

NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION

August 25, 2004

The Executive Session met in Executive Session on August 25, 2004 at 6:10 pm, in the Guidance Office Conference Room at the North Providence High School for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and administrative contracts.

Members present were Chairman Norato, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Marciano and Dr. Pallotta. Also present were Superintendent Ottaviano, Attorney Henneous and Mr. Thomas Sweeney.

Mr. Henneous began by asking if there were any questions for Mr. Sweeney. Mr. Cataldi and Mr. DaSilva asked for updates on budget cut recommendations.

Dr. Ottaviano updated the Committee on the impact of School

Department handling its own grass mowing – benefit won't be seen until next year; also explained data process fees are still being discussed. Dr. Ottaviano feels eliminating yard monitors, which would be a savings of \$31,598, presents a safety issue. Mr. Sweeny added that it would also expose principals to insurance cases.

Dr. Ottaviano explained that transportation will revert to last year's schedule for public school students, but private schools will be cut. Chairman Norato stated that in spite of the need to save money, if it's a safety issue, the money has to be found.

Mr. Cataldi initiated a discussion about raising revenues including collection of fees for students who should not be in the system.

All agreed that 8th grade graduation should be eliminated.

Mr. Sweeney left the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Discussion regarding litigation was led by Attorney Henneous. The Interlocal Trust will represent all members in the Superior Court matter. Attorney Marc DeSisto has been appointed to handle the case. The School Committee will decide how much, if any, of this matter Attorney Scungio's office will handle.

Dr. Pallotta conducted a discussion regarding administrators' contracts and explained the ratio system. Both Mr. Cataldi and Mr.

DaSilva wanted it noted that they did not support Mr. Azar's renewal. Contracts for Mr. Azar, Mr. Milazzo and Mr. Paquette are carried over to the September meeting.

7:10 pm meeting was adjourned to open session.

NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR SESSION

August 25, 2004

The North Providence School Committee met on August 25, 2004 at 7:17 pm in the Library at the North Providence High School. Members present were Chairman Norato, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Marciano, Mr. DaSilva, Dr. Pallotta and Mr. Cataldi. Also present were Dr. Ottaviano, Attorney Henneous, Mr. Milazzo and Mr. Azar.

The meeting began by saluting the flag. Next, Chairman Norato asked for a moment of silence.

The first item on the Agenda was Correspondence. There being none. The next item on the Agenda was the Superintendent's Report.

Chairman Norato, with approval of the Committee, proceeded immediately to #9 in this item – Budget Cut Recommendations. Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Wilkes, and carried to approve.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended cuts discussed at previous meeting be approved with 2 exceptions – for safety purposes. The first of which being transportation for public school students. This should remain as it was in the previous school year with the issue being revisited later this year. Private school bus routes will be consolidated this year. The second exception is regarding yard monitors – no cut this year. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes, and carried to approve.

Next was the Middle School Grant. Superintendent Ottaviano explained that Capital City Community Center received a state grant in the amount of \$240,000 over the next 3 years which they will oversee and administer and will be shared cooperatively by the North Providence School Department, Police Department and Substance Abuse Task Force. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes, and carried to approve.

Next was the Revised School Calendar. Change made regarding

September 14, 2004 – no school for students due to Primary Day Election. To be used as Professional Development Day rather than November 17th, which will be a regular school day. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes, and carried to approve.

Next was the Annual Report. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall, and carried to approve.

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Next was the Standing Orders which contained some updated/corrected pages. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi, and carried to approve.

Next was Home Schooling. Nine on the Agenda. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Wilkes. Mr. DaSilva asked about student graduating getting a diploma. Superintendent Ottaviano explained they get a North Providence diploma. Mr. Cataldi opposed approval. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

Next was November meeting date change to November 23, 2004. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Reall, and carried to approve.

Next was the Bullying Policy. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Mr. DaSilva asked who prepared it. Superintendent Ottaviano credited Mr. Corsini and Mrs. Moschella with the work. Mr. DaSilva was impressed by their efforts. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes, and carried to approve.

Next was the High School Social Suspension Policy, which was revised by Mrs. Dellasanta and Mr. Flaherty to include excessive tardiness. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mrs. Reall, and carried to approve. Mrs. Reall added that she extended high praise to all involved.

Next was the Monthly Financial Reports. Superintendent Ottaviano

recommended approval. Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Mrs. Reall, and carried to approve.

Next was the Administrators Contracts. Dr. Pallotta began by commending all the administrators who have made sacrifices in their contracts. Summary: 3 year contracts –

First Year – 2003/04: 0% increase; Second Year – 2004/05: 4% increase, and 10% co-pay or \$1200 buy back for medical; Third Year – 2005/06: Ratio System based on years in the district (1 to 9+), top step for teachers and Masters, no further increments for advanced degrees, 200 day work year, no extra day pay. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes, and carried to approve.

Next was a 3 year contract for the Superintendent’s Executive Secretary. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Wilkes, and carried to approve. The three remaining contracts – Assistant Superintendent, Business Manager and Director of Non-Instructional Services were carried over to the September meeting.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 3-5. Mr. Robert Aiello of 18 Barry Ct addressed the Committee regarding the Middle School Grant and the Budget Cuts. Superintendent Ottaviano explained that \$240,000 goes to Capital City Center who administers and disburses the funds.

Next was Requests to Address the Committee. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was New Business.

First was Approval of 2 Bids. Custodial Services – CanDo. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve. Fuel Oil – Brennan. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Wilkes, and carried to approve.

Next was Resignations. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the resignation of Domenica Zirilli – Teacher Assistant. Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall, and carried to approve.

Next was Retirements. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended

approval of the retirement of Judith Reynolds-Smith – School Nurse/Teacher. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva, and carried to approve. Mrs. Reall added that Ms. Smith should be complimented and thanked for all she did for the School Department in her 21 years.

Next was Leaves of Absence. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence Requests as follows.

Karen Baglini – unpaid leave effective August 30, 2004 through January 21, 2005; Patricia Lavalley – unpaid leave effective 2004/2005 school year, and Silvana Pacheco – paid FMLA effective August 30, 2004 to October 19, 2004, unpaid FMLA effective October 20, 2004 to December 9, 2004 and unpaid leave effective December 10, 2004 through January 21, 2005. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall, and carried to approve.

Next was Recalls. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Recalls of the following – Lynette Giblin, Teacher Assistant; Pamela Marciano, Teacher Assistant, and Susan Marino, Teacher Assistant. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva, and carried to approve.

Next was Appointments. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Appointments of the following: David Andreozi – Elementary Physical Education/Health Teacher – effective August 30, 2004; Zachary Farrell – Secondary Social Studies Teacher – effective

**August 30, 2004; Charles Graves – Interim Elementary Principal –
Marieville - effective**

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**August 30, 2004; David Radcliff – Preschool Special Educator
(2004/05 School Year Only) – effective August 30, 2004; and Allison
Wroblewski – Secondary Social Studies Teacher (2004/05 School Year
Only) – effective August 30, 2004.. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by
Mr. Marciano, and carried to approve.**

**Next was Old Business. Mrs. Reall asked Mr. Milazzo for an update
on the replacement windows being installed in the schools. Mr.
Milazzo informed the Committee that Whalen School is completed,
Marieville School would be completed in 2 weeks, and Stephen Olney
and the other elementary schools are waiting for the windows to be
delivered.**

Next was Use of Property Requests which were voted on as follows. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall, and carried to approve. Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Cataldi requested that Mr. Milazzo monitor events at the High School and if more than one event is scheduled at the High School on the same day, he inform the Committee accordingly. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Marciano and carried to approve.

Next was Approval of Bills. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of July bills. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Wilkes, and carried to approve. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of August bills. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Marciano, and carried to approve.

Next was Approval of Minutes. Due to the illness of the secretary the minutes for the June Executive Session and the July Executive and Regular Sessions are not available, but will be included in the Agenda for the September meeting. Mr. Wilkes suggested that the minutes be received by the Superintendent's office no later than 10 days following the meeting. Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 7-12. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Pending Business. There being none, Motion by Mr. Cataldi to Adjourn, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wilkes