

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

Archie R. Cole Middle School Library

100 Cedar Avenue

East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:04 p.m. Executive Session, Ms. Mark made a motion to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5(a) (1) Interview Director of Technology/Systems Analyst Candidate, Superintendent Evaluation, Administrative Contracts. Mr. Sommer seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Those in attendance were Mr. David Green, Chair; Dr. Deidre Gifford, Vice-Chair; Ms. Carolyn Mark; Mr. Clark Smith; Mr. Jack Sommer; Mrs. Susan Records (arrived at 6:20 p.m.) and Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters (arrived at 6:50 p.m.). Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent, Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, Director of Administration, and Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Student Services were also present.

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and announced a vote was taken in executive session regarding an appointment. The vote was 6-0 in favor with one abstention.

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 Minutes for June 17, 2014

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the minutes for June 17, 2014.

V. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercurio discussed the fiber project that has been ongoing with the school and town. The new five-digit phone system will allow the town and school to call each other via an internal system, rather than making outside calls. The school district is scheduled for a July 24th cutover. Dr. Mercurio will discuss the wireless upgrade project (\$30 million bond) next week with RIDE. Funding will upgrade the wireless capabilities at the elementary schools and Cole. The Building Committee met last evening to review the 2008 proposed school construction projects, discuss the balance available from the \$52 million bond, and discuss the condition of all facilities.

VI. School Committee Concerns

Mrs. Winters questioned the difference in job description between a department chair, supervisor, and coordinator. There was not a current job description available for a department chair. She noted the proposals for district arts and music coordinators seem to mirror the job description for a department chair. Mr. Green would like the Personnel Committee to discuss this topic and identify any

deficiencies.

VII. Action Items

a. Resignations

- 1. Laura Blecharczyk, Special Education Teacher, Cole**
- 2. Aubrie Savikas, French Teacher, EGHS**

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the resignations.

b. Appointments

- 1. Sharon Kitchin, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Administration, Central Office**

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment with a retroactive date of July 1, 2014.

- 2. Scott Douglas, Head Coach, Girls' Soccer, EGHS**
- 3. Pat McGuirl, Head Coach, Boys' Soccer, EGHS**
- 4. Marc Brocato, Head Coach, Girls' Tennis, EGHS**
- 5. Deb McMullen, Head Coach, Field Hockey, EGHS**
- 6. John George, Head Coach, Football, EGHS**
- 7. Kyle Mushaweh, Assistant Coach, Football, EGHS**
- 8. Nicole Rains, Assistant Coach, Girls' Soccer, EGHS**
- 9. Peter Dion, Head Coach, Boys' Cross Country, EGHS**
- 10. Erin Newman, Head Coach, Girls' Cross Country, EGHS**
- 11. Rob Petrucci, Assistant Coach, Girls' Tennis, EGHS**
- 12. Margaret Naughton, Assistant Coach, Girls' Field Hockey, EGHS**
- 13. Bill Conway, Assistant Coach, Football, EGHS**

14. Andy Butler, Assistant Coach, Football, EGHS

15. Dan Gloria, Head Coach, Boys' Soccer, Cole

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve appointments #2-15.

Ms. Mark asked if the Committee could receive information regarding the evaluation process for coaches.

16. Randy Orr, Custodian, EGHS .5FTE

On a motion by Mrs. Records, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the appointment. This is a replacement, not a new position.

c. Second Read/Adoption #4215 Health and Wellness Policy

Ms. Mark summarized proposed revisions suggested by the School Committee and the public. On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 7-0 to send the policy back to the Policy Committee for additional revisions.

d. Position proposals for District Visual Arts Coordinator and District Coordinator

A series of meetings took place with the music and visual art teachers to discuss district leadership positions. A survey was then sent out to gather input on the important components of a coordinator. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the difference between a department chair and coordinator and the stipend provided. Dr. Gifford asked the Superintendent to provide a comparison of supervisors, coordinators, and department chairs. This comparison will address items such as salaries, expectations,

functionality, etc. Mr. Sommer made a motion to send the proposal back to the Superintendent for additional information for the August meeting. Mrs. Winters seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

e. Approval of Lease Resolution

This resolution authorizes the execution and delivery of a master equipment lease/purchase agreement and related instruments in connection with the financing of the acquisition of Chromebook computers for the EGHS. The Town Council approved this resolution last night. On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Dr. Gifford, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the resolution.

VIII. Sub Committee Update

a. Health and Wellness Committee

The Health and Wellness Committee met to review the proposed Health and Wellness Policy. The Committee was also given an update on the work of the Mental Health Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has drafted a Mental Health Assessment, which needs to be reviewed with the Superintendent prior to the School Committee.

IX. Discussion

a. Proposed Charter Changes for Financial Town Meeting and Budget Adoption Timeline

Town Council President Isaacs drafted suggested changes to the East Greenwich Charter, Sections C-33 and C-34, regarding budget timelines. All proposed changes are contingent on the elimination of the Financial Town Meeting, which will appear on the November ballot. If approved by voters, the changes would allow modification

to the budget timelines.

X. Adjournment and return to executive session

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to return to executive session at 8:25 p.m.

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY