. Cienki made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Martin to add School Committee Concerns to the agenda. Mr. Day spoke about a student who passed away during football practice. He noted that the captain's practice is unsupervised and wondered about our exposure.**

**He also asked stated that the boys' locker room at the high school is not cleaned. Mr. Martin asked about a policy of paper disposal to ensure privacy. Mr. Martin also stated that before a School Committee meeting is held, it should be ensured that we have a**

quorum. Mr. Martin asked if teacher, Marc Brocato, who was on sabbatical last school year, would come before the School Committee to speak about the success of his leave.

#### **15. Public Comments for Items on the agenda**

Mrs. Judi Cavanaugh stated that there is a major problem at Frenchtown with children being dropped off by buses and not seen by cars. Mr. Gregson stated that there are traffic issues at every school.

#### **16. Adjourn**

Mrs. Cienki made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Giuliani