

**JULY 19, 2006**

**The North Providence School Committee met on July 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Dr. Pallotta, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Wilkes. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. Scungio. Ms. Celona, Mr. Gerardi, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Milazzo were present for the regular session 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.**

**Mr. Joseph Marciano addressed the Committee to speak about the RI Government Internship Program. He gave a brief explanation of how the program works. He added that he came to the High School twice to talk to a small group of students. Members of the Committee asked questions regarding scheduling the students and how the present program works with the students. Chairman Marciano suggested that the Superintendent work with the program coordinators at Shea High School to see how our district can make the program work for our students.**

**Next was the Commissioner's Review. Mr. Goho gave a Powerpoint**

**presentation on the Commissioner's review of the High School. Dr. Pallotta thanked Mr. Goho for his articulate presentation. He added that perhaps the Department of Education needs to make a SALT visit to the Legislature for their unfunded mandates to the school districts. He complimented everyone that worked on this program and for their vision in staying ahead of the curve. Mr. Cataldi added that Mr. Goho and his team are well above in their goals and once again, the Department of Education gave them an impossible task to achieve.**

**Next was the Greystone SALT Report. Superintendent Ottaviano spoke about the report contained in the School Committee packets and the steps that the School is taking to improve in the areas mentioned in the Report. Dr. Pallotta spoke about the comments made on Page 5 of the Report and stated that he takes offense to the comments. He added that it may serve as a warning as to how the SALT team views things. Chairman Marciano concurred with Dr. Pallotta's comments and felt that the Department of Education should look at how the SALT team views things.**

**Next was the Annual Report. Superintendent Ottaviano referred to the binders provided to the Committee in their packets.**

**Next was Transportation. Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the Northeast Bus Company is requesting a 3% increase due to the rising transportation costs. Members of the Committee asked questions regarding the contract and their options. Mr. Wilkes made**

**a motion to give them 0% increase.**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to deny the request for an increase until the Finance Committee has a chance to review the budget numbers.**

**Next was Standing Orders. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval and adoption of the Standing Orders as presented.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve and adopt the Standing Orders as presented.**

**Next was the Home Schooling Approval. Mr. Gerardi recommended that the Request submitted by Elaine Marrero for Brendan Marrero (Grade 9); Brian and Laurie Parrish for Bethany Parrish (Kindergarten); Brian and Laurie Parrish for Kristen Parrish (Grade 2); and Kathleen and Manuel Silva for Henry Silva (Grade 6) and Gabriel Silva (Grade 6).**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approve the Requests as submitted. Mr. Cataldi voted nay to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1.**

**Next was Field Trip Requests. There being none, next was the Monthly Financial Report. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the July 19, 2006 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the July 19, 2006 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.**

**Next on the Agenda 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 New Business.**

**Next was Old Business. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was New Business. First was Approval of Bids.**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mrs. Reall and carried to table the Request by the Northeast Bus Co. to negotiate an increase.**

**Next was the Bid for Masonry/Brick Restoration at the NP High School. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, East Coast Masonry & Restoration, Inc.**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and Mr. DaSilva and carried to award the bid for Masonry/Brick Restoration to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, East Coast Masonry & Restoration, Inc.**

**Next was Resignations. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Resignation of Kara Tavernier – High School Head Cheerleader Advisor effective June 29, 2006**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve with resignation of Kara Tavernier – High School Head Cheerleader Advisor effective June 29, 2006.**

**Next was Leaves of Absence. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence Request by Nichole DiFilippo for an Unpaid Leave of Absence effective for the 2006/2007 School Year.**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the Leave of Absence Request as presented.**

**Next was Appointments. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the appointment, which was voted on as follows:**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and the entire Committee and carried to grant advice and consent to the appointment of Patricia Lucciola – High School Unified Arts Department Chair effective August 30, 2006. Members of the Committee and Administration offered congratulations.**

**Next was Old Business. Mrs. Reall complimented the Assistant Superintendent for his report that is very much improved.**

**Next was approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted in the July 19, 2006 School Committee Packets.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to accept the Superintendent's Recommendation for Use of Property Requests as presented.**

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

**Providence School Department List of Accruals dated July 19, 2006 and the North Providence School Department List of Bills dated July 19, 2006 be approved as presented and paid with regret.**

**Next was Approval of Minutes.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the Minutes of the June 28, 2006 Executive Session be approved as presented and kept closed in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-4 and 42-5.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried that the Minutes of the June 28, 2006 North Providence School Committee Regular Session be approved as presented.**

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

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by the entire Committee and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**David Wilkes**