

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Archie R. Cole Middle School Library

100 Cedar Avenue

East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:32.p.m. Executive Session, Mrs. Winters 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) Teacher Negotiations. Ms. Mark seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Those in attendance were Mr. David Green, Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Mrs. Susan Records; Ms. Carolyn Mark; Mr. Clark Smith, and Mr. Jack Sommer (arrived at 6:33p.m.). Dr. Deidre Gifford was absent.

Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, Director of Administration, and Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Student Services were also in attendance.

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

Ms. Kim Ambler, 118 Peirce Street, shared her concerns regarding unannounced lock down drills. She asked if the policy could be

revised to give prior notice. Ms. Ambler discussed the drill that took place last year at Meadowbrook that frightened her daughter. Dr. Mercurio and Mr. Green said a subcommittee could review the policy, but the current policy is based on state statute. Dr. Mercurio has already contacted principals' and asked them to give parents' prior notice.

III. Recognition- William Sequino, Former East Greenwich Town Manager

Mr. Sequino was unable to attend the meeting. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 6-0 to table the recognition.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Executive for July 16, 2013**
- b. Regular and executive for August 13, 2013**
- c. Regular for August 22, 2013**

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted

6-0 to approve the minutes for July 16, 2013; August 13, 2013, and August 22, 2013.

V. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercurio reported the opening of school went well. Enrollment has increased to 2,433, which includes out-of-district placement. The FY2014 NESDEC projection was 2,403. Open house dates are on the district and individual school web sites. There may be one conflict with a School Committee meeting the same night. The PTG met today for an organizational meeting. Dr. Mercurio's first meeting with PTG

presidents is scheduled for September 9, 2013 in the superintendent's conference room. Dr. Mercurio noted that Mrs. Colgan and Mrs. Larkin have done a tremendous amount of work regarding the PTGs 501(c) 3 status.

VI. School Committee Concerns

Ms. Mark discussed her concerns regarding the number of students she observed riding bikes to school without helmets (Hanaford and Cole). State statute requires children fifteen and under to wear helmets. Dr. Mercurio will remind parents of the law via district and school list servs. The SRO officer can also raise awareness. Dr. Mercurio will speak with Chief Coyle regarding this issue. Ms. Mark also discussed concerns regarding the high temperature in some classrooms at the start of the school year. Mr. Green said the district could look into the possibility of supplying classrooms with fans.

VII. Action Items

a. Appointments

- 1. Eldredge-Health Teacher-0.2FTE- Jason Cerro**
- 2. Meadowbrook Farms-Special Education Teacher-1.0FTE-Allyson Cascione**
- 3. EGHS Custodian-0.5FTE-John Harvey**
- 4. Central office Custodian-0.5FTE-Robert Feuti, Sr.**

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve appointments #1 and #2. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve #3 and #4. Mrs. Crawford noted these custodians have been working as substitutes.

b. Home School Approval-Grade 9 student

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Ms. Mark, the Committee voted

6-0 to approve the request.

c. Approval- Aramark Food Service Contract

Mrs. Crawford gave a brief overview of the contract and stated the district had a \$20,000 surplus this year. Aramark received a five-year contract with the state that requires district approval each year. Derek Hague is the new food manager for the district. On a motion by Mrs. Records, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the contract.

d. 2014 School Committee Meeting Dates

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Ms. Mark, the Committee voted

6-0 to approve the 2014 School Committee meeting dates. Mr. Green noted the budget workshop dates could be modified if necessary.

VIII. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn at 7:32p.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY