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**NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Special Meeting**

Tuesday, December 18, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER. Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker called the Special Meeting of the Newport School Committee to order at 4:35 p.m. at the Frank E. Thompson Middle School Library, 55 Broadway, Newport, Rhode Island.

ROLL CALL. Attendance was as follows: School Committee Members: Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, David R. Carlin, Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Jo Eva Gaines, Dr. Thomas P. Galvin, and Thomas S. Phelan; School Department: Superintendent of Schools John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D., Francis Eames, and School Committee Counsel Neil P. Galvin.

1.0 Executive Session.

At 4:40 p.m., Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to go into **Executive Session** under jurisdiction of Rhode Island State Law, Chapter 46, 42-46-5 – Exceptions (a)(1) Personal Matters, and the person or persons affected have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held in an open session; and (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES SEALED

OPEN SESSION

At 5:45 p.m., the meeting was called in Open Session.

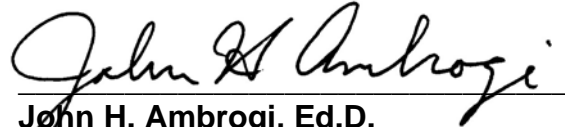
Mr. Carlin made a motion to accept the Resignation of John M. Miller, Jr. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion., which carried (6-1). Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Chairperson Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Vice Chairperson Robert J. Leary, David R. Carlin, Hugo J. DeAscentis, Jr., Jo Eva Gaines, Dr. Thomas P. Galvin, The Member who voted against the motion was: Thomas S. Phelan. In the discussion, Mr. Phelan, although he was pleased that Mr. Miller had resigned, he would have preferred to go in a different direction regarding this matter.

Mr. DeAscentis made a motion to direct the Superintendent to send a letter to the department of Education, along with a copy of the Criminal Investigation Package, for its review. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).

Adjournment. At 5:50 p.m., Dr. Shoemaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion, which carried unanimously (7-0).



Charles P. Shoemaker, M.D.
Chairperson


John H. Ambrogi, Ed.D.
Clerk