

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Archie Cole Middle School Cafetorium

100 Cedar Avenue

East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:07p.m. Mr. Sommer made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Green to go into Executive Session under General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-5 (a) (1) and (2) Superintendent evaluation, Legal review and contract renewal, Discussion of RI General Law Title 28-Labor and Labor Relations.

Those in attendance were Mr. Robert Durant, Vice-Chair; Mr. David Green; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Mr. Jack Sommer, and Mrs. Susan Records. Chair Dr. Deidre Gifford and Mr. Paul Martin were absent. Superintendent Dr. Victor Mercurio, Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Paula Dillon, and Director of Administration Mrs. Maryanne Crawford were also in attendance.

7:06p.m. Regular Meeting

I. Call to order

The regular session of the East Greenwich School Committee was called to order in the Cafetorium of the Archie Cole Middle School at 7:06 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Mr. Robert Durant.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular and Executive for 9/6/11

On a motion by Mr. Green, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Regular and Executive minutes for 9/6/11 were unanimously approved (5-0).

V. Recognitions

The Committee acknowledged East Greenwich School Department retirees Kathleen MacGunnigle and Carolyn Palazzo (both were not present) for their service to the district. Mrs. Cheryl Simmons was congratulated on her \$4,500 Learning and Leadership Grant from the NEA Foundation.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercurio reminded the Committee that the Archie R. Cole Ribbon Cutting Ceremony has been rescheduled to Monday, September 26, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. He would like to invite descendants of Archie Cole. NEASC meets this weekend to discuss the East Greenwich High School's accreditation status based on the April 2011 visit. The new East Greenwich Public School website will be rolled out by the end of the week.

VII. School Committee Concerns

There were no concerns.

VIII. Action Items

a. Home School Approval – grades 5 & 8

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted (5-0) to approve the home school request.

b. First read of revised policies

The following policies received a first read by the Committee and will come back for a second read/adoption at the next School Committee meeting:

1. Policy #1110 Statement of Philosophy

2. Policy #1115 Code of Basic Management Principles and Ethical Standards for School Committee Members

3. Policy #1130 Guide to Rhode Island's Laws on Open Meetings and Public Records

4. Policy #6110 Community Outreach

5. Policy #6120 School Visits

Mrs. Records suggested that “a minimum of 48 hours’ notice” be added to Policy #6120. Mr. Durant would like the second reads to show the redline revisions.

c. Policy #1120 Ethical Pledge recommended for deletion –redundant policy

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Green, the Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to delete Policy #1120.

d. Charge for facility sub-committee

Dr. Mercurio discussed the sub-committee charge and noted it is specific to naming venues at Cole Middle School including the gym, library, and cafeteria. The work will end when the sub-committee submits their recommendations. The Committee would like the Charge to include specific criteria that defines an individual's

qualifications/accomplishments that warrant naming a venue on their behalf. On a motion by Mr. Green, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to table this item.

e. Approval of template for School Committee appointments

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the template for School Committee appointments. This template is the “minimum” documentation that must be presented to the Committee.

X. Discussion Items

a. Governmental Accounting Standards Board No.45 (GASB45)

Mr. Durant asked the Committee to table this item so the School Committee Chair can be present for the discussion. On a motion by Mr. Green, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted unanimously (5-0) to table this item.

XI. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted (5-0) to adjourn at 7:31p.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY