

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Archie R. Cole Middle School Library

100 Cedar Avenue

East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:10p.m. Executive Session, Mr. Durant made a motion to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under General Laws of Rhode Island §42-46-5(a) (1) (2) Interview Candidate -Assistant Principal Cole, Personnel-Para negotiations, Custodial negotiations, Potential Litigation-Denial of Reimbursement. Mrs. Winters seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Those in attendance were Dr. Deidre Gifford, Chair; Mr. Robert Durant, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Mr. Paul Martin; Mr. Jack Sommer; Mrs. Records (arrived at 6:15p.m.), and Mr. Green (arrived at 6:43p.m.). Also in attendance were Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; Attorney Matthew Oliverio, and Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, Director of Administration (arrived at 6:30p.m.).

7:00p.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. Nathan Finstein spoke to the Committee about a communication that was sent to them last year. He explained that he has not received a response. Dr. Gifford thanked Mr. Finstein for his comments and encouraged him to follow-up with the School Committee or Dr. Mercurio privately as to the specific nature of his communication.

III. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular and executive for September 4, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Durant, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the regular and executive minutes for September 4, 2012.

IV. Superintendent's Report

There are two more Open Houses this week-Meadowbrook and Frenchtown. The Rhode Island Department of Health sent an advisory to school administrators across the state recommending "smart scheduling" of all outdoor activities including games and practices. The memo was forwarded to the Athletic Director and all Principals.

V. School Committee Concerns

Mr. Martin questioned why the School Committee Scholarship was not included on the agenda. Dr. Gifford explained the scholarship is not an official act of the School Committee and is voluntary for members. She would like to discuss this with Mr. Martin prior to the next meeting. Mr. Martin noted four students have received this scholarship and asked for School Committee support. He requested

this item appear on the next agenda.

VI. Action Items

a. Appointments

On a motion by Mr. Durant, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve appointments #1, 2, 3, 4 listed below.

- 1. EGHS Social Studies Teacher- 1 Year Only-Diana Dwane**
- 2. EGHS Freshman Co-Class Advisor-Pat Page**
- 3. EGHS Freshman Co-Class Advisor-Desiree Brown**
- 4. Meadowbrook Para 1:1-Christina Baggeson**

5. Meadowbrook Para .6FTE

This item was tabled.

6. Reinstatement of Temporary Director of Student Services Position

Dr. Mercurio recommended reinstating this position on a temporary basis due to the critical nature of student services. The Committee was provided with a job description. On a motion by Mr. Martin, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee approved the temporary position 7-0. This temporary position is a division of the job held by the previous Assistant Superintendent.

7. Appointment of Temporary Director of Student Services-Judith Saccardo

Dr. Mercurio gave a brief background of Ms. Saccardo, who was a Director of Student Services in South Kingstown for six years. She is newly retired and will begin work at the end of this week.

8. Appointment of Assistant Principal- Cole Middle School

On a motion by Mrs. Records, which was seconded by Mr. Durant, the Committee voted 6-0 (with Mr. Green abstaining) to appoint Mr. Daniel Seger to the position of Assistant Principal, Archie Cole Middle School. Dr. Mercurio noted that Mr. Seger stood out above the other candidates.

b. Home School Approvals

- 1. Home School Approval -grade 11**
- 2. Home School Approval-grade 9**
- 3. Home School Approval-grade 2 and grade 5**

Dr. Gifford explained that the district recently adopted a new Home School Policy in January 2012. Based on the information provided this evening, Dr. Gifford would like to table these requests until the policy committee meets with these parties at the next policy committee meeting on September 24, 2012. Requests for home school approvals will be brought back to the Committee at a later date. On a motion by Mr. Green, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to table home school approvals #1,2,3.

c. Request for approval of trip to Italy- EGHS April 2013

Mr. Revkin is seeking preliminary approval to move forward planning a trip to Italy in April 2013. The cost for the nine-day trip is approximately \$3500 per student. The trip will be booked using EF Tours. EGHS students may miss one day of school. On a motion by Mr. Martin, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee approved the trip 7-0.

VII. School Committee Reports

a. Building Committee- Mr. Green, Chair

Mr. Green gave an update on Meadowbrook Farms School noting that contractors have been working on the punch list. White boards should ship in about four weeks, mobile book shelves should be received within one or two weeks, and unit ventilators are being installed and should be finished in a few weeks. Millwork is being done after hours. Work on the Cole softball field was delayed due to rain. Seeding and fertilization should be done next week. Drainage work is done and the final grading of the end field remains. Mrs. Osbourne asked if the computers at Meadowbrook are ready for NEWA testing. Dr. Mercurio said they appear to be, but will confirm with Principal Marcaccio. Mr. Green was asked by members of the public if the purpose of the Meadowbrook renovation was to get rid of moisture or to fix the floor. Mr. Green explained that the renovation was to mitigate moisture migration and that work was completed.

b. Fields Committee-Mrs. Winters, Chair

Mrs. Winters said the Fields' Committee has not met as membership is being confirmed with new members coming on board. Mr. Martin questioned the position of the flag on the field and the fact that it is displayed overnight without lighting. Dr. Mercurio will ask Mr. Wilmarth to look into this.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Durant made a motion at 7:37p.m. to go out of regular session and resume executive session. Mrs. Winters seconded the motion

and it passed 7-0.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY