

**Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee  
Tuesday, October 19, 2010  
Hanaford School Cafeteria  
200 Middle Road  
East Greenwich, RI 02818**

**ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE**

The regular session of the East Greenwich School Committee was called to order in the Hanaford School Cafeteria at 7:02p.m. by Chair Dr. Deidre Gifford. Those in attendance were Mr. Bob Durant; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Mr. Paul Martin; Mrs. Susan Records (arrived 6:21p.m.); Mrs. Jean Ann Guliano; and Mrs. Anne Palumbo, Vice-Chair. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Victor Mercurio and Director of Administration Mrs. Maryanne Crawford.

**6:12p.m.** Mr. Martin made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Winters to go into Executive Session under RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1) and (a) (2) and (a) (8) to discuss potential litigation – Field’s project, legal review and contract renewal, and student hearing.

Mr. Durant made a motion to continue the student hearing to the 11/9/10 Executive Session of the School Committee. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Guliano and passed unanimously.

Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to go out of Executive Session at 6:55p.m. and to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

**7:02p.m.** Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to reconvene to Open Session. Voted 7-0 in favor.

**7:02p.m.** Regular meeting

**I. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**II. Public Comments**

Mr. Hogan, of 40 Sarah’s Trace, East Greenwich questioned the committee as to the status of the structural analysis report which was conducted on September 9, 2010. He has still not received the report from PARE. Dr. Mercurio and the committee were unaware of this situation and Dr. Mercurio will call Mr. Romeo, of SBS, for the report.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**a.** Mr. Durant made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Guliano to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2010 Regular and Executive Session minutes with one amended item noted on the Executive Session minutes. Voted 7-0 in favor.

**IV. Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Mercurio discussed the scope of “Race to the Top.” Dr. Mercurio and Mrs. Dillon are working on the draft which is due Friday, October 22, 2010. Dr. Mercurio and some of the other administrators will be attending the “School as a Tool” forum tomorrow at the Providence Career & Technical Academy. Mr. Martin inquired as to whether the district tracks how many parents attend the Open Houses in the district. Dr. Mercurio stated that since there is not a directive to track this data, each school may opt to track attendance on their own.

**V. Action Items**

**a. Fields Committee Charge**

The Fields Committee Charge was discussed and revised as follows (as noted in italics):

“All meetings will be held in a public place *and in accordance* with the open meeting laws.”

“The Committee will meet at the call *of the Chair*, Parks & Recreation Director and/or the Athletic Director.” “*The Committee shall elect the chair and vice chair from its members annually.*”

A motion was made by Mr. Durant to accept the revised Fields Committee Charge and it was seconded by Mrs. Winters. Vote 7-0. It was noted the revised charge will be sent to the Town Council.

## **VI. Discussion Items**

### **a. Aramark update**

Annie Stoehr, Aramark, updated the School Committee on year-to-date school lunch purchases. Mrs. Stoehr noted that sales have increased at Hanaford and Eldridge Schools. She noted that Aramark’s goal is to sell 800 meals per day. She noted this goal was achieved four times last year and has already been achieved twice so far this school year. She also noted that Aramark is trying to contain costs by consolidating purchases. Mrs. Stoehr also noted that as of the end of September, sales are ahead \$30,000. Last year Aramark ended the year with a \$23,000 deficit. Mr. Durant noted that the \$23,000 did not come from the schools, but from Aramark. Mrs. Stoehr also noted that 28-33% of students purchase from Aramark. The School Committee would like Aramark to attend School Committee meetings quarterly to update the committee and submit monthly sales reports.

### **b. NECAP update**

Dr. Mercurio presented the committee with NECAP results (’07-’09) for Reading, Math, Writing, and Science, and discussed the results of East Greenwich students in relation to state results. Dr. Mercurio commends the students, teachers, administrators, and parents for their efforts and results achieved. Dr. Mercurio discussed the TIENET data dashboard and how TIENET reporting is beneficial to teachers. It was noted that the district has three years of data in TIENET. Dr. Mercurio spoke of the 2014-2015 testing change from NECAP testing to PARCC (Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers).

### **c. Number of members on School Committee**

Mr. Martin discussed the current number of members (7) and discussed possibly revising the number to five (5) based on the size of the town and the student population. He noted this could possibly save the district \$6,400.00. Members discussed the pros and cons of having seven members versus five members. This type of change would involve a town charter change. Dr. Gifford asked for a vote to reduce the number of members from seven to five and the motion was denied. Vote 5-2. Mr. Martin and Mrs. Records voted for the reduction of members.

### **d. Process for field dedication**

There was discussion regarding the process for field dedication. Mr. Martin discussed the possibility of dedicating a portion of a field to an educator who contributed to the East Greenwich School District. The committee will look into the current policy regarding the naming of fields.

### **e. Process for placing items on School Committee agenda**

Dr. Gifford asked that the committee hold off on this discussion until the new members take office.

### **f. School Committee buy-back**

Mr. Martin discussed the buy-back authorized to School Committee members. It was decided this is an individual decision of each member and the policy will remain the same.

### **g. Student recognition process**

Due to low attendance at student recognitions during School Committee meetings, it was discussed whether to do recognitions on a quarterly basis. The committee decided to leave the process as is.

## **VII. School Committee Concerns**

A joint meeting needs to take place in early December to discuss the budgeting process in regards to UCOA (Uniform Chart of Accounts) with the Finance Committee and principals.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

On a motion made by Mrs. Records and seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:40p.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO  
SECRETARY