

# **Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee**

**Tuesday, November 5, 2013**

**Archie R. Cole Middle School Library**

**100 Cedar Avenue**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

**6:02p.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) (2) (8) Teacher Negotiations, Student Appeal. Ms. Mark seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.**

**Those in attendance were Mr. David Green, Chair; Dr. Deidre Gifford, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Ms. Carolyn Mark; Mr. Jack Sommer; Mr. Clark Smith, and Mrs. Susan Records (arrived at 6:06 p.m.). Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, Director of Administration; Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Student Services; and Attorney Matthew Oliverio were also in attendance.**

## **7:20p.m. Regular Meeting**

### **I. Call to Order**

**The meeting was already in session. Mr. Green stated that a unanimous vote was taken in executive session regarding a student matter.**

### **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 October 15, 2013**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the regular and executive minutes for October 15, 2013.**

### **V. Superintendent's Report**

**Dr. Mercurio stated that Representative Giarrusso contacted him regarding the bus monitor situation. He would like stronger legislation regarding background checks. Tomorrow "support links" for parents will be posted on the district website under the Parent Resources tab. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with representatives from Ocean State Transit. Dr. Mercurio will send follow-up communication to parents and the Committee Wednesday or Thursday. Tomorrow is no school due to parent conferences at the elementary level and professional development at the middle and high school. Dr. Mercurio will forward the professional development schedule to School Committee members. This week marks the end of several fall sports. Recognitions for several athletes/teams will take place at the next School Committee meeting. The Strategic Planning Ad- Hoc Committee has completed two sessions. SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis was completed at last night's meeting. The next step is to share this with the administration council and then the School Committee. The next**

meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2013 at 5:30p.m. in the Cole library.

## **VI. School Committee Concerns**

Dr. Gifford attended the informational meeting that was held last evening regarding the bus #2 monitor. She noted there were lots of constructive comments, but there were also some unconfirmed rumors. The district will continue to investigate and respond when appropriate. Dr. Mercurio, Mrs. Crawford, and Mr. Green have a meeting with Ocean State Transit tomorrow to open up dialogue and discuss policies and practices. Policies will be addressed to enhance security for all students. Mr. Sommer would like a summary of the meeting. All questions should be deferred to Dr. Mercurio.

## **VII. Action Items**

### **a. Parental leave –Deana Agresti-EGHS**

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

7-0 to approve the parental leave.

### **b. Appointments**

On a motion by Dr. Gifford, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the following appointments were unanimously approved:

- 1. Business/Computer Co-Teacher- EGHS-1-year only-Patrick Wygant**
- 2. Curriculum Consultant -Jacqueline Naspo**
- 3. Paraprofessional 1:1 Hanaford-Kristen DePetro**
- 4. Mock Trial Advisor-Cole-Jody Mangiaratti**
- 5. Girls' Basketball Coach –Cole- Gary Faragalli**

## **6. Boys' Basketball Coach-Cole-Joe Szymkowicz**

### **c. First Read Policies**

#### **1. Policy #5420-Criminal Background Check**

The highlighted revisions clarify who is required to get a national background check and a state background check. Legislation passed last session changed the

requirements. Dr. Gifford asked for one edit under "volunteer," adding "Rhode Island Criminal Background Check."

#### **2. Policy #6115-Volunteer Agreement/Statement of Confidentiality**

Mr. Green noted minor edits were necessary to clean up the language and an exclusionary clause was added. The committee discussed whether contractors should be noted in this policy.

### **d. Truck Bid**

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the truck bid was unanimously approved. Mr. Sommer questioned the pricing and Mrs. Crawford stated the district is part of a consortium for pricing. This truck will replace a truck that is approximately ten years old.

## **VIII. Sub Committee Updates**

### **a. Finance Committee**

Mr. Sommer said the Committee met to discuss the new Charge, budget schedule, and plans for the next meeting.

### **b. Policy Committee**

Dr. Gifford noted the Committee met on October 25, 2013 and discussed policies #5420, and #6115. The Health and Wellness Policy was discussed and it was decided that Ms. Mark would work

with the consortium to draft the policy. The technology policy was tabled due to a district-wide meeting that was taking place the same day. The waiver policy was discussed and one guest provided policy from two other districts. The Committee will look at adding subcontractors to pertinent policies. The next meetings are scheduled for November 15 and November 22, 2013.

#### **c. Health and Wellness Committee**

Mrs. Records stated the Committee met on October 25, 2013 to finalize this year's plan.

The plan will be posted under the Parent Resource tab on the Health and Wellness page.

Ms. Mark is working with the state consortium to revise the Health and Wellness policy.

Ms. Mark will also set up a Mental Health Sub-Committee meeting.

### **IX. Discussion**

#### **a. Financial Statement**

Mrs. Crawford gave the Committee a quarterly budget update through September 2013 including WB Community Health. Dental and healthcare continue to have surpluses. Dental rates may decrease again this year. Last year healthcare rates increased by 6%; however, Mrs. Crawford does not anticipate that level of increase this year. Ms. Mark asked if there are any updates on the Affordable Care Act. Mrs. Crawford anticipates updates in January and can advise the Committee as to how many people will be offered healthcare, along with the limitations of the plan. The look-back period started

**July 1st. 2013.**

**X. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mrs. Records, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:51p.m.**

**CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO**

**SECRETARY**