



East Greenwich School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
6:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting: Cole Middle School & Via Zoom

Minutes

Those in attendance

School Committee: Ms. Alyson Powell, Chair; Ms. Nicole Bucka, Vice-Chair; Ms. Clare Cecil-Karb; Mr. Kevin Murphy; Mr. Tim Munoz; Dr. Eugene Quinn

Additional Attendees: Dr. Brian Ricca, Superintendent; Mr. Michael Podraza, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Neil Marcaccio, Director of Student Services; Mrs. Maggie Baker, Director of Administration; Mrs. Amy Healey, Confidential Administrative Assistant; Attorney Aubrey Lombardo

Absent: Mr. William Hangan

Recess Open Session and Convene Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under RIGL 42-26-4 and

1. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) - Collective Bargaining, EGEA-ESP
2. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(4) - Investigations
3. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) - Employee Job Performance; Individual has been notified, including their right to have any discussion held in open session.
4. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) - Employee Job Performance, Superintendent's Goals, Individual has been notified including his right to have discussion held in open session.

At 6:04 pm, on a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb and seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 6-0 to Recess Open Session and Convene Executive Session.

At 7:47 pm, on a motion by Ms. Bucka, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Open Session.

I. Call to Order

Ms. Powell called the meeting to order at 7:56 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Seal Executive Session Minutes of October 3, 2023 and disclosure of Executive Session votes.

On a motion by Dr. Quinn seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 6-0 to Seal the Executive Session minutes of October 3, 2023.

Ms. Powell disclosed that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

IV. Public Comment

V. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- A. September 19, 2023 - Executive Session Minutes
- B. September 19, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Ms. Bucka, the Committee voted 5-0-1 to approve both sets of minutes from September 19, 2023. Ms. Powell abstained from the vote.

VI. Action Items

Ms. Powell asked for unanimous consent to consider Item E first. With no objection, Item E was moved to the top of the agenda.

D. SC Approval of EGPS Administrator Contract Template

Dr. Ricca thanked Ms. Bucka for pointing out that the job description and budget line item were missing and said they will be sent to the Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the EGPS Administrator Contract Template.

Dr. Ricca announced that tomorrow Ms. Molly Sylvia will be joining the District as Assistant Principal of the high school and a press release will be sent out. Dr. Ricca thanked Dr. Page and Mr. Podraza for their work on the search committee and for keeping the high school running smoothly during this vacancy.

A. SC Approval of Homeschool Requests

On a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the homeschool request.

B. SC Approval of EGEA - ESP Collective Bargaining Agreement

On a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the EGEA - ESP Collective Bargaining Agreement.

C. Strategic Plan to 2026

Ms. Bucka asked whether there are parts of the current strategic plan that we do not see coming to fruition in the next couple of years.

Dr. Ricca explained that one of his goals will be to improve communication and to provide an examination and update on the strategic plan.

Mr. Munoz addressed the portion of the strategic plan that sought to establish an alumni network.

On a motion by Ms. Bucka, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the extension of the EGPS Strategic Plan to 2026.

D. SC Approval of StudioJAED Contract Extension for RIDE Stage II Application - not to exceed \$337,100.00.

Ms. Powell explained that StudioJAED are the architects working on the RIDE Master Plan. It is taking longer than anticipated to complete Stage II and their contract needs to be extended for the work to be completed. The Committee approved a contract with StudioJAED in 2022 for \$270,000 for this work. With the extended deadline for the Stage II submission, StudioJAED's price has increased to a total of \$337,100. This contract extension will take the place of the 2022 agreement at a net increase of \$67,100.

On a motion by Ms. Bucka, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the StudioJAED Contract Extension for RIDE Stage II Application for an amount not to exceed \$337,100.

E. SC Approval of EGPS Administrator Contract Template - Brought up for immediate consideration

VII. Policies

A. New Policies (Second Read)

- a. Policy # 5430 Arrest Disclosure
- b. Policy # 3120 Pricing Schedules

On a motion by Dr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Munoz, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve new policies #5430 Arrest Disclosure and #3120 Pricing Schedules.

- B. Revised Policies (Second Read)
a. Policy # 1150 School Improvement Teams

Ms. Bucka made a motion to approve revised policy # 1150 School Improvement Teams. Dr. Quinn seconded the motion.

Mr. Munoz made suggested changes to the revised policy.

Changes:

Composition

Each School Improvement Team shall be comprised of the principal and an appropriately balanced number of teachers, education support employees, students, parents, and other business and community citizens who are representative of *both* the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school *and the range of student needs within the schools, including accommodations for disabilities, language or social/emotional supports.*

At a minimum, each SIT within EGPS shall be comprised of:

- *SEAC representative or parent of student with disability*

The Superintendent shall provide a list of SIT members to the School Committee by June 15th of each academic year, so the School Committee can monitor ongoing compliance with the required composition of the SITs.

Ms. Bucka made a motion to approve the changes proposed by Mr. Munoz. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion which passed 6-0.

On a motion by Ms. Bucka, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the revised policy as amended.

- C. Repeal of Policies (Second Read)
a. Policy # 1140 Selection of Ad Hoc Committees
b. Policy # 8710 Early Admission to College

On a motion by Ms. Cecil-Karb, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Committee voted 6-0 to repeal policies #1140 Selection of Ad Hoc Committees and #8710 Early Admission to College.

- D. Revised Policies (First Read)
a. Policy # 2110 Superintendent Responsibilities
b. Policy # 4140 Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases

E. Repeal of Policies (First Read)

- a. Policy # 1130 Guide to RI Laws on OMA
- b. Policy # 1131 Remote Participation in Open Meetings
- c. Policy # 2715 Video/Audio Recording of School Committee Meetings

VIII. Adjournment

At 8:24 pm, on a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Quinn, the Committee voted 6-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy J. Healey
School Committee Clerk

Approved 10-17-23