

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Monday, February 13, 2012

Superintendent's Conference Room

111 Peirce Street

East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:03p.m. Special Meeting

Those in attendance were: Dr. Deidre Gifford, Chair; Mr. Robert Durant, Vice-Chair; Mr. David Green, Mr. Jack Sommer, Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; and Mr. Paul Martin (arrived at 6:05p.m.). Mrs. Susan Records was absent. Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent and Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, Director of Administration were also present.

I. Call to Order

The special meeting of the East Greenwich School Committee was called to order in the Superintendent's conference room in the central administrative building by Dr. Deidre Gifford, Chair.

II. Action Items

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

Dr. Mercurio discussed the deadline of notifying teachers' by March 1st if they will receive notice of lay-off, suspension, or non-renewals. Teachers who were hired as "one year only" and A.L.P. (Alternative Learning Program) .1FTE and .2FTE will also receive a lay-off notice.

There are no lay-offs for non- performance. The names of the

affected teachers will be presented for School Committee approval on February 28, 2012. Mrs. Crawford noted there will be approximately seven lay-offs which include three teachers who are “one year only” employees. She also noted seven teachers have submitted letters stating they may retire at the end of the school year. The Committee would like to minimize the number of layoffs. Dr. Gifford would like to see the number of lay-offs limited to five. Mrs. Crawford is waiting to receive the bid for health care and transportation. There may be little or no increase in transportation. The district is slated to receive an extra \$450,000 in state aid, but no information has been received yet. Dr. Mercurio noted the average daily membership (attendance) is up for the district.

b. Appointment

1. Network Specialist

On a motion by Mr. Green, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 6-0 to appoint Bryce Jett to the position of Network Specialist.

III. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Durant, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY