

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

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016**

**Archie R. Cole Middle School Library**

**100 Cedar Avenue**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

**6:06 p.m. Executive Session, Mr. Fain 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 §42-46-4 and §42-46-5 (a) (2) Teacher Negotiations. Mr. Plain seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.**

**Those in attendance were Ms. Carolyn Mark, Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters, Vice-Chair; Mr. David Osborne; Mr. Matt Plain; Mr. Michael Fain; Dr. Yan Sun, and Mr. Stuart Peterson (arrived at 6:55 p.m.). Mrs. Gail Wilcox, Director of Administration was also in attendance. Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; and Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Student Services were absent.**

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

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

**Ms. Mark called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.**

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

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

### **III. Recognitions**

**a. Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition-EGHS students**

**b. R.I. Personal Finance Challenge-EGHS and Cole students**

**All were recognized and congratulated on their accomplishments.**

**Special thanks were given to Mr. Rath and Mrs. Page.**

#### **IV. Public Comments**

**There were no public comments.**

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

**a. Regular and executive for April 5, 2016**

**b. Executive for April 13, 2016**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Plain, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the regular and executive minutes for April 5th and April 13th.**

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

**Dr. Mercurio was absent.**

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

**There were no concerns.**

#### **VIII. Action Items**

**a. Extension of parental leave-Bethany Friel, Teacher, Cole**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. Sun, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the extension of parental leave.**

**b. Field Trip-National Competition-Personal Finance-EGHS-May 5-7, 2016-Kansas City, MO**

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

**7-0 to approve the trip.**

**c. Second Read/Possible Adoption of Policies**

## **1. #2715 Videotaping/Audio Recording of School Committee Meetings**

**On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Fain, the Committee voted 7-0 to adopt policy #2715. The title was changed from Videotaping/Audio Recording of School Committee Meetings to Video/Audio Recording of School Committee Meetings.**

## **2. #1700 Public Comment Policy**

**The only change from the previous read was the insertion on page 2 regarding the submission of written testimony. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Dr. Sun, the Committee voted 7-0 to adopt policy #1700.**

## **IX. Discussion**

### **a. FY2017 budget**

**The Town Council and School Committee held a joint public hearing on April 11, 2016 with formal presentations by the town and the school. The Town Manager submitted a proposed budget noting a 2% increase for the school district. There will be further discussion with the town regarding the FY2017 budget.**

## **X. Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Osborne, which was seconded by Dr. Sun, the Committee voted 7-0 to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.**

**CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO**

**SECRETARY**