

# **JOHNSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**JOHNSTON, RHODE ISLAND**

**Regular Meeting     N. A. Ferri Middle School Library**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018     6:30 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

**A regular meeting of the Johnston School Committee was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the library at the N. A. Ferri Middle School.**

**The agenda for this meeting was posted in all schools, the Johnston Town Hall, Johnston Public Schools List Serve, Web Site and the Web Site at the Office of the Secretary of State.**

**Mrs. Mele, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.**

### **PRESENT:**

**Janice D. Mele, Chair**

**Robert LaFazia, Vice Chair**

**Lauren Garzone**

**Joseph W. Rotella**

**Gena Bianco**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to meet in executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5, Subsection A, #1, Picard v. DiLullo, et al – PC-2015-4653 and Arbitration Award Case No. 01-17-001-3046**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**The committee entered public session at 7:12 p.m.**

**Mrs. Mele stated that in executive session one vote was taken, the vote was 4-1 in favor.**

**Mrs. Mele led the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Reorganization of School Committee**

**Mrs. Mele turned the meeting over to Mrs. Taylor, Secretary for the purpose of reorganization of the School Committee.**

**Mrs. Taylor called for nominations for Chair of the Johnston School Committee**

**Mr. LaFazia nominated Janice D. Mele**

**Mr. Rotella seconded the nomination**

**Mrs. Taylor called for other nominations for Chair of the Johnston**

**School Committee three times.**

**There were no other nominations**

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**Mr. LaFazia moved to close nominations**

**Mr. Rotella seconded the motion**

**Mrs. Janice D. Mele was elected Chair of the Johnston School Committee**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Recused**

**Mrs. Taylor turned the meeting over to Mrs. Janice D. Mele, Chair**

**Mrs. Mele called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Johnston School Committee**

**Mr. Rotella nominated Robert LaFazia**

**Ms. Bianco seconded the nomination**

**Mrs. Mele called for other nominations for Vice Chair of the Johnston School Committee three times.**

**There were no other nominations**

**Mr. Rotella moved to close nominations**

**Mr. Rotella seconded the motion**

**Mr. Robert LaFazia was elected as Vice Chair of the Johnston School**

**Committee**

**District 1 Recused**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mrs. Mele called for nominations for Social Chair of the Johnston School Committee**

**Mr. LaFazia nominated Janice D. Mele**

**Ms. Bianco seconded the nomination**

**Mrs. Mele called for other nominations for Social Chair of the Johnston School Committee three times.**

**There were no other nominations**

**Mr. LaFazia moved to close nominations**

**Ms. Bianco seconded the motion**

**Mrs. Janice D. Mele was elected as Social Chair of the Johnston School Committee**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Recused**

**Mrs. Mele called for nominations for Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee**

**Mr. LaFazia nominated Joseph W. Rotella**

**Ms. Bianco seconded the nomination**

**Mrs. Mele called for other nominations for Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee three times**

**There were no other nominations**

**Mr. LaFazia moved to close nominations**

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**Ms. Bianco seconded the motion**

**Mr. Joseph W. Rotella was elected as Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Recused**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mrs. Mele called for nominations for Chair of the Policy and Contracts Sub Committee**

**Ms. Bianco nominated Robert LaFazia**

**Mr. Rotella seconded the nomination**

**Mrs. Mele called for other nominations for Chair of the Policy and Contracts Sub Committee three times**

**There were no other nominations**

**Ms. Bianco moved to close nominations**

**Mr. Rotella seconded the motion**

**Mr. Robert LaFazia was elected as Chair of the Policy and Contracts**

**Sub Committee**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Recused**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mrs. Mele called for nominations for Chair of Health Sub Committee**

**Mr. LaFazia nominated Joseph W. Rotella**

**Ms. Bianco seconded the nomination**

**Mrs. Mele called for other nominations for Chair of the Health Sub Committee three times**

**There were no other nominations**

**Mr. LaFazia moved to close nominations**

**Ms. Bianco seconded the motion**

**Mr. Joseph W. Rotella was elected as Chair of the Health Sub Committee**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Recused**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mrs. Mele called for nominations for Chair of the Safety Sub Committee**

**Mr. LaFazia nominated Joseph W. Rotella**

**Ms. Bianco seconded the nomination**

**Mrs. Mele called for other nominations for Chair of the Safety Sub Committee three times**

**There were no other nominations**

**Mr. LaFazia moved to close nominations**

**Ms. Bianco seconded the motion**

**Mr. Joseph W. Rotella was elected as Chair of the Safety Sub Committee**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Recused**

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**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to appoint Martha D. Taylor as secretary/clerk to the Johnston School Committee.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Public Comments**

**There were no public comments**

## **Approval of Minutes**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Abstain**

## **Budget Transfers**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to approve the budget transfers (see attached)**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

## **Committee Requests and Acknowledgements**

**District 5**

**Ms. Bianco wished everyone a Happy New Year. She also thanked Mr. Cournoyer and his staff for a great job in removing snow from parking lots and walkways at the schools.**

**District 4**

**Mr. Rotella echoed Ms. Bianco's comments. He also stated that the**



## **Holiday Concert at the State House was excellent**

### **District 1**

**Mr. LaFazia thanked his colleagues for their vote of support in electing him as vice chair of the School Committee. He also thanked Mr. Cournoyer and his staff for an excellent job in removing snow from the schools parking lots and sidewalks.**

### **District 2**

**Ms. Garzone stated that she had received some complaints regarding problems with wheel chair getting in the high school especially the gym entrance. There is no push button at the door.**

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**Mr. Cournoyer replied that it would cost about \$4,000 to install a push button and the door would stay unlocked all day. He will also get some cold patch to fix the entrance ramp.**

### **District 3**

**Mrs. Mele echoed the sentiments of her colleagues**

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Dr. DiLullo stated that the budget process had begun and he was meeting with his Principals and Administrators. It will be sent to the Town Council prior to April 1, 2018. He thanked Mr. Cournoyer and his crew for an excellent job in snow removal. He also thanked Mayor**

**Polisena and the Department of Public Works for their help. He reported on the heating issue at the high school and that adjustments had already been made as several motors had failed. He mentioned that there had been a problem with mice and was taken care of.**

### **Superintendent's Recommendations – Action Items**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-01-01, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Susan Massemini, Special Education Teacher Assistant at Thornton Elementary School effective, December 31, 2017.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-01-02, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve an extension of Emergency Sick Leave through February 1, 2018 for Monica Bucci, Special Education Teacher at Winsor Hill Elementary School.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-01-03, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation of Michele Daveluy, Title 2 Teacher Assistant at Thornton Elementary School effective, December 23, 2017.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-01-04, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to waive the building use fee for DYW Scholarship Program to be held on January 14, 2018 sponsored by Susan Parillo, Winsor Hill School Physical Education Teacher.**

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**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution**

**18-01-05, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve the second reading of the 504 Procedures.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to table Resolution 18-01-06, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve the first reading of the Chromebook Loan Agreement.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-01-07, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a one day leave without pay on January 16, 2018 for Joseph Acciardo, Physical Education Teacher at Johnston High School.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Recused**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adjourn the meeting.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Martha D. Taylor, Secretary**