

**AUGUST 23, 2006**

**The North Providence School Committee met on August 23, 2006 at 5:30 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, Attorney Cascione, Attorney McAllister, Attorney Henneous, Ms. Celona and Mr. Milazzo. Mr. Gerardi and Mr. Lynch were present for the regular session only.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and Mrs. Reall and carried to recess the regular session and go into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Litigation, Contracts, Collective Bargaining and Budget.**

**The meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m. It 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. First was the Local Advisory Commission and By-Laws. Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Mr. Lynch. Mr. Lynch spoke about the newly-established advisory commission and recommended that the Committee approve the Commission and adoption of the By-Laws. He added that members of the Committee were present at the meeting and asked them to stand and be**

recognized.

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the Local Advisory Commission and By-Laws as recommended by Mr. Lynch.**

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

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Home Schooling Requests for Cheryl Al-Sasah for Besheer Al-Sasah (Grade 7); Doris Benedetti for Taylor Mastrati (Grade 8); Tracey and Shawn Bowe for Patrick Bowe (Grade 4); Richard and Charlene DeBeaulieu for Alexander DeBeaulieu (Grade 11) and Chant'l (Grade 11); Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Hebert for Eli Herbert (Grade 8); Staci J. Morrow for Joshua Ryan Morrow (Grade 2); Mr. & Mrs. William J. Waddington for John Waddington (Grade 10); James and Joanne Wallace for Andrew Glen Wallace (Grade 6) and Isabel Louise Wallace (Grade 4); and Elsa Saccoccio for Kelly Saccoccio (Grade 4). Mr. Cataldi voted nay to this motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.**

**Next was the Middle School Lunch Program. Mr. Gerardi spoke about the new "Lunch Spot" program. Members of the Committee received an outline of the proposed program. Mr. Gerardi asked for**

**the Committee's approval to move forward with the proposed program.**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Middle School Lunch Program as submitted.**

**Next was the 2006-2007 Calendar Change for the Professional Development Day due to legislative modifications.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the 2006-2007 Calendar Change.**

**Next was the Bradley Group Home. Mr. Lynch spoke about the Memo in the School Committee Packets.**

**Mr. Lynch explained that the information in the packets is informational only. Members of the Committee asked Mr. Lynch questions regarding the educational needs of the children in the Group Home. Mr. Lynch explained that once the children are placed in the home, North Providence has to educate them.**

**Next was the CSR Program. Mr. Gerardi explained that the program has a one-year funding cycle. Members of the Committee received information in their packets. He asked for the Committee's approval of the Program.**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the CSR Program as submitted.**

**Next was Field Trip Requests. Mr. Gerardi recommended approval of the Field Trip Request by NPHS Football Team to Gillette Stadium on 8/26/2006.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approve the Field Trip Request as submitted.**

**Next was the Monthly Financial Report. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the August 23, 2006 Monthly Financial Report and the FY 2006-2007 Financial Report as submitted.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the August 23, 2006 Monthly Financial Report and FY 2006-2007 Financial Report as submitted.**

**Next on the Agenda was School Committee Reports.**

**Dr. Pallotta recommended approval of the three-year contracts for Linda Celona, Finance Director, Robert Lynch, Special Education Director, and Linda Brown, Superintendent's Confidential Secretary.**

**Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Reall and the entire Committee to approve Dr. Pallotta's recommendation for**

**approval of three-year contracts as submitted.**

**Next 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.**

**First was Approval of Bids. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval for the Employee Assistance Program be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Gateway Healthcare, Inc.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the Employee Assistance Program to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Gateway Healthcare, Inc.**

**Next was the Ford E-150 Cargo Van. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval for the purchase of the van be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Northeast Auto Sales.**

**Mr. Martinelli asked what would be done with the old van. Mr. Milazzo stated that it goes to auction.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Reall and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the Ford E-150 Cargo Van to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder,**

**Northeast Auto Sales.**

**Next was Retirements. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Retirement with regret of Richard Clemence – Systems Analyst effective December 28, 2006.**

**Mr. Cataldi spoke about Richard being an incredible asset to the system. He added that the School District needs to start advertising for this position ASAP. Chairman Marciano concurred with Mr. Cataldi's comments.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve the Retirement as presented with regret. Members of the Committee wished him the best of luck on his retirement.**

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

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Leaves of Absence Requests as follows: Pompea Imondi for an Unpaid Leave effective August 30, 2006 to January 1, 2007; Shauna Pelletier – Paid FMLA effective August 28, 2006 through October 6, 2006; Kristine Toic – Unpaid FMLA effective August 30, 2006 through December 1, 2006 and Unpaid Leave effective December 4, 2006 to the end of the 2006/2007 School Year.**

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

**Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Dr. Pallotta and carried to grant advice and consent to the appointment of Melissa Rita Cellucci – Secondary English Teacher effective August 28, 2006; Alicia Charpentier – Secondary Science Teacher (1 Year Only) effective August 28, 2006; Linda DeAngelis – Teacher Assistant/Ricci Middle School (Gr. 8) effective August 30, 2006; Holly Fulgham – Special Educator/McGuire & Greystone School (1 Year Only) effective August 28, 2006; Maria Galligan – Teacher Assistant (Floater)/North Providence High School effective August 30, 2006; Kevin Geremia – Special Educator/Birchwood Middle School effective August 28, 2006; Ann-Frances Hamill, Secondary Foreign Language effective August 28, 2006; Lindsay McElroy – Long Term Substitute/Birchwood Middle School effective August 30, 2006 through January 19, 2007; Cynthia Meagher-Elementary Librarian/Marieville-Whelan (Pending Certification) effective August 28, 2006; Deanna Parrillo – Secondary English Teacher (1 Year Only) effective August 28, 2006; Bethany Pothier – Secondary Mathematics Teacher – effective August 28, 2006; Madonna Thompson – Secondary English Teacher (1 Year Only) effective August 28, 2006; Ryan Shean – Middle School Art Teacher/Ricci Middle School effective August 28, 2006; Edward Santoro – Long-Term Substitute/North Providence High School**

**effective August 30, 2006 through January 19, 2007; Karen Walker – Teacher Assistant/North Providence High School (Gr. 11, 1:1) effective August 30, 2006; and Dominica Zirilli – Teacher Assistant/Ricci Middle School (Gr. 8) effective August 30, 2006.**

**Chairman Marciano asked those appointees present to stand and offered congratulations on behalf of the Committee and Administration.**

**Next was Employee Termination. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended the Employee Termination effective August 28, 2006 as outlined in the School Committee packets.**

**Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for employee termination as outlined in the School Committee packets.**

**Next 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 in the August 23, 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 August 23, 2006 in the amount of \$132,354.60 and the North Providence School Department List of Bills dated August 23, 2006 in the amount of \$579,723.11 be approved with regret and paid.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the August 23 26, 2006 North Providence School Department List Accruals and the August 23, 2006 List of Bills be approved with regret and paid.**

**Next was Approval of Minutes.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the Minutes of the July 19, 2006 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 Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**David Wilkes**