

Minutes of the East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, September 2, 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 Administration Candidate. Mrs. Winters seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

Those in attendance were Mr. David Green, Chair; Dr. Deidre Gifford, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:06 p.m.); Ms. Carolyn Mark; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters, Mr. Clark Smith, and Mrs. Susan Records (arrived at 6:12 p.m.). Mr. Jack Sommer was absent.

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and announced a vote was taken in executive session relative to interviewing a candidate for the position of Director of Administration. The vote was affirmative 6-0.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

III. Public Comments

There were no comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. Special Meeting and Executive Minutes for August 5, 2014

Mrs. Winters made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Gifford seconded the motion, which passed 5-0 with Ms. Mark abstaining.

b. Regular and Executive Minutes for August 12, 2014

Mrs. Winters made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Gifford seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Ms. Mark and Mrs. Records abstained.

c. Special Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2014

The minutes were tabled due to a lack of a quorum for a vote.

V. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercurio thanked the faculty and staff for a successful school opening. Transportation continues to be examined and revisions made as needed. Ad Hoc Committees to study the school calendar and start times will be finalized by the end of the week. The Ad Hoc Committee for all day kindergarten will meet the week of September 15, 2014. Postings for the Visual Arts and Performing Arts Coordinators have been posted on School Spring. Candidates will go through the CBH process and appointments will be made at the September 16, 2014 School Committee meeting. Dr. Gifford asked for an update on enrollment and class size.

VI. School Committee Concerns

Mrs. Records questioned the status of the Director of Technology

position. Dr. Mercurio said interviews have been completed and the candidate needs to go through the interview process with the School Committee. Ms. Mark asked for clarity on the process of appointing community members to ad hoc committees. It was agreed this policy needs additional review by the Policy Committee.

VII. Action Items

a. Home School Approval

1. Grade 9 student

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Ms. Mark, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the home school request, but asked for more detail on the curriculum to be used.

2. Grade 9 student

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Ms. Mark, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the home school request.

3. Grade 10 student

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Ms. Mark, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the home school request, but asked for more detail on the curriculum to be used.

b. Appointments

1. 0.4 FTE French Teacher, EGHS

This appointment was tabled.

2. Assistant Coach, Football, EGHS-George Dolan

3. Assistant Coach, Boys' Soccer, EGHS-Andrew Tetzlaff

4. Assistant Coach, Girls' Volleyball, EGHS-Richard Glover

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. Gifford, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve appointments #2, 3, 4 pending

receipt of appropriate certifications.

c. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement- Technology Integration Specialist

This Memorandum of Agreement is an addendum to the paraprofessional contract. A signature line will be added for the School Committee Chair's signature. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the MOA with the adjustment noted.

d. Approval of Aramark Contract-One Year Contract

Mrs. Crawford gave a brief summary of the proposed contract, which was reviewed by the district attorney. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. Gifford, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve a one- year contract for Aramark for the 2014-2015 school year.

VIII. Discussion

a. Update on 1:1 rollout at EGHS

Dr. Mercurio stated the Chromebooks should arrive a week from today. The company is completing the etching. Distribution to students will be made at the end of the week. Two days' of professional development for teachers have already taken place. The next professional development day is scheduled for September 9, 2014. The Technology Integration Specialist is scheduled to begin on September 8, 2014 and will be in place for the rollout. Mr. Podraza was present to discuss the rollout, student support, and upcoming professional development. Mr. Podraza was asked to gather feedback from students/staff to determine whether adjustments need

to be made to professional development. Dr. Gifford expressed concerns regarding the collection of students' personal information and the rollout without a Director of Technology.

b. FY2014 Financial Update

Mrs. Crawford provided a financial update as of June 30, 2014. The district will break even for the year. With Mrs. Crawford's upcoming departure, Dr. Mercurio and the Committee thanked her for her service to the district and offered best wishes to her in South Kingstown.

IX. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Ms. Mark, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

**CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO
SECRETARY**