

Minutes of the July 18, 2007 Meeting

The July meeting of the East Greenwich School Committee was held at the High School Auditorium at 7:00p.m. The following members were present: Sue Cienki, Chair, Skip Day, Vice-Chair, Merrill Friedemann, Anne Palumbo, MaryEllen Winters, Susan Records and JeanAnn Guliano, as well as Superintendent Charles Meyers, Assistant Superintendent, Helen O'Hara, Director of Administration, Maryanne Crawford, and Facilities Director Robert Wilmarth. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

4. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

5. New Business

On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resignations:

5.1 Resignations

5.1.1 Michael Levine, Principal of East Greenwich High School, effective June 30, 2008

5.1.2 Bridget Keane, English Teacher at Archie Cole Middle School, effective June 28, 2007

5.1.3 Roslyn Birke, Reading Specialist at Meadowbrook Farms

School, effective August 26, 2007

5.1.4 Kerri Bamford, bookkeeper at central office, effective June 7, 2007

5.2 Parental Leave

On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following parental leave:

5.2.5 Jessica Barrett, Speech-Language Pathologist for Hanaford the 2007-2008 school year.

5.3 Leave of Absence

This item was pulled from the agenda.

5.3.6 Pat Dulac, Math Department Head, to serve as a SALT Regents Fellow for the RI Department of Education, for the 2007-2008 school year.

5.4 Appointments

On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following appointments:

5.4.7 Nina Mackta, Social Worker (0.5) for the school district, effective August 30, 2007

5.4.8 Charlotte Evasick and Paul Evasick, senior class advisors, for the 2007-2008 school year

5.4.9 Paula Glod, Yearbook Advisor at East Greenwich High School, for the 2007-2008 school year

5.4.10 Jillian Bodoff, grade 6 teacher at Eldredge School, for one year only, for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 30, 2007

5.4.11 Kimberly Beaulieu, grade 5 teacher at Eldredge School, for one year only, for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 30, 2007

5.4.12 Ellen Garcia, Gifted Talented Specialist, for Hanaford and Eldredge Schools, for one year only, for the 2007-2008 school year, effective August 30, 2007

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5.4.13 Raven Quimby, 1.0 Science Teacher, for one year only, at Archie Cole Middle School, effective August 30, 2007

5.4.14 Jennifer Shanahan, Speech language Pathologist, for the Preschool, effective August 30, 2007

5.4.15 Caroline Bradshaw, 1.0 Guidance Counselor at Archie Cole Middle School, effective August 30, 2007

Fall Coaches for East Greenwich High School

5.4.16 Erin Newman, Head Girls' Cross Country

Bob Corr, Head Football

Vincent Ucci, Assistant Football

Joseph Ucci, Assistant Football

Andrew Sweeney, Freshman Football

Debra McMullen, Head Field Hockey

Renee Gannon, Assistant Field Hockey

Patrick McGuirl, Head Boys' Soccer

Robert LaRocco, Assistant Boys' Soccer

Lisa Macfarlane, Assistant Girls' Soccer

Pete Dion, Head Boys' Cross Country

Tana Fatkin, Head Football Cheerleading

Peter Fitzpatrick, Head Girls' Tennis

6. Report from Facilities Committee

Mr. Meyers stated that the next facilities meeting will be held on Thursday, August 2 at 6:30p.m. in the Eldredge Library. SMMA presented three ideas for the middle school and two alternatives for the high school renovations. They suggested an alternative to an auditorium which could be used as a multi-purpose space hooked up to technology. It was noted that a three story building for the middle school will save dollars, and the sixth graders will be on the ground level. The next phase will include more schematic drawings.

7. Appointment and Charge of Building Committee

Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Palumbo to approve a building committee comprised of one School Committee member, a Town Council member, the Superintendent, the High School Principal, the Middle School Principal, and members of the Facilities Committee. Mr. Meyers noted that Mr. Oliverio will draw up a draft charge for this building committee. Mrs. Guliano made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Palumbo to include Henry Kates, a member of the Finance Subcommittee. The motion to amend passed with Mrs. Friedemann voting no.

8. E-Policy Review and Sub-Committee

Mr. Meyers stated that he emailed a revised version to School Committee members in five sections. The principals worked on these policy revisions. A subcommittee, consisting of Sue Cienki, Anne Palumbo and JeanAnn Guliano will review these and make a recommendation to the entire School Committee. The first meeting

will be on September 4 and the second reading on September 18. Mr. Meyers noted that this is a major step forward compared to what is in effect now.

9. Update from John Caito on Fields Project

Mr. John Caito gave an update on the design of the athletic fields at the high school. It was noted the same amount of fields would be kept, and the new track would be closer to the high school. There will be a synthetic football field. Mr. Caito plans to meet with Narragansett Electric about the easement they have for our field. He will continue to meet with the School Committee to bring them up to date.

10. Bid Award

10.1 Refrigerator at Meadowbrook Farms

On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Guliano, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the bid for a new refrigerator at Meadowbrook School.

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11. Africa Reads Donation

On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the technology donation to Africa Reads.

12. Financial Report

Mrs. Crawford stated that the school lunch account is being audited. They ended the year with a deficit of approximately \$45,000, and one

reason was that Sodexho overestimated the number of lunches served, even though there was an increase in lunches served at the high school. Middletown Schools do outside catering and we can explore this with Sodexho. Mrs. Crawford feels that the school department will have to partly fund the lunch program from the unrestricted funds. She noted that the state reimbursement is very low since we don't have a lot of students on free and reduced lunch. Mrs. Crawford also noted that Sodexho did give up their \$34,000 management fee.

13. On a motion made by Mrs. Palumbo and seconded by Mr. Day, the Committee, being polled individually, voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. under R.I.G. L. 42-46-5 (a) (1) (2) to have an update on Teacher Contract Negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Giuliani
Secretary