

**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 27, 2008**

**The North Providence School Committee met on August 27, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Martinelli, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Iannetta, and Mr. Palmieri. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Mullane, Mr. Henneous, and Mr. Milazzo. Ms. Celona and Mr. Lynch were present for the public session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chairman concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.**

**Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to recess the regular session and convene Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. in accordance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 and 5 for the purpose of consideration of an Employee Discipline Matter pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(1). Chairman Martinelli, by open call, polled the present Members of the Committee who voted unanimously to move into Executive Session for the purpose stated.**

**The open meeting reconvened at 6:52 p.m. into regular session as a result of unanimous vote of the Members of the Committee to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene into open session.**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**The Chairman called the meeting to order.**

## **II. SALUTE TO FLAG**

**The Chairman led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.**

## **III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The Chair next reported out that there were no votes taken in executive session and that the employee matter heard in executive session had been continued to the next meeting.**

## **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Chair reported that the Committee had not received any correspondence.**

## **V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **1. Annual Report**

**Superintendent Ottaviano stated that the 2007-2008 Annual Report had been previously submitted in the Committee weekly packets and does not require any action by the Committee.**

## **2. NPHS SALT Report Presentation**

**Superintendent Ottaviano invited Mr. Goho to make his presentation. Mr. Goho spoke about the SALT Report and read portions of the report outlining each area. He quoted a portion of the report that “North Providence High School is a school where every child matters.” Committee Members commented on the report. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to proudly accept the Report and place it on file.**

## **3. Standing Orders Revisions Approval.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the changes to the Standing Orders which were submitted to the Committee for its review. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to approve the Standing Order Revisions as submitted.**

## **4. Field Trip Requests.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Field Trip Request as submitted. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr.**

**Cataldi and unanimously carried to approve the Field Trip Request as submitted in accordance with School Committee Policy.**

## **5. Home Schooling Approval.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Home Schooling Requests for four families as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to approve the Home Schooling Requests as presented.**

## **6. Monthly Financial Report.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the August 27, 2008 Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to approve the August 27, 2008 Financial Report as submitted with regret.**

# **VI. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.**

## **1. Finance Subcommittee – Budget Reconciliation.**

**Mr. Cataldi deferred to Superintendent Ottaviano for a point of clarification. She explained that the Requests for Home Schooling should have been for five families, not four. She asked for the Committee's approval of the requests by the five families.**

**Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to approve the Home Schooling Requests as submitted by five families.**

**Next, Mr. Cataldi turned the meeting over to Superintendent Ottaviano to speak about the results of the Finance Committee meetings. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of cuts in the amount of \$1,331,977.00 to bring the budget into compliance with state law and the appropriation allocated by the North Providence Town Council. The Committee discussed the issue of budget cuts.**

## **2. Elementary Schools**

**The Committee discussed the need to upgrade the elementary schools and the need for an after school program. Mrs. Reall suggested that the matter be placed on Pending Business for future discussion.**

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Public comments and opinion were received on Agenda Items 3-5.**

## **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE**

### **1. Fundraising for High School**

**Mr. Gerald Galleshaw addressed the Committee regarding fundraising for the High School. As a resident of the Town with two students in the school, he began by stating that he could not be more pleased with the education his children are receiving. He spoke about a fundraising opportunity regarding hosting a travel site. The Committee discussed the concept. Chairman Martinelli announced that he is referring the issue to the Finance Director.**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Consideration of Awarding Bids**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the acceptance of the Bid for Third Party Administration Services for 403B Plans be awarded to Gateway Administration. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried unanimously to award the Bid for Third Party Administration Services for 403B Plans to Gateway Administration.**

**2. Consideration of Resignations; Retirements; Leaves of Absence; Dismissals; Layoffs; Non-Renewals; Layoff Rescissions; Appointments.**

#### **A. Resignations**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the resignation of Joseph Jagielo – Teacher Assistant effective August 5, 2008. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Joseph Jagielo – Teacher Assistant Effective August 5, 2008.**

#### **B. Retirements.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Retirement of Mary Bertone – Crossing Guard – Fruit Hill Ave. & Dawley Avenue effective August 25, 2008. She added that Mary was at the same spot for thirty-four years. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to approve the retirement of Mary Bertone as presented with regret.**

#### **C. Leaves of Absence**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence request for Pompea Imondi – Stephen Olney School Kindergarten Teacher for an Extension to Previously Approved Unpaid Leave Effective January 29, 2009 through the beginning of the Third Quarter for 2009/2010 School Year.**

**Discussion took place regarding this request. Chairman Martinelli suggested that this request be deferred until next month. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to**

**place this request on next month's agenda for clarification and legal counsel advice.**

#### **D. Rescissions of Notices of Layoff.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended rescission of the notice of layoff of James Curtis – School Based Coordinator – Perkins Grant Effective August 25, 2008 based on the fact that the position will remain under the State Grant. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to accept the Superintendent's recommendation on the rescission of James Curtis as presented.**

#### **E. Appointments.**

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

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried granting advice and consent to the appointment of Giovanna Guadagno Donoyan – Assistant Superintendent of Schools – Effective August 28, 2008. Members of the Committee offered her congratulations and applause.**

**Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and unanimously**

**carried granting advice and consent to the appointment of Natalie Calabro – North Providence High School Special Educator – First Step/MA Effective August 25, 2008. Members of the Committee offered her congratulations and applause.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried granting advice and consent to the appointment of Leonard Ellis – North Providence High School Assistant Football Coach Effective August 27, 2008. Mr. Ellis was not present at the meeting.**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried granting advice and consent to the appointment of John Nassi – North Providence High School Custodian – Second Shift Effective August 7, 2008. Mr. Nassi was not present at the meeting.**

**Mr. Palmeiri thanked Superintendent Ottaviano for allowing the Committee to participate in the hiring process.**

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

**There being no Old Business the Committee moved on to the next agenda item.**

## **XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Marciano and unanimously carried to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted.**

## **XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of a partial List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. She noted that the list did not include all the monthly bills as a result of the Districts conversion to the new computer system. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Marciano and unanimously carried to approve the August 22, 2008 Accruals 07/08 List of Bills in the amount of \$8,121.81.**

## **XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the July 23, 2008 Executive Session as presented and kept closed and sealed in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4, 5 and 7(c).**

**Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Iannetta**

**unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the July 23, 2008 Regular North Providence School Committee Meeting as presented.**

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7-12**

**The Chairman called for public comments on Agenda Items 7-12. There were no such comments from the public.**

#### **XV. PENDING BUSINESS**

**There being no pending business, the Committee moved on to the next agenda item.**

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald Iannetta,  
Secretary of the North Providence  
School Committee**

**Date Submitted to Committee: 9/24/2008**

**Date Approved by the Committee: 9/24/2008**