

**May 25, 2005**

**The North Providence School Committee met on May 25, 2005 at 7:10 pm in the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Martinelli, Mrs. Reall, Dr. Pallotta and Mr. Wilkes. Also present were Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. Scungio. Ms. Celona and Mr. Lynch were present for the regular meeting only.**

**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. The next item on the Agenda was the Superintendent's Report.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano introduced Patricia Hines, Principal of Ricci Middle School, who gave an impressive report on Project Focus at Ricci. Project Focus brings the school and members of the community together to interact. Students, faculty and community members are very enthusiastic about the project. Ms. Hines explained that all teachers were involved. Ms Hines credited several teachers for the design and implementation of the program – Carol Catone, Kerri Croft, Barbara DaSilva, Tracy Graham, Jill Harraka, Karianne Kaye, Daneille Lombardi, Lisa Montecalvo and Shauna Pelletier. Mr. Wilkes congratulated the school on a tremendous job. Dr. Pallotta added that it's a pleasure to see the School Improvement**

**Team doing what it's supposed to do – improve the school, and applauded all involved for a job well done. He asked who signs off on the eighth grade expectations; Ms. Hines responded that the program is new and not quite that formal yet, but that they use the high school expectations as a guide. Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Reall added their complements on a good job. Chairman Marciano thanked Ms. Hines and her School Improvement team for an excellent job. Mr. Cataldi added that he was impressed by Ms. Hines' level of excitement about the project. Mr. Martinelli asked how individuals could get involved in the project, Ms. Hines explained that the entire faculty was solicited and letters went out to parents.**

**Mr. Wilkes, who would have to leave early for a family emergency, made a motion to move on to Request to Address the Committee made by Mr. & Mrs. John Wheeler regarding school policy concerning suspension and detention; seconded by Mr. Cataldi. No objections, Chairman Marciano called Mr. Wheeler to the podium. Mr. Wheeler introduced himself, adding that his son is a student at Ricci, and his criticism was not directed at Ricci. The teachers there are doing a great job. It's regarding school department policies. He's a firefighter and is around town during the day and sees many school age kids. About a month prior he approached one of the children he saw and asked why he wasn't in school; he responded that he was suspended – walking the streets. Mr. Wheeler met with Mr. LaFauci about "in house suspension". Suspension should be a penalty not a mini vacation. Chairman Marciano**

**responded that Dr. Ottaviano is looking into the in house suspension, which would require additional staffing. Mr. Wheeler spoke about his own son's recent suspension. Discussion followed about the appeal process and parent's signature on the Discipline Code in the fall. Mr. Wheeler conceded that his wife had, in fact, signed the document and returned it school. Chairman Marciano thanked Mr. Wheeler for speaking. Mr. Wilkes left the meeting at approximately 7:45pm.**

**Next was the District Strategic Plan. Dr. Ottaviano recommended approval of the District Strategic Plan as submitted.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approval.**

**Next was Field Trip Requests. Dr. Ottaviano recommended approval of the requests as submitted in the May 25, 2005 School Committee packets as per school committee policy.**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Dr. Pallotta, and carried to approval.**

**Next Dr. Ottaviano presented the ESL Report. Mr. Cataldi thanked Dr. Ottaviano and Mr. Lynch for a timely response to his request for the Report.**

**Next was the Monthly Financial Report. Superintendent Ottaviano**

**recommended approval of the Monthly Financial Report as presented.**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve the Monthly Financial Report as presented. Mr. Cataldi questioned a deficit number in the Athletic Supplies category. Ms Celona explained that when combined with other related line items, the deficit was eliminated. Mr. Cataldi accepted the explanation. All members were in favor of it.**

**Next was the School Committee Report. Mr. Cataldi introduced a discussion regarding local churches scheduling mandatory “retreat” days on regular school days. He suggested sending letters to local churches requesting that future retreat days be held on weekends or school vacations. Motion by Mr. Cataldi seconded by Dr. Pallotta, and moved to approval.**

**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, which had already been addressed; the next item on the Agenda was New Business.**

**First was Approval of Bids. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the bid for the Copy Machine Services and Supply Maintenance Agreement be granted to the low bidder, Advanced Business Machines.**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approval.**

**Next Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the bid for copy paper be granted to the low bidder, W. B. Mason.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approval.**

**Next Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the bid for medical supplies be granted to the low bidder, Moore Medical Supplies.**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approval.**

**Next was Resignations. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the resignation of Anthony Carbone as Intramural Director effective the end of the 2004/2005 school year.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Martinelli and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for Mr. Carbone.**

**Next Dr. Ottaviano recommended approval of the resignation of David Groccia as High School Athletic Director effective the end of the 2004/2005 school year.**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, with regret, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for Mr. Groccia.**

**Next was Retirements. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the retirement of Carol Caffrey – effective at the end of the 2004/2005 school year.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall – with regret, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and Mr. Cataldi and carried to approval.**

**Next Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the retirement of Robert Farley – effective at the end of the 2004/2005 school year.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Dr. Pallotta and carried to approval.**

**Next Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the retirement of Mary Pollard – effective at the end of the 2004/2005 school year.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall – with regret, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approval.**

**Next Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee**

**approve the retirement of Gloria Rainone – effective at the end of the 2004/2005 school year.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall – with regret, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Dr. Pallotta and carried to approval.**

**Next was Leave of Absence Requests. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence Requests, which was voted on as follows:**

**Ralph DiOrio – Unpaid FMLA effective May 11, 2005 to June 14, 2005 (approximately) Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve;**

**Sherry Powell – Unpaid Leave effective September 1, 2005 through February 3, 2006. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Martinelli and carried to approve.**

**Next was Appointments. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the appointment of Patricia Silva as Crossing Guard, effective immediately.**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approve.**

**Next was Old Business. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Use of Property Requests.**

**The Use of Property Requests were voted on as follows:**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Martinelli and carried to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted in the May 25, 2005 School Committee packets.**

**Next was Approval of Bills. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the N. Providence School Department List of Bills dated May 25, 2005 in the amount of \$1,911.991.45 be approved and paid.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and Mr. Cataldi and carried to approval.**

**Next was Approval of Minutes.**

**Chairman Marciano recommended that the minutes for the April 27, 2005 meeting, not having been submitted by Mrs. Caranci yet, be carried over to the June 22, 2005 meeting.**

**Next was Comments on Agenda Items 7-12. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Pending Business. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was to adjourn.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Martinelli and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**David Wilkes**