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**NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FACILITIES PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE**

Meeting, 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 23rd, 2005

MINUTES

Call to Order. Subcommittee Chair Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr. called the special meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. at Room 104, Lower Level, George H. Triplett Elementary School, 435 Broadway, Newport, Rhode Island. Present were Sub-Committee Members: Newport School Committee members Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Chairperson; Dr. O. William Hilton (arrived 3:25), Thomas S. Phelan; Newport City Council members Jeanne-Marie Napolitano; Colleen McGrath (excused); City of Newport Director of Planning, Zoning, Development & Inspection Paige Bronk (Carey Parent); Newport School Department members Acting Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert B. Power, Ed.D. (arrived 3:10); Director of Property Services Paul C. Fagan; Business Manager Bruce N. Alexander (absent); NEA TAN Representative David Koutsogiane (Underwood – 4th Grade) (arrived 3:45) AFSCME Council 94 Local 841 Representative Marcin G. Rembisz (Secretary to Director of Teaching, Learning and Professional Development); Energy Manager Richard Niejadlik (NACTC Technical Assistant); former Property Services Director Ed Brady (RIC Plant Operations) (arrived 3:40); former Assistant Superintendent Sydney Williams; Parent representatives Becky Bolan (Coggeshall PTO President) (arrived 3:25, left 4:40); Lousia Boatwright (Coggeshall Parent) (left 4:40); Raymond Gomes (Carey Parent) (absent); parent Lindora J. Lopes (left 4:40), Patrick Kelley (Thompson Parent); and Community members Fern Lima, James Perrier and Mark Colborn (arrived 3:10). Also present was Newport School Committee member Jo Eva Gaines (arrived 3:15), and Facilitator Drew Carey (absent).

ROLL CALL.

1.0 Welcome and Roll Call

Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr. Chairman called the subcommittee special meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. on Thursday, June 23rd, 2005 in Room 104, Lower Level of the George H. Triplett Elementary School. Mr. DeAscentis asked Marcin Rembisz to conduct a roll call. Mr. Rembisz reported all members of the subcommittee were in attendance with the following exceptions: arriving after roll call – Becky Bolan, Ed Brady, Mark Colborn, David Koutsogiane, Dr. O. William Hilton and Robert Power. Absent were Bruce Alexander, Ray Gomes, Colleen McGrath.

2.0 Approval of Minutes of 5/3/2005 & 5/10/2005 Subcommittee Meetings

Subcommittee Chair Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr. asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3rd, 2005 meeting as presented in draft form. Richard Niejadlik moved to accept the minutes of the May 3rd, 2005 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Perrier and the motion carried. (14:0)

Subcommittee Chair Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr. asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10th, 2005 meeting as presented in draft form. Jim Perrier moved to accept the minutes of

the May 10th, 2005 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ferm Lima and the motion carried. (14:0)

3.0 Draft Plan Review

Mr. DeAscentis discussed the latest draft of the **Newport Public Schools Facilities Long Range Plan 2005-2025**. The preparation of this report has been fast tracked and the subcommittees have been devoting a tremendous amount of effort into the development of the plan. The initial target date that was established by the group was June 30th, 2005. Discussion concerning the target date was held and the consensus of the subcommittee was to stick with the June 30th target date.

Each member was asked to express their overall thoughts on the target date and the report in general. The consensus was that the report was capturing the intent of the subcommittee and that the target date should be met to get the initial plan into the public.

Marcin Rembisz expressed concern about the emphasis placed on Rogers High School as a second action plan to be completed within 60 days. This sixty days would be July and August. The new principal, Patricia DiCenso starts July 1st. The new staff will need July and August to prepare for school opening in September. Any Roger plans should have input from Rogers administration and staff. It was the consensus of the subcommittee to delete the 60 day completion and to downplay Rogers high school and concentrate on the elementary.

Paige Bronk remarked that there are assumptions that are made throughout the report, and those assumptions should be stated as such. All facts should be sources and cited.

Dr. Power indicated that the message should be simple. Fewer, newer, schools.

Pages 5 through 19 were reviewed by the subcommittee. Marcin Rembisz will coordinate the editing of the document. Subcommittee members with corrections of typos, grammar and suggested changes are asked to forward them to Marcin for incorporation into the final document.

4.0 Upcoming Role of the Subcommittee

Upcoming role of the subcommittee was not discussed due to time limitations. It will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Newport School Committee Facilities Planning Subcommittee will be at 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28th, 2005, in Room 104, Lower Level, George H. Triplett Elementary School, 435 Broadway, Newport, RI. Draft Plan Review will continue and if time permits, the role of the subcommittee after the plan is completed will be discussed.

Adjournment. Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr. Chairman called the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr.
Chairperson