

JOHNSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JOHNSTON, RHODE ISLAND

Regular Meeting N. A. Ferri Middle School Library

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Johnston School Committee was held on Tuesday, June 12, 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, 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 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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Members of the Johnston High School Girls' Basketball Team who won their division this past year were presented with rings and certificates.

Talia LaFlamme, a seventh grade student at the middle school was presented a certificate as the middle school state champion in the discus Throw.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 regular meeting.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

APPROVE AND SEAL THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to table approval and seal of the executive session minutes of the May 8, 2018 regular

meeting.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

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RECORDING OF INVOICES PAID

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to approve the Recording of Invoices Paid dated April 20, 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 May 4, 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 4

Mr. Rotella stated that graduation was wonderful and he thanked the administrators, teachers and support staff for a tremendous year.

District 2

Ms. Garzone echoed Mr. Rotella's sentiments and wished everyone a safe summer.

District 1

Mr. LaFazia thanked the principals for their invitations to the various end of the year activities. He also stated that graduation was outstanding.

District 5

Ms. Bianco echoed the sentiments of her colleagues. She addressed the truancy issue and said we should be mindful and pool together our resources.

District 3

Mrs. Mele thanked Mr. Tsonos for a wonderful middle school honors night and the high school graduation was exceptional. She was glad to see our graduation rate was up. She wished everyone a safe summer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. DiLullo stated that there were many nice presentations at the end of the year, the music concerts were outstanding, the athletic banquet was well represented. He thanked the staff for all that they do.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS – ACTION ITEMS

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Ms. Bianco to adopt Resolution 18-06-01, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Jean Picano, Math Teacher and Department Chair at Johnston High School effective, June 30, 2018.

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District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

District 3 No

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-06-02, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Donna Palumbo, ELA/ELL Teacher at Johnston High School effective, June 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 18-06-03, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Dominic Ricci, World Language Teacher at Johnston High School effective, July 1, 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 18-06-04, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Deborah Celani, Teacher Aide at Winsor Hill School effective immediately.

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 18-06-05, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Ann Ducharme, Custodian at the N. A. Ferri Middle School effective, July 6, 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 18-06-06, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation of Lynn Ross, Bus Monitor, effective immediately.

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 18-06-07, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Stephanie Santilli, Special Education Teacher Assistant at Winsor Hill School effective May 12, 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 18-06-08, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the resignation of Timothy Sprouls, Johnston High School Girls' Head Soccer coach effective, immediately.

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 18-06-09, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to

approve the Policy Affecting Students who identify as Transgender Non-Conforming.

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 18-06-10, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve the School Committee Resolution on Contract continuation.

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 18-06-11, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to appoint the following staff for the extended school year:

Tara Zuena Sp. Ed. Teacher Grades K-1

Pamela Alviti General Education Team Teacher

Lisa Hunt Grade 6-9 Math Teacher

Filomena D'Errico Sp. Ed. TA 1:1 Grade K

Yazmine Lopez Sp. Ed. TA 1:1 Grade 12

Kristen McAteer Sp. Ed. TA 1:2 Grade 2

Amy Andrews Sp. Ed. TA 1:1 Grade 4

Latresa Mazzulla Sp. Ed. TA 1:1 Grade 5

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 18-06-12, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to grant emergency sick leave to Tess Arico, Teacher at the Early Childhood Center from June 5 through June 19, 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 18-06-13, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to grant an unpaid leave of absence for Alicia Eddy, Special Education Teacher at the Early Childhood Center for May 21, 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 18-06-14, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to grant emergency sick leave for Donna Paglio, Special Education Teacher to be used as needed.

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 18-06-15, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to grant an unpaid leave of absence to Nicole DiDino, Teacher Aide at Thornton Elementary School for June 4, 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

18-06-16, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to grant an unpaid half day leave to Michelle Mousseau, RBT at Thornton Elementary School for May 25, 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 18-06-17, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to grant an unpaid leave of absence to Leann Pappas, Special Education Teacher aide at Brown Avenue School for May 24, 2018.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Aye

District 5 Aye

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District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-06-18, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the bid for transportation services from First Student Transportation.

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 18-06-19, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the bids for the following services for the Facilities Department:

Air Filters Filter Sales & Service

Commodity Items Likarr Maintenance Systems

Electrical Services Gatta Electrical Services Option #2

Floor Finish M.D. Stetson Company

Floor Finish Remover M.D. Stetson Company

Food Safety Inspections F.I.R.S.T. Inspections Option #2

Generator Services Lightship Group

H.V.A.C. Services Nexgen Mechanical Inc. Option 2

Plumbing Services GEM Plumbing & Heating Services, Inc.

Uniforms Rhodey Prints

Bleacher/Grandstand/Backboard Insp. Quality Gym Service, LLC

Wheelchair Lift at High School Garaventa Lift

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 18-06-19, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to accept the bid for Surveillance Services from Site-Com Option #2.

District 1 Aye

District 2 Aye

District 4 Recuse

District 5 Aye

District 3 Aye

Mr. LaFazia moved, seconded by Mr. Rotella to adopt Resolution 18-06-20, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to recall the following Certified Staff:

Daniel Casey Sp. Ed. Teacher Middle School

Nicole Grilli Gr. 5 Teacher Barnes School

Vanessa Duque ELL Teacher District

Julia Bernardi Sp. Ed. Teacher Graniteville School

Christina Mitchell Sp. Ed. Teacher Brown Ave. School

Jasmine D'Avila Sp. Ed. Teacher Winsor Hill School

Patricia Carlson Sp. Ed. Teacher Graniteville School

Melissa Barra Geostats Teacher Middle School

Matthew Velino Phys. Ed. Teacher ECC/Brown Ave.

Rebecca Dugan Sp. Ed. SC Teacher District

Nelia Hoard Guidance ECC/Thornton

Michelle Harris Social Worker Middle School

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Nicole Barboza Sp. Ed. Teacher Barnes School

Erica Desmarais Grade 3 Teacher Thornton School
Elyssa Renzi Sp. Ed. Teacher Barnes School
Matthew Gingras Music Teacher High School
John Adamo Phys. Ed. Teacher Graniteville School
Terri Dubis Business Teacher High School
Michael Harwood Art Teacher High School
Gary Swider Computer Science Teacher High School
Jennifer Lauriat Student Support Coord. Graniteville School
Meghan Comforti Math Interventionist Middle School
Eric Lopez International Language Teacher Middle School
Katherine Deschene Psychologist High School
June Vandall Sp. Ed. Teacher Graniteville School
Selene Clark Social Worker Thornton/ECC
Jennifer D'Artista Psychologist Barnes/Brown Ave.
Alison Hawbecker ELL Teacher District
Christine Karlberg Speech/Language Barnes/Graniteville

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 18-06-21, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to recall the following Non-Certified Staff.

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 18-06-22, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to appoint the following staff for the N. A. Ferri Middle School 2018 Summer Program:

Cheryl Marfeo English Language Arts Teacher

Lisa Marie Ricci Literacy Teacher

Elena Ryan Math Teacher

Shannon Fay Science Teacher

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 18-06-23, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to extend the emergency sick leave for Therese Picard, Special Educator 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 18-06-24, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to approve a request to Home School student C.C. for the 2018-2019 school year.

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 18-06-25, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to grant an unpaid leave of absence for Lucia Conti, Administration Clerk on July 30, 31 and August 1, 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

18-06-26, Request the advice and consent of the School Committee to grant an unpaid leave of absence for Joan Christie, Bus Monitor for June 4-8, 2018.

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 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha D. Taylor, Secretary