

EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE April 3, 2007 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

EAST GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Cienki at 7:00p.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, Maryanne Crawford, and Robert Wilmarth.

2. Public Comments – there were no public comments.

3. Superintendent's Report – There was no Superintendent's Report.

4. Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the March 6 School Committee Meeting and Executive Session, and 3-13-07 School Committee Meeting.

5. Recognitions

The following Spelling Bee Winners from Cole Middle School were present at the meeting and were recognized with certificates: First Place - Nicholas Englehart, and Runner-Up-Eddy Golden.

6. New Business

6.1 Appointments

6.1.1 On a motion made by Mrs. Palumbo and seconded by Mrs. Guliano, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Joseph Amato, Intramural Wrestling Coach, at Archie Cole Middle School.

6.2 Termination of Leave of Absence

6.2.1 On a motion made by Mrs. Palumbo and seconded by Mrs. Guliano, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the termination of a leave of absence for Melissa DiScuillo Quinn, as Social and Communication Classroom teacher at Cole Middle School, effective April 23, 2007.

6.3 Resignation

6.3.1 On a motion made by Mrs. Palumbo and seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Mary Wilson, paraprofessional at Cole Middle School, effective March 26, 2007.

7. Discussion of School Facilities Options with Strategic Building Solutions

Mrs. Guliano made a motion to move forward for up to \$61 million to proceed with the 1st phase of needs for the district with a new 137,000 sq. ft. middle school and additions to the high school to address science and security issues. This is the number to take to the Board of Regents. Mrs. Palumbo seconded the motion. It was noted that a Comprehensive Capital Plan also needs to be addressed. The motion passed with Mr. Day and Mrs. Friedemann voting no.

8. Discussion on the Lindsay Burke Domestic Violence Act

Mrs. Friedemann feels that the School Committee should be aware that this Act applies to education under the General Laws. She feels that we should educate

children about domestic violence and East Greenwich is not immune from the troubles of domestic violence. The School Committee will need to deal with this issue in the future.

9. Discussion of School Committee conference monies

Mrs. Friedemann feels that money earmarked for conferences should go directly to the children.

10. On a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following field trips: Boston for May 24, 2007 to Old South Meeting House for eighth graders from Cole Middle School.

Boston on April 30, 2007 to the Freedom Trail for Cole Middle School eighth graders.

11. School Committee Concerns – There were no concerns

12. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

On a motion made by Mrs. Records and seconded by Mrs. Guliano, the Committee, being polled unanimously, voted unanimously to go into Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (1) (2) for an update

on Teacher Contract Negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Giuliani

Secretary