

**AGENDA**

**EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007**

**East Greenwich High School Auditorium**

**300 Avenger Drive**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

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

**6:30 Executive Session, R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (1) (2) Personnel  
Matter-Contract for Assistant High School Principal**

**7:00p.m. Call to Order**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair William Day at  
7:00p.m. The following members were present: Merrill Friedemann,  
Mary Ellen Winters, Susan Records, and Anne Palumbo as well as  
Superintendent Charles Meyers, and Helen O'Hara.**

**2. Public Comments –None**

**3. School Committee Liaison Report- None**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**On a motion made by Mrs. Palumbo and seconded by Mrs. Records,  
the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the  
April 3, 2007 Regular Meeting and Executive Session**

**5. Recognitions**

**Mr. Varrecchione, the Athletic Director, spoke about the hockey team and stated that they were not only the division champs, but won the sportsmanship award from the RIIL. Mr. Len Kiernan was honored to be at the meeting and noted that the team was honored by the House of Representatives, the Governor and the Town Council but the heart and soul is with their school and School Committee.**

**Other students were given certificates for their achievements from the following groups:**

**5.1 High School Hockey Team**

**5.2 Scholastic Art Awards**

**5.3 Library of Congress. Center of the Book Award**

**5.4 Destination Imagination Competition**

**5.5 RI Scholastic State Championship Chess Tournament**

**5.6 National French Contest Awards**

**5.7 Cole Robotics Club Competition**

**5.8 RI Technology Student Association Robotics Competition**

**5.9 Cole Middle School Chorus**

**5.10 Four-Way Speaking Contest awards**

**5.11 EGHS Concert Choir and Chamber Choir Awards**

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Appointment**

**6.1.1 New High School Assistant Principal**

**Mrs. Palumbo made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to approve the appointment of Michael Podraza as High School Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2007 at a salary of \$86,000. Mrs. Friedemann stated that she never supported giving administrator's**

contracts. She feels that giving an \$86,000 salary to a 9th step teacher with no experience is excessive. Mr. Day wants to check into the contract language for Mr. Podraza. On the motion to hire Michael Podraza as High School Assistant Principal, Mrs. Palumbo, Mrs. Winters and Mrs. Records voted yes. Mr. Day and Mrs. Friedemann voted no. The motion passed.

## **6.2 Parental Leave**

**6.2.1** On a motion made by Mrs. Winters and seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the parental leave of Christine Rivers, Meadowbrook Farms School, Health & Physical Education Teacher, from April 23, 2007 to May 7, 2007

## **6.3 Resignation**

**6.3.1** On a motion Mrs. Records and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the resignation of Kathleen Soares, School Social Worker, at the close of the 2007-2008 school year.

## **7. Second Reading and vote on Graduation by Proficiency Policy**

Since there were no changes, Mrs. Palumbo made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Graduation by Proficiency Policy.

## **8. New England Association of Schools and Colleges Report**

The Commission was pleased to move forward and congratulated the Department Heads. Next year there will be a further study of the high school which is up for accreditation in 2010.

## **9. Discussion of Facilities Strategic Plan**

The Town Council may vote this evening on a specific figure for the

**referendum. Mrs. Cienki and Mrs. Guliano are at that meeting.**

#### **10. Financial Report and FY 2008 Budget Discussion**

**Mr. Meyers stated that the year may end with a small surplus. There was a discussion of Warwick pulling out of the West Bay Community Health and that could have a financial impact. Sodexo will be asked to waive all management fees because there was a deficit.**

#### **11. School Committee Concerns**

**The high school lockdown went very well and congratulations go out to Mr. Levine and his staff.**

#### **12. Adjournment**

**On a motion made by Mrs. Winters and seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:35p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Virginia Giuliani**