

**EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 31, 2007 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**East Greenwich High School Library, 300 Avenger Drive**

**ANY ITEMS CONSIDERED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MAY BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE**

**1. Call to Order**

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Cienki at 7:10p.m. The following**

**members were present: William Day, Merrill Friedemann, Mary Ellen Winters, Susan Records, JeanAnn Guliano, and Anne Palumbo, as well as Superintendent Charles Meyers, and Assistant Superintendent Helen O'Hara.**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**3. Contract renewal for Oliverio & Marcaccio, School Committee Attorney**

**Mrs. Friedemann made a motion to continue the discussion and vote to a later**

**date, since she has not received the information from the Ethics Commission.**

**There was no second to her motion. She noted that she planned to recuse herself from the vote based on advice from the Ethics Commission. She also gave all School Committee members a letter**

stating why she recused herself from the vote. A copy of this letter is attached.

Mrs. Palumbo made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to approve the contract renewal for Oliverio & Marcaccio from February 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008. Mrs. Guliano stated that Oliverio & Marcaccio have provided outstanding legal services in a cost efficient manner. She noted that the flat fee during their last contract saved a lot of money. Mr. Guliano also noted that the lack of grievances saved the school district and the town between \$700,000 and one million dollars. She stated that having the same rate as their last contract speaks volumes as to what we are under as far as the new tax cap. Mrs. Guliano stated that it seems they lost money this year based on their hours.

Mr. Day stated that the Committee should have sat down with the firm to see if they could give us a better rate.

Mrs. Palumbo stated that this firm has been supportive and available and she has great respect for them.

On the motion to approve the contract for Oliverio & Marcaccio for another year, Mrs. Cienki, Mrs. Palumbo, Mrs. Guliano, Mrs. Winters, and Mrs. Records voted yes, and Mr. Day abstained. Mrs. Friedemann recused herself from the vote. The motion passed.

#### **4. Adjournment**

On a motion made by Mrs. Guliano and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted to adjourn at 7:10p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Virginia Giuliani**  
**Secretary**