

JOHNSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JOHNSTON, RHODE ISLAND

Regular Meeting N. A. Ferri Middle School Library

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Johnston School Committee was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:00 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 Web Site, List Serve and the Web Site at the Office of the Secretary of State.

Mrs. Mele, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, #2, Job Performance Administrator's Contracts.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

The committee entered public session at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mele, Chair, stated that in executive session, six votes were taken and the votes were 6-0 in favor.

Mrs. Mele, Chair, led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 regular meeting.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Abstain

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

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APPROVE AND SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to approve and seal the executive session minutes of the February 13, 2018 regular meeting.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Abstain

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

RECORDING OF INVOICES PAID

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to approve the recording of invoices paid dated January 26, 2018.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

BUDGET TRANSFERS

There were no budget transfers

COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

District 1

Mr. LaFazia congratulated members of the JHS Academic Decathlon Team that placed second at the recent competition.

District 2

Ms. Garzone echoed Mr. LaFazia's sentiments. She thanked the administration for dealing with the tumultuous incidents over the past weeks and she commended them all. She commended Mr. Cournoyer and his staff for clearing the schools so quickly after the snowstorms. She attended the Professional Development at RIASC recently which was excellent.

District 5

Ms. Bianco echoes the sentiments of Mr. LaFazia and thanked Mr. Cournoyer and his staff for clearing the snow at the schools. She commended the girls basketball team at the high school for making it to the final 4 and she wished everyone good luck with the upcoming testing.

District 4

Mr. Rotella echoed his colleagues sentiments

District 3

Ms. Mele echoed her colleagues sentiments

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. DiLullo presented certificates to those students who recently participated in the 2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, Rachel Madrid, Olivia Tashjian and Michael Mollicone. He thanked the art teachers at the high school, Kerry Murphy and Bridget McMahon. He congratulated the members of the high school Academic Decathlon Team who placed second and the team took home 19 medals overall He thanked Mayor Polisena for setting up the safety committee meeting which was recently held at the high school. Mr. Rotella visited the schools to assess our safety in the schools.

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Dr. DiLullo presented a certificated to Lynn Ross, Bus Monitor for her heroic measures in providing first aid to one of our pre-school students on the bus.

Mr. Rotella recommended that she be given a personal day with pay.

Mr. Rotella moved, seconded by Mr. LaFazia to authorize Dr. DiLullo, Superintendent, to give Lynn Ross, Bus Monitor an additional personal day with pay.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS – ACTION ITEMS

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-03-01, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a field trip for Johnston High School to Fenway Park in Boston, MA on April 30, 2018.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-03-02, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a field trip for Ferri Middle School to Patriot Place on May 15, 2018.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-03-03, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation of Molly Gilroy, Technology Integration Specialist at Johnston High School effective, March 16, 2018.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-03-04, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Joseph DeGiulio, Custodian at Brown Avenue School effective, April 30, 2018.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-03-05, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to grant an unpaid leave of absence to Victoria Frezza, Teacher Assistant at Barnes Elementary School from May 7, 2018 through May 25, 2018.

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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 18-03-06, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to grant an unpaid leave of absence to Cheryl Connolly, Special Education Teacher Assistant at Graniteville School from February 2, 2018 through February 13, 2018.

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 18-03-07, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to grant an unpaid leave of absence for Kim Marandola, Bus aide on March 5-6, 2018.

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 18-03-08, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a leave without pay for Renee Toppi, Grade 2 Teacher at Winsor Hill Elementary School for February 27-28, 2018.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-03-09, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to waive the building use fee for the Johnston Fire Department Men's Basketball Program.

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 18-03-10, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a home school program for student D.S.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-03-11, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a home school program for student H.H.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

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District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-03-12, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a home school program for student C.I.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to table Resolution 18-03-13, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to

approve the Johnston Technology Use 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 18-03-14, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Natasha Zito, ELA Teacher at Johnston High School on April 12, 2018.

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 18-03-15, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Johnston Public Schools Budget.

(see attached)

District 1 Aye

District 2 Abstain

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-03-16, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to appoint Jessica P. Hassell as Assistant Special Education Director.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Abstain

District 4 Aye

District 5 Abstain

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-03-17a, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to appoint Claire Baggesen as Boys' Assistant Volleyball Coach at Johnston High School.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

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Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-03-17b, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to appoint Jeffrey Noel as Assistant Track Coach, Weights/Track and Field at Johnston High School.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-03-17c, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to appoint Chris Frenier as Assistant Boys' Lacrosse Coach at Johnston High School.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-03-17d, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to appoint Ryan Barrett as Co-Ed Tennis Coach at Johnston High 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

18-03-17e, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to appoint Mariano Nasisi as a Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach at the N. A. Ferri Middle 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 18-03-17f, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to appoint Jennifer Bruno as a Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach at the N. A. Ferri Middle 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 18-03-18, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve an extension of emergency sick leave through the close of schools in June 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

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Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adjourn the meeting.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha D. Taylor, Secretary