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**MINUTES OF THE EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

**Hanaford School Cafeteria**

**200 Middle Road**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

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

**VOTE**

**7:00p.m.**

**Call to Order**

**The first September School Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. in the Hanaford School Cafeteria. Members present were: Sue Cienki, Chair, Skip Day, Vice-Chair, MaryEllen Winters, JeanAnn Guliano, Anne Palumbo, and Susan Records as well as Special Education Director, Paula Dillon, and Director of Administration, Maryanne Crawford. Mrs. Friedemann was absent.**

**2. Public Comments-There were no public comments.**

**3. Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2008 meeting**

**On a motion made by Mrs. Palumbo and seconded by Mr. Day, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting**

**4. New Business**

**4.1 Resignations**

**Mr. Day made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to**

**accept the following resignations: The motion passed unanimously.**

**4.1.1 Peter Tausek, English Teacher at Cole, effective 8-12-08**

**4.1.2 Kayla Martineau, paraprofessional at Meadowbrook School, effective 8-14-08**

**4.1.3 Elizabeth Wilcox, paraprofessional at Hanaford School, effective 8-15-08**

**4.1.4 Linda Messier, paraprofessional at Meadowbrook School, effective 8-15-08**

#### **4.2 Retirement**

**On a motion made by Mrs. Palumbo and seconded by Mrs. Guliano, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following retirement:**

**4.2.1 Mary McCarthy, paraprofessional at Archie Cole, effective 8-31-08, after 30 years**

#### **4.3 Appointments**

**Mrs. Winters made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the following appointments with the exception of item 4.3.5. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4.3.1 Elizabeth D'Abbracchio, 0.4 ESL for the school district, effective 8-26-08**

**4.3.2 Jean Campbell, 0.5 PBGR at East Greenwich High, for one year only, effective 8-26-08**

**4.3.3 Patricia Ustick, 0.4 PBGR at EGHS, for one year only, effective 8-25-08**

**4.3.4 Katherine Thoreson, 1.0 English at Archie Cole Middle school, effective 8-27-08**

**Mrs. Winters made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Day to approve the appointment of Matthew Records. The motion passed with Mrs. Records recusing herself.**

**4.3.5 Matthew Records, 0.5 Computer Teacher at Archie Cole Middle, effective 8-26-08**

**4.3.6 Mary Sullivan, 0.5 PreSchool at Meadowbrook Farms School, for one year only, effective 8-26-08**

**4.3.7 Alternative Learning Program appointments at EGHS, for one year only**

**Christine Shaw, 0.1 Social Studies**

**Maria Portugali, 0.1 Science**

**Lori Koplik, 0.2 English**

**Diane Amelotte, 0.2 Math**

**Mrs. Palumbo asked about the Alternate Learning Program appointments. Mrs. Dillon stated that the teacher of record will provide direct instruction along with the ALP teacher, giving more support in a protected classroom setting.**

## **COACHES**

**Mrs. Palumbo made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to approve the following coaching appointments: The motion passed unanimously.**

**4.3.8 John Hoxsie, Assistant girls' soccer at EGHS for the fall 2008 season**

**4.3.9 Theresa Waggoner, Assistant girls' volleyball at EGHS for the fall 2008 season**

## **5. Update of Fields Project**

**Mr. Meyers stated that a three week extension was granted to the bidders because the drawings were only 50% complete. The work can't be started until the fall season ends. They will come back to the Committee in October.**

## **6. Report on Opening of School**

**Mr. Meyers reported a smooth opening and stated that Mrs. Newman gave a nice presentation on curriculum. He thanked the principals for their careful planning this summer. He also thanked the new Principals, Jeannine Nota and Christine Uhrin, Maryanne Crawford, Deb Murphy and Office Mong. Mr. Meyers also noted that Mr. Wilmarth did an outstanding job managing the painting at the schools. He recognized the town grounds crew for their outstanding work all summer, and Ernie DiSaia for managing the paving projects at Frenchtown, Eldredge and Meadowbrook.**

## **7. Charge Wellness Committee to develop a teen dating policy in accordance with the Lindsay Ann Burke Act**

**It was noted that all districts need to have a teen dating policy in place by December 31, 2008. A draft policy was given to School Committee which used the Department of Education model policy. Mrs. Meyer states that this is ready to be in place by December 1, 2008. Mrs. Davis, Health and Physical Education Department Head, and the health teachers are in the process of receiving training. Mr. Meyers thanked Alexis Meyer and Anne Palumbo for their leadership**

in this endeavor

## **8. Home School Requests**

**Mrs. Palumbo made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to approve the following home school plans for these East Greenwich students: The motion passed unanimously.**

**Molly Cottrell, Nora McCann, Niamh McCann, Nicole Morin, Isabella Colucci, Emily Colucci**

## **9. School Committee Concerns**

**Mrs. Guliano asked about having a policy sub-committee meeting. Mr. Meyers stated that a half day session would be in order and we should go through the policy manual again.**

**Mrs. Winters asked about the High School scheduling process for this school year. Mrs. Nota stated that it went smoother that last year with just a few snags. She noted that there is ample space for classes, but the Consumer Science teacher wishes she had more space.**

**Mrs. Cienki stated that the Board of Regents will vote Wednesday, September 4, on the new graduation requirements. The requirements will be 1/3 NECAP testing, 1/3 course work, and 1/3 senior project. It will take effect with the class of 2012. Mr. Meyers stated that allowing students to score below proficient on the NECAP testing sends a mixed message. Mrs. Cienki noted that there is a lot of opposition to these requirements but they fell on deaf ears. She feels these requirements will pass.**

**Mrs. Palumbo stated that we need to revise our peanut policy. New signs have been put up in schools, and the High School Nurse, Mary**

**Sicco, will speak to the faculty about allergies, and epi pens, etc. Mr. Meyers noted that elementary schools now have peanut and peanut free tables.**

**The new policy manual will be put on line and a few more changes need to be made.**

**Mrs. Winters asked about the new school lunch provider. Mr. Meyers stated that it is too early to tell. He did note that a lot of students are buying lunch at Frenchtown. He also mentioned that there will be a kick-off for Aramark on Wednesday, September 17th at Frenchtown School. Mrs. Cienki would like to put a survey about school lunch on the website.**

**10. 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 7:40p.m. under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2) for Custodian and Secretary/Paraprofessional Contract Negotiations.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Virginia Giuliani  
Secretary**