

**CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 7, 2013**

**William A. Briggs Building (Reed Conference Room)**

**845 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910**

**PUBLIC SESSION 5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**The Cranston School Committee was inaugurated and held its organizational meeting on the evening of January 7, 2013 in the Reed Conference Room in the William A. Briggs Building.**

**Judge Elaine Bucci, District Court Judge, administered the oath of office to the Cranston School Committee for 2013-2015.**

**The newly inaugurated members are as follows:**

**Trent Colford**

**Stephanie A. Culhane**

**Jeffrey Gale**

**Andrea Iannazzi**

**Paula B.M. McFarland**

**Janice Ruggieri**

**Michael A. Traficante**

**Attorney Cascione stated – pursuant to the city of Cranston charter I hereby call this meeting of the Cranston School Committee to order for the purpose of electing a chairperson of the Cranston School Committee. The roll was called; all were present.**

**Attorney Cascione stated – at this time nominations are in order for the position of chairperson; do I have a nomination? Mrs. Culhane stated – I would like to nominate Andrea Iannazzi for chair of the Cranston School Committee. This was seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. There being no other nominations the roll was called:**

**Mr. Colford Yes**

**Mrs. Culhane Yes**

**Mr. Gale Yes**

**Ms. Iannazzi Yes**

**Mrs. McFarland Yes**

**Mrs. Ruggieri Yes**

**Mr. Traficante Yes**

**Ms. Iannazzi was unanimously appointed to the position of Chairperson of the Cranston School Committee.**

**Chairperson Iannazzi stated – thank you very much. We had a very controversial prior two years and I think that with this new team in place, by increasing communication with one another and with the public, we will avoid controversy at all costs. I look forward to working with all of you on the multiple challenges that we have before us.**

**Chairperson Iannazzi asked - At this time are there any nominations for the position of Clerk? Mr. Traficante stated – Madam Chair – I would like to nominate Paula McFarland for the position of Clerk. I have known Paula for the last thirty years in my political career. I have known her as a neighborhood advocate, as a community leader, and certainly as an elected official in the city of Cranston (ten years**

on the City Council). She is one of my colleagues on the School Committee for the past several years, she a person who greatly cares about seniors and the youth of this city, and she has exhibited that many, many times over throughout her career. She will handle the responsibilities of clerk extremely well therefore I am proud to place her in nomination. This was seconded by Mr. Gale. There being no other nominations the roll was called:

**Mr. Colford Yes**

**Mrs. Culhane Yes**

**Mr. Gale Yes**

**Mrs. McFarland Yes**

**Mrs. Ruggieri Yes**

**Mr. Traficante Yes**

**Ms. Iannazzi Yes**

**Mrs. McFarland was unanimously appointed at Clerk of the Cranston School Committee.**

**Chairperson Iannazzi asked – are there any nominations for the two seats on the School Buildings Committee? Mrs. Ruggieri stated – I would like to nominate Mr. Colford and Mr. Gale. This was seconded by Mr. Traficante. There being no other nominations the roll was called:**

**Mr. Colford Yes**

**Mrs. Culhane Yes**

**Mr. Gale Yes**

**Mrs. McFarland Yes**

**Mrs. Ruggieri Yes**

**Mr. Traficante Yes**

**Ms. Iannazzi Yes**

**Mr. Colford and Mr. Gale were unanimously appointed to the School Buildings Committee.**

**Chairperson Iannazzi asked – are there any nominations for the Parks and Recreation committee? Mr. Gale stated – I would like to nominate Mrs. Culhane to be appointed to that committee. This was seconded by Mr. Colford. There being no other nominations the role was called:**

**Mr. Colford Yes**

**Mrs. Culhane Yes**

**Mr. Gale Yes**

**Mrs. McFarland Yes**

**Mrs. Ruggieri Yes**

**Mr. Traficante Yes**

**Ms. Iannazzi Yes**

**Mrs. Culhane was unanimously appointed as a member of the Parks and Recreation committee.**

**There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Traficante to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. This was seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. All were in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Paula B.M. McFarland**

**Clerk**