

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

East Greenwich High School Library

300 Avenger Drive

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 East Greenwich High School Library at 6:15p.m. by School Committee Chair Dr. Deidre Gifford. Those in attendance were Mr. Robert Durant, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Mr. Jack Sommer; Mr. David Green, and Mrs. Susan Records. Mr. Paul Martin was absent. Superintendent Dr. Victor Mercurio; Director of Administration Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, and Director of Student Services Paula Dillon were also present.

6:15p.m.Regular meeting

I. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III.Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Durant which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the minutes for Work Session 1/19/11, Budget Workshop 2/3/11, and

Budget Workshop 2/8/11 were unanimously approved (6-0).

IV. Action Items

a. Approval of layoffs, suspensions, and non-renewals

On a motion by Mr. Durant which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the layoffs, suspensions, and non-renewals were unanimously approved (6-0).

b. Home School request for grade 1 and grade 3

On a motion by Mr. Durant which was seconded by Mr. Green, the home school requests were unanimously approved (6-0).

c. Cole-Field Trip to New York City- March 15, 2011 & March 31, 2011

On a motion by Mr. Durant which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Cole Field Trips were unanimously approved (6-0).

V. Discussion Items

a. Fields' Committee Report

Dr. Mercurio stated that Mr. Cobain has been in contact with Cathy Bradley and will set up a meeting the week of March 21st. Dr. Mercurio, Mr. Sequino, and Mrs. Winters will sit in on the meeting.

b. Budget 2012

The School Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 to discuss and approve the 2012 budget. Dr. Gifford noted the Town Council usually gives the School Committee a budget figure to work with, but has not given one this year. Her interpretation is to keep the numbers as low as possible. Once the budget is submitted to the town, there will be opportunities for discussion.

VI. School Committee Concerns

Mr. Sommer questioned the status of the EGHS concession stand and

storage area that is needed for track and field. Dr. Mercurio noted current plans are mainly for food prep and restrooms. Storage areas for track and field are not being addressed in the 2012 budget. Dr. Gifford noted the budget surplus may be able to address storage needs. The Committee discussed touring Meadowbrook School and it was noted that Mr. Green and Mrs. Records have completed their visit. Dr. Mercurio will set up a date for the balance of the School Committee and Town Council members to tour Meadowbrook with him and Dr. Areglado.

VII.Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Durant which was seconded by Mr. Green, the Committee voted unanimously (6-0) to adjourn at 6:28p.m. Commissioner Gist is holding a community forum in the EG auditorium this evening.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY