

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 24, 2005

The North Providence School Committee met on August 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

In the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Dr. Pallotta, Mrs. Reall, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Wilkes, and Mr. Martinelli. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Scungio, Mr. Gerardi, Ms. Celona, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Milazzo.

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

The first item on the Agenda was Correspondence. There being none, Chairman Marciano asked if there was any objection to moving New Business next on the Agenda. Hearing none, the next item on the Agenda was New Business. First was Approval of Bids. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Bid for Athletic Supplies and Equipment be awarded to the lowest bidder for each item.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to award the bid for Athletic Supplies and Equipment to the lowest bidder for each item.

Next was Resignations. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Resignation of Jeannine Fortin – Teacher Assistant effective August 16, 2005.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the resignation of Jeannine Fortin – Teacher Assistant effective August 16, 2005.

Next was Retirements. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the retirements of Ralph DiOrio-Courier/Custodian effective September 1, 2005, Anthony Norato-Custodian effective August 26, 2005, and Beverly Zarlenga-Crossing Guard effective July 31, 2005.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall, Mr. Wilkes and the entire Committee to accept with regret the retirements of Ralph DiOrio-Courier/Custodian effective September 1, 2005, Anthony Norato-Custodian effective August 26, 2005, and Beverly Zarlenga-Crossing Guard effective July 31, 2005.

Mrs. Reall first spoke about what a wonderful gentleman Ralph was to work with for all those years. She added that it was also a pleasure working with his father. She

next spoke about Tony Norato. She remarked about how Tony

showed everyone how to take a very old building and make it look beautiful. He was also a pleasure to work with throughout the years. She thanked him for his years of service. Next, Tony was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Committee. Mr. DaSilva next echoed the comments made and wished the retirees good luck. Chairman Marciano spoke about Beverly Zarlenga and her 35 years of dedicated service through sleet, snow and ice at the intersection of Charles Street and Mineral Spring Avenue. She will be sorely missed. He offered congratulations on behalf of the Committee.

Next was Leaves of Absence. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests for Melissa Centracchio for an Unpaid FMLA effective August 29, 2005 through November 29, 2005 and Unpaid Leave of Absence effective November 30, 2005 to the end of the 2005-2006 School Year; and Beverly Leal for a Paid FMLA effective August 29, 2005 through September 30, 2005.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Leave of Absence Request for Melissa Centracchio as presented.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Leave of Absence Request for Beverly Leal as presented.

Next was Revised Appointment Dates. Superintendent Ottaviano

recommended approval of the effective appointment dates as presented.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the revised effective appointment dates as present.

Next was Appointments. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments:

Ashley Armenti, High School Assistant Cheerleader/Majorette Advisor effective August 29, 2005; Julie Cook – High School Mathematics Teacher effective August 29, 2005; Jennifer DePalma – Elementary/Middle School Psychologist effective August 29, 2005; Holly Fulgham – Special Education (Long-term Substitute) effective August 29, 2005 for the first semester through January 20, 2006; Courtney Gendron – High School Psychologist effective August 29, 2005; Michelle Geremia – Physical Education/Health Teacher effective August 29, 2005; Michael Gianfrancesco – High School English Teacher effective August 29, 2005; Jacqueline Hilton – High School Business Teacher

effective August 29, 2005; Pompea Imondi – Kindergarten Teacher effective August 29, 2005; Sheri LaFerriere School Nurse/Teacher effective August 29, 2005; Jason Miller – Middle/High School Reading

Specialist effective August 29, 2005; Michael Mota – Elementary Teacher (Long Term Substitute) effective August 29, 2005 for the first semester through January 20, 2006; Kathleen Niedfeldt – Occupational Therapist effective August 29, 2005; Kerissa Roderick – High School English Teacher (Long Term Substitute) effective August 29, 2005 for the first semester through January 20, 2006; .

Christina Rosa – Reading Specialist (pending emergency certification) effective August 29, 2005; and Kara Tavernier – High School Head Cheerleader/Majorette Advisor effective August 29, 2005.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and Mrs. Reall and the entire Committee and carried to grant advice and consent to the appointments as presented.

Chairman Marciano asked those appointees present to stand and accept congratulations.

Next was the Superintendent's Report. First was Salary Increase Recommendations for Central Office Non-Certified Administrative Raises. Dr. Pallotta, Chairman of the Personnel Subcommittee, stated that the Subcommittee reviewed the contract with George Paquette and recommended approval of the addendum as outlined for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 with a 3% increase in each year.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to accept

the recommendation as outlined.

Next was Standing Orders. Superintendent Ottaviano stated that the some of the pages of the orders were reviewed and updated by Dr. Alario and the school nurses. She recommended approval and adoption of the revised pages of the Standing Orders as presented.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approve and adopt the revised pages of the Standing Orders as presented.

Next was the Home Schooling Requests.

Mr. Gerardi recommended approval of the Home Schooling Requests, which were voted on as follows:

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to grant the Home Schooling Requests from Tracey and Shawn Bowe for Patrick Bowe – Grade 3; Lynda and Rick Creighton for Michael Creighton – Grade 9; Nathaniel Creighton – Grade 7; and Faith Creighton – Grade 1; Joan Degaitas for Michaela Degaitas – Grade 11 and Angela Degaitas – Grade 10; Kathleen and Manuel Silva for Gabriel Isaac Silva – Grade 5 and Henry Maxwell Silva – Grade 5; and Joanne and James Wallace for Andrew Glen Wallace – Grade 5 and Lisabel Louis Wallace – Grade 3. Mr. Cataldi voted nay to this motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

Next was Home Instruction Policy. Mr. Lynch stated that there are a couple of revisions to the policy. He reviewed the changes and answered questions. He recommended approval of the policy revisions as presented.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and the entire Committee and carried to approve the revisions to the Home Instruction Policy as presented.

Next was the Monthly Financial Report. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the August 24, 2005 Monthly Financial Report be approved as presented and paid. Several members of the committee asked questions regarding the report.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approve the August 24, 2005 Monthly Financial Report as presented.

Next was School Committee Reports. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Public Comments on Agenda Items 3-5. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Requests to Address the Committee. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Old Business. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Use of Property Requests. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted in the August 24, 2005 School Committee packets.

Next was Approval of Bills. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the N.

Providence School Department Accruals List of Bills dated August 24, 2005 in the amount of \$42,491.30 be approved and paid and the August 24, 2005 List of Bills in the amount of \$589,424.73 be approved and paid.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes carried that the August 24, 2005 North Providence School Department Accruals List of Bills and the August 24, 2005 List of Bills be approved and paid.

Next was Approval of Minutes.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and the entire Committee and carried that the Minutes of the July 27, 2005 Executive Committee Meeting be approved and kept closed in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-4-5.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the Minutes of the August 24, 2005 North Providence School Committee Regular Session be approved as presented.

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 Mrs. Reall, seconded by the entire Committee and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.