

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

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014**

**Archie R. Cole Middle School Library**

**100 Cedar Avenue**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

**6:04 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 Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5 (a) (9) EGEA Teacher Grievances. Ms. Mark seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.**

**Those in attendance were Mr. David Green, Chair; Dr. Deidre Gifford, Vice-Chair (arrived at 6:27 p.m.); Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Ms. Carolyn Mark; Mr. Clark Smith; Mr. Jack Sommer; and Mrs. Susan Records (arrived at 6:29 p.m.). Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; Mrs. Gail Wilcox, Director of Administration, and Mr. Brad Wilson, Director of Student Services were also in attendance.**

## **7:00p.m. Regular Meeting**

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

**Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and announced two votes were taken in executive session pertaining to teacher grievances. One vote was 7-0. The second vote was 6-1 with Ms. Mark voting no.**

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

### **III. Recognition**

**a. Kara Ratigan, Teacher, Eldredge- East Greenwich Teacher of the Year 2014- 2015**

**The Committee recognized and congratulated Mrs. Ratigan for being named teacher of the year in East Greenwich.**

### **IV. Public Comments**

**There were no public comments.**

### **V. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Regular minutes for November 3, 2014**

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

**6-0 to approve the minutes. Dr. Gifford abstained.**

### **VI. Superintendent's Report**

**Various student athletes will be recognized at the next School Committee meeting. Dr. Mercurio will attend a leadership conference on November 20, 2014 at the Hassenfeld Institute at Bryant University. Dr. Mercurio thanked outgoing School Committee members Mr. Green, Mr. Sommer, and Mrs. Records for their thoughtful stewardship, time, patience, energy and effort. All members will be recognized during the Swearing In Ceremony on November 24, 2014.**

### **VII. School Committee Concerns**

**There were no concerns.**

### **VIII. Action Items**

**a. Appointments**

**On a motion by Dr. Gifford, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve appointment #1. Mrs. Records abstained.**

**1. Head Coach, Boys' Basketball-EGHS-Matthew Records**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve appointments #2-13.**

**2. Asst Coach, Boys' Basketball-EGHS-Don Bowen**

**3. Head Coach Boys' Swim-EGHS-Regina Hand**

**4. Head Coach Girls' Swim-EGHS-Regina Hand**

**5. Head Coach Boys' Hockey-EGHS-Sean Fahey**

**6. Asst Coach Boys' Hockey-EGHS-Justin Carlson**

**7. Volunteer Coach Boys' Hockey-EGHS-Don Dunwoody**

**8. Head Coach Boys' Indoor Track-EGHS-Peter Dion**

**9. Head Coach Girls' Indoor Track-EGHS-Kyle Mushaweh**

**10. Head Coach Girls' Basketball-EGHS-Tori Ahrens**

**11. Asst Coach Girls' Basketball-EGHS-Alfred Petrarca**

**12. Head Coach Wrestling-EGHS-Mike Penza**

**13. Asst Coach Wrestling-EGHS-Tim O'Hara**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve appointment #14 pending the necessary certification.**

**14. Cheerleading Coach-Cole-Taylor Hollinrake**

**b. Parental Leave-Caitlin Wotherspoon, Teacher, Cole**

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

**7-0 to approve the parental leave.**

**c. Field Trip-Disney Wide World of Sports-EGHS-3/26/15-3/29/15**

**Mr. Petrucci discussed the details of the trip noting students' will miss school on Friday, but will have their assignments ahead of time.**

**The cost is about \$1,150 per person and will be reduced with additional fundraising. Dr. Gifford discussed voting on the trip pending availability of funds for all students. Members noted fundraising needs to be revisited by the Policy Committee. On a motion by Ms. Mark, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 6-1 to approve the trip. Dr. Gifford voted no.**

**d. Energy Conservation Project**

**Mr. Wilmarth, along with Chris Collins from Energy Conservation and Jerry Drummond of National Grid were present to discuss the project. This process began in 2010 with Schneider Electric performing an investment grade audit. Several projects were identified, but the project had out of pocket expenses. This proposal has eighteen energy conservation measures to reduce utility spending. National Grid is offering incentives totaling \$271,235. Grants have also been awarded by the R.I. Office of Energy Resources (\$354,794) and the Rhode Island Public Energy Partnership (\$50,000).**

**Confirmation has been received for all grants. The district will see savings prior to paying expenses. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the Energy Conservation Project.**

**IX. Discussion**

**a. E.G.B.A. Rental Time/Facility Rental Policy**

**Mr. Brian Sullivan, of East Greenwich Basketball Association, was present to discuss**

**the letter sent to the School Committee requesting a bulk usage fee for building rental. EGBA is requesting a reduction from \$55 per hour to \$35 per hour on weekends and a waiver of fees for weeknight usage. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed the Facilities Rental Policy needs to be revisited by the Policy Committee to review the policy and adjust fees if needed.**

## **X. Updates**

### **a. Ad Hoc Committees**

#### **1. Study Start Times**

**A survey will be going out to students, staff, and the community tomorrow. A public forum is scheduled for December 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cole library.**

#### **2. Academic Calendar**

**The Committee met last week and will meet again this week to review the results of the survey.**

#### **3. All Day Kindergarten**

**The Committee met last week and is in the process of drafting a report that will be presented to the School Committee at the December 16th meeting. At this week's meeting, the Committee will schedule a date for the second public forum. The date will be shared via the district list serv.**

## **XI. Committee Updates**

### **a. Building Committee**

**Mr. Sommer reported on the meeting that took place on November 7,**

**2014. Air conditioning was discussed and estimates for portable units were provided. Additional options including, but not limited to central air conditioning will be researched. An initial assessment for work at Meadowbrook and Frenchtown was discussed. This work is to retrofit the building if the district moves forward with all day kindergarten. Strategic Building Solutions (SBS) was asked to provide bid-ready estimates. Projects for the upcoming budget season were discussed and will be presented during the budget process. Mr. Green asked that the Committee revisit the renovations needed for Hanaford's entrance. Bond money is available for that project and could be done in the summer of 2015.**

**b. Technology Committee**

**Mr. Sommer reported approximately fourteen Chrome Books are broken. All are under warranty and will get replaced/refurbished. There was discussion about installing "charging bricks" in the cafeteria for use during lunch. Mr. Babson is working on the three-year technology plan that is due to RIDE in May 2015. The first draft will be available in January 2015.**

**c. Finance Committee**

**Mrs. Wilcox will be scheduling budget meetings with district budget owners.**

**XII. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.**

**CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO**

**SECRETARY**