

Newport City Council Newport School Committee Liaison Subcommittee

Meeting of August 1, 2005
Newport City Hall
2nd Floor Conference Room
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by School Committeeman, O. William Hilton, Ed.D.

In Attendance

Members: M. Connolly, S. Coyne, C. McGrath, H. DeAscentis, J. Gaines, and O. W. Hilton.

Non-members: SC member Thomas Phelan, NPS Supt. Dr. John Ambrogi and Newport Daily News reporter, Sean Flynn.

Our new Superintendent, Dr. Ambrogi introduced himself to those present whom he had not met.

Agenda Items:

1. Program Audit Progress

Mayor Trifeiro and Chairman Shoemaker are scheduled to meet tomorrow, 08-02, accompanied by the Superintendent of Schools and the Acting City Manager for informal discussions. S. Coyne will propose that a forum for public discussion of the Berkshire Report be held 2 to 3 weeks after the release.

Councilor McGrath asked Dr. Ambrogi where we stood on the resolution of the deficit in this year's budget. He responded that work is continuing, but he is not yet at the point where he is ready to release numbers. He wants to absolutely certain of any information.

2. Strategic Plan: NCC/NSC

After discussion, the group envisioned a "joint plan" embracing the Schools existing Strategic Plan and the Strategic Plan developed by the City after results of survey are compiled. The School Committee/Administration is expected to provide input in development of questions in regard to school issues.

A brief discussion of the School Facilities report to be released August 9th was led by the Subcommittee Chairman, H. DeAscentis.

Re: Hiring of City Manager. Councilors responded that they believed the position would be filled in September.

Next meeting

Next scheduled meeting: September 12, 2005, 7:00 PM

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Eva Gaines, Newport School Committee