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East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Hanaford School Cafeteria

200 Middle Road

East Greenwich, RI 02818

ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE

6:30p.m. Executive Session, R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2) Potential Litigation

The School Committee may vote to convene an executive session to discuss potential litigation.

7:00p.m. Regular Session

I. Pledge of Allegiance

I. The regular session was held at 8:05p.m. in the Hanaford School Cafeteria.

Members present: JeanAnn Guliano, Chair, Anne Palumbo, Vice-Chair, MaryEllen Winters, Robert Durant, Susan Records and Deidre Gifford, as well as Superintendent Dr. Victor Mercurio, Director of Administration, Maryanne Crawford, Director of Special Services, Paula Dillon, and Director of Facilities, Robert Wilmarth. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Martin was absent.

II. Public Comments-There were no public comments.

III. Recognitions

1. Matt Gowell, East Greenwich High School Senior, was recognized

for being awarded the Healy Trophy for winning the New England High School Singlehanded Championship sponsored by the New England Schools Sailing Association.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to approve the minutes of the September 1, September 15 Regular Sessions and September 15 Executive Session. The motion passed with a minor change.

V. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercurio stated that all schools had a well organized and he attended all the open houses. The Department of Education spent a day at the high school concerning a preliminary approval of the diploma system. Dr. Mercurio also stated that his Entry Plan which was approved by the School Committee is ongoing and he is finishing up visits with faculty and staff. He noted that his written report will given to School Committee by October 30th. Dr. Mercurio noted that last week during the Health and wellness meeting, he had a conference call with Dr. Gifford of the Health Department and heard where the State is headed in preparing for vaccination clinics. Principals are in the process of filling out forms to determine where the clinics will be held in their school. The elementary schools will hold clinics in the evening, and secondary will have them in the course of the school day. Principals will send out parental consent forms after Columbus Day weekend. On October 21st, the Superintendent will send out a message on Alert Now.

Dr. Mercurio thanked everyone for the rigorous preparation for the

NECAP testing. We have one more week of testing.

VI. Action Items

a. Appointments

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

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- 1. Stacy Munzert, additional 0.4 Art Teacher at East Greenwich High School**
- 2. Theresa Waggoner Jones, Assistant Girls' Volleyball coach at EGHS for the fall 2009 season**

b. RECALL

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

- 1. Amy Schwender, one-on-one Paraprofessional, for a preschool student at Meadowbrook Farms School**

c. Home School Requests

On a motion made by Mrs. Winters and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the home school request for grade one twins for the 209-2010 school year.

On a motion made by Mrs. Winters and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following field trips:

- d. Out-of-State Trip to Groton, MA for Eldredge School on November 2, 3 and 4; and for Hanaford School on November 4, 5 and 6, 2009.**

- e. Out-of-State Trip to CT on October 15, 2009 for high school 12th graders**
- f. Out-of-State Trip to Worcester, MA on November 13, 2009 for Cole Middle School grade 8 students.**
- g. Fields Project Budget-This item will be postponed since there are some changes.**
- h. Fields Project Change Orders-This item is tabled.**
- i. Athletic Director Contract**

Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to approve the contract for Athletic Director, Christopher Cobain. The motion passed unanimously.

j. Cole Middle School Assistant Principal Contract

Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to approve the contract for Cole Assistant Principal, Vincent Varrecchione. The motion passed unanimously.

k. Opposition to Binding Arbitration Legislation for Teachers

Mrs. Gifford made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to make a resolution that the East Greenwich School Committee is opposed to binding arbitration for teachers. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Discussion Items

a. Building Committee Report-this will be done at the next meeting.

b. Fields Project Update-

Mrs. Guliano stated that a meeting was held on October 2nd with Fleet. Per the contract we have, Fleet would only allow certain testing. Significant standing water was noticed on the field on

Saturday, October 3rd. We are continuing to speak to the contractor.

c. GZA Testing- No further testing will be done.

d. First Reading Building Facilities Use Policy Revision-Mrs. Gifford submitted partial changes; there will be a policy subcommittee meeting on October 8th. Language has been added on who will have priority for rentals. We also need to define a timeline when we should get back to people.

e. Universal Chart of Accounts (UCOA) Update

Dr. Mercurio stated that UCOA is scheduled to go live on November 6th. The Department of Education has received correspondence from the Town of East Greenwich on when we are going live. Mrs. Gifford stated that THE Lincoln

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School Committee Chair suggests that all School Committees have training on the UCOA to help them understand the budget process.

VIII School Committee Concerns

Mr. Martin is still in the hospital but will be home at the end of the week.

Mrs. Guliano has contacted chairs in five other school districts for the purpose of holding a summit on consolidation. After that a larger summit will be held with superintendents and business managers. It will enable them to get the viewpoint from other districts on how to share services, personnel and materials.

Mrs. Records asked where Mr. Nettik stands with First Class. Dr.

Mercurio responded that we are now in the middle of changing to version 10, and we can roll out the calendar of when implementation can take place. Administrators and support staff will be trained first, then teachers. It will be rolled out this year. We need a timetable from Mr. Nettik.

For future agendas: CPT Consultant Charge; Technology-condition of laptops at the high school; Cole students crossing Post road after school need to use the crosswalk. Mrs. Meyer sent home a letter to parents; Strategic Building Solutions will make additional parking spaces in back.

Mrs. Dillon stated that the CPT information has been provided and is waiting for the School Committee's feedback. The charge is the consultant's proposal. This item will be put on the agenda for October 20th for approval subject to the School Committee's comments.

Mrs. Records spoke about East Greenwich students earning their Eagle Scout badge. There will be a ceremony for them on Sunday, October 18th at 2:00p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. Gifford asked if we should consider an addendum to the Athletic Director contract regarding endorsements, since there was a previous issue in North Kingstown. Mr. Durant said it should be a system wide policy.

IX. AJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Durant and seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Giuliani
Secretary