

# **JOHNSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**JOHNSTON, RHODE ISLAND**

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

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018     7:00 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

**A regular meeting of the Johnston School Committee was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at the N. A. Ferri Middle School. The agenda for this meeting was posted in all schools as well and 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 called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

### **PRESENT:**

**Janice D. Mele, Chair**

**Robert LaFazia, Vice Chair**

**Lauren Garzone**

**Joseph W. Rotella**

**Gena Bianco**

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

## **PRESENTATION**

**Certificates were presented to six members of Johnston High School who received awards at the State Science Fair.**

**Members of the Johnston Association of Firefighters Local 1950 received certificates of appreciation for purchasing three Automated External Defibrillators for Graniteville, Early Childhood Center and Winsor Hill Elementary School.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**There were no public comments**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 regular meeting.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

## **APPROVE AND SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to approve and seal the minutes of the March 20, 2018 regular meeting.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

#### **RECORDING OF INVOICES PAID**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to approve the Recording of Invoices Paid dated February 23, 2018**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to approve the Recording of Invoices Paid dated March 9, 2018.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

#### **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 1**

**Mr. LaFazia thanked the PTO at Thornton School for an outstanding Thornton Talent Night.**

**He asked Mr. Cournoyer to arrange a meeting with the Bus Company for the next meeting on May 8, 2018 in executive session**

**District 2**

**Ms. Garzone thanked the principals for inviting the committee to attend the events that were coming up. She wished everyone a great spring break.**

**District 5**

**Ms. Bianco wished everyone good luck with the RICast Testing.**

**Dr. DiLullo said that there was very good student participation for RICast as well as PSAT. The middle school had only a few makeups**

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**She asked Mr. Cournoyer and Mr. Morrell if there was any way to**

**establish a traffic pattern for parking spaces at the high school as there have been a few fender benders.**

**Mr. Morrell said he has some ideas such as having the teacher's park in the back of the building.**

**Ms. Bianco thanked everyone for the invitations to the different events.**

#### **District 4**

**Mr. Rotella thanked everyone for the invitations to the various events coming up. He also thanked those who attended the security meeting that was recently held and thanked the Fire Department for purchasing the Defibrillators.**

#### **District 3**

**Mrs. Mele echoed the sentiments of her colleagues. The talent show at Thornton School was great.**

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Dr. DiLullo thanked Ms. Souza for hosting the visit with the Governor. She was very impressed with what was happening in the classrooms.**

**He stated that Deb Ramm has recently honored and received the Cathy Sanford Unsung Hero Award for her leadership in**

**personalization and blended learning by the Highlander Institute. He also congratulate Deb Smyth for placing second in the RI E-Con challenge and he thanked Mrs. Denham for an outstanding First Thornton School Talent Show.**

**He introduced Ms. Maria Petronio McAfee, Principal at Graniteville School who would report on the Bright Stars Program at Graniteville School. (see attached)**

**Dr. Sally Mitchell, Ms. Laura Blecharczyk and Ms. Kathy Kelly spoke on the Johnston High School Alternate Diploma System. (see attached)**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS – ACTION ITEMS**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-04-01a, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a contract for Keith Cory, Athletic Director.**

**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 18-04-01b, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee**

**to approve a contract for George Paquette, Information Technology Director.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

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**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-04-01c, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a contract for Rebecca Silviera, Assistant Principal 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 18-04-01d, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a contract for Freddie Skipworth, Assistant Principal 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 Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-04-01e, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a contract for Jill Souza, Principal at the S. D. Barnes Elementary 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 18-04-01f, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a contract for Michele Zarcaro, Principal 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 Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-04-02, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a contract for Jessica Hassell, Assistant Director of Special**



**Services.**

**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 18-04-03, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve the transfer of \$535,000 from the general account to fund the OPEB liability account. This amount was expensed in FY 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 18-04-04, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to waive the fee for the use of the Athletic Complex for the youth football camp provided by former New England Patriot Players.**

**Mr. Harold Shaw, Emerson Kilgore and Brian Watson representing All State Elite Football Academy addressed the committee. This is their third annual football academy and it will be held on Saturday and**

**Sunday, June 23 and 24, 2018. They have the proper insurance and will clean up after the event.**

**Mrs. Mele stated that they would have to pay for custodial services for those two days and they agreed.**

**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 18-04-05, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a Home School program for M.E.**

**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 18-04-06, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a Home School program for G.Z, O.Z. and V.Z.**

**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 18-04-07, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve emergency sick leave for Kaolin Boardman, Special Educator at Sarah Dyer Barnes Elementary School.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

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**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-04-08, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve the breakfast and lunch program policy.**

**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 18-04-09, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve emergency sick leave for Sarah Shaffer, Grade 1 Teacher at**

**Thornton 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 18-04-10, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve emergency sick leave for 30 school days to Therese Picard, Special Educator, Department Chair at Johnston High School. At the end of 30 days we will require and independent doctor's evaluation.**

**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 18-04-11, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a policy that prohibits backpacks in the Polisena Athletic Complex.**

**The committee discussed the matter and felt that our attorney's office should look into this.**

**Mr. LaFazia withdrew his motion and Mr. Rotella withdrew his second to the motion.**

**Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to table Resolution 18-04-11, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a policy that prohibits backpacks in the Polisena Athletic Complex until our attorney's office has a chance to review this.**

**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 18-04-12, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a field trip to Southwick Zoo for grade 2 students at Sarah Dyer Barnes 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 adjourn the meeting.**

**District 1 Aye**

**District 2 Aye**

**District 4 Aye**

**District 5 Aye**

**District 3 Aye**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Martha D. Taylor, Secretary**