

The Work Session of the East Greenwich Board of Education was held in the Samuel Mickle School Library/Media Center on the above date, duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d). Notice of this meeting was posted in the East Greenwich Municipal Building, each school in the district and advertised in the Gloucester County Times. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Gallagher. Following the flag salute a moment of silent reflection was observed. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Ricci, and Stevenson. Members Arredondo, Childress, and Dolan were absent. Also present were the Superintendent and the Business Administrator.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter of request for an unpaid leave of absence was referred to Personnel.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The Superintendent's report and recommendations for items of action at this meeting and for the January Regular meeting were presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**COMMUNITY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING**

The process of reconciling voter registration with family enrollment has not been feasible. Communication to encourage voter registration will be focused on the website and other venues.

Suggestion that Mayor Grant be invited to participate in budget planning meetings so the Township will be aware of the constraints and cuts that are made during the process.

FACILITIES

Member Harris reported that the lease agreement is nearly completed and negotiation of the lease term is the primary focus at this time.

Member Harris reported that the Committee met prior to the Work Session to review the results of ranking of the proposals received. The Committee recommends Spiezele, Garrison, and The Design Collaborative for interviews to be held during the February 4 Work Session by appointments.

Business Administrator reports that the maintenance reserve fund of \$30,000 can be appropriated to complete required maintenance projects, such as replacing carpet at the Clark School in two classrooms prior to occupancy for additional grade level sections. Other areas to be addressed include replacement of the exterior doors at the east entrance of Clark and the removal of the mullion in the interior corridor at the addition in the Clark School.

FINANCE

No report. Member Grdinich noted the training in School Finance included a recommendation that public relations information on the budget be communicated in the simplest language

POLICY

None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

CURRICULUM:

Motion by Harris, second by Stevenson, and carried by unanimous vote, to approve the following travel requests:

Name	Event	Location	Date	Cost
Sondra Ott	ETTC of CC, Introduction to Smartboard Technology	Sicklerville	1/7/09	\$115
Sondra Ott	ETTC of CC, More from Your Smarboard	Sicklerville	1/14/09	\$115
Kim Smith	Institute for Ed Development, 101 Skill Building Mini-Lessons to Help Your Students Become Better Readers (Grades K-2)	Cherry Hill	1/26/09	\$199
Valerie Carmody	NJASBO, Minutes/Parliamentary Procedure	Runnemede	1/21/09	\$100
Brittany Broomall	BTIC Rowan – Seminar for New Teachers: Cooperative Learning	GC Office of Ed	1/22/09	\$70
Brittany Broomall	BTIC Rowan – Seminar for New Teachers: Differentiated Instruction	GC Office of Ed	3/10/09	\$70
Kristy Garozzo	Professional Therapy Services – Advances in Understanding Treating Sensory Symptoms in Autism	Pennsville	4/3/09	\$125
Jackie Latella	Professional Therapy Services – Advances in Understanding Treating Sensory Symptoms in Autism	Pennsville	4/3/09	\$125

TRANSPORTATION

Member Ricci reported that the Committee will seek a meeting with Kingsway Regional board representatives to discuss shared services. The Committee will attempt to meet in late January or early February in order to report on the discussions at the Work Session in February.

Member Grdinich reported that the training session on School Finance included an announcement that a Tiering of Services report is due at the end of January, but administrators noted that there has not been a requirement of this report communicated to the district. Member Grdinich noted that districts are urged to eliminate courtesy bussing.

CAFETERIA:

None.

PERSONNEL:

On motion by Grdinich, second by Harris, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, on recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution for emergent hire and hiring of county substitute applicants as follows as a substitute teachers for the 2008-09 school year was approved: Elizabeth L. Hoffman and Russell F. Riggins.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Ricci, Stevenson

NAY:

ABSENT: Arredondo, Childress, Dolan

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 6; Nay - 0; Absent - 3.

On motion by Grdinich, second by Harris, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, on recommendation of the Superintendent, the hiring of following substitute secretary for the 2008-09 school year was approved: Angela DiPietro

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

PERSONNEL (continued)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Gallagher, Grdinich, Harris, Kostick, Ricci, Stevenson

NAY:

ABSENT: Arredondo, Childress, Dolan

MOTION CARRIED: Yea - 6; Nay - 0; Absent - 3.

On motion by Grdinich, second by Harris, and carried by unanimous vote, the request for an unpaid leave of absence from March 16 to March 20, 2009, was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Business Administrator advised that three (3) three year seats open for election and one (1) unexpired term for one year.

PUBLIC

Mayor Grant reported that the Township expects new vehicles to be delivered in April and a truck will be donated to the school district.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Kostick, second by Stevenson and carried by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Valerie J. Carmody
Business Administrator/Board Secretary