

**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

The North Providence School Committee met on September 24, 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 and Mr. Scungio. Ms. Donoyan, Ms. Celona, Mr. Milazzo 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 Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Marciano 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 legal advice re: Open Meetings Act Complaint (42-46-5(a)(2) re: potential litigation; and to conduct a hearing regarding a student concerning the viewing of matters which relate to the student's record and privacy under 42-46-6(a)(8). Chairman Martinelli, by open call, polled the present Members of the Committee who voted unanimously to move into Executive Session for the purpose stated.

Any persons to be discussed have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require that such discussion be heard at an open meeting pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a).

The open meeting reconvened at 6:40 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. There was a matter regarding student concerns addressed in Executive Session and that the individual received prior notice in writing and was given the option to have the matter heard in open session. The Committee did not receive a request to have the matter heard in open session and, therefore, the matter was heard in Executive Session.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

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

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Local Advisory Committee By-Laws.

Mr. Lynch stated that the Local Advisory Committee By-Laws were submitted to the Committee in their packets and must be approved on an annual basis as mandated. He recommended approval of the By-Laws as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Marciano and Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to approve the Local Advisory Committee By-Laws as submitted.

2. Affirmative Action Policy.

Ms. Donoyan recommended acceptance of the Affirmative Action Policy to be in compliance with Federal and State Laws. She added that the Policy would be posted in all school buildings. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to accept the Affirmative Action Policy as presented.

3. Field Trip Requests.

Ms. Donoyan recommended approval of the Field Trip Requests as submitted. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano and unanimously carried to approve the Field Trip Request as submitted in accordance with School Committee Policy.

4. Home Schooling Approval.

Ms. Donoyan recommended approval of the Home Schooling Request as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to approve the Home Schooling Request as presented.

5. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the School Department is in

the process of converting over to the new accounting system. As a result, the Monthly Financial Report for September and October 2008 will be presented next month.

VI. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. Request for Information from Taxpayers Association Re: Charitable Event.

Mrs. Reall spoke about the School Committee extending hospitality to the Charitable Event and requested that the Superintendent send correspondence to the Taxpayers Association to find out how the money was distributed. Motion by Mrs. Reall to send correspondence to the Taxpayers Association to find out how the money was distributed. Mrs. Reall asked for a roll call vote. Mr. DaSilva, aye; Mrs. Reall, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; and Chairman Martinelli, aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Chairman Martinelli asked for public comments from the Taxpayers Association. Mr. Burke stated that he was not prepared to comment.

2. Before and After School Childcare Update.

Mr. Palmieri gave a brief update on this issue.

3. Bus Transportation.

Mr. Palmieri asked for clarification regarding the small amount of students on some of the buses. Mr. Milazzo suggested that Mr. Palmieri provide him with bus numbers so that he could get the information requested.

4. Nut Allergies.

The School Committee had a general discussion regarding the nut allergies policy.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

1. Transportation Request by Mr. & Mrs. Ianiero. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr, DaSilva and unanimously carried to approve the request for their child to board the bus at Ricci School to be transported to Greystone School.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the acceptance of the Bid for Special Education Student Records and IEP Management System be awarded to Maximus. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to award the Bid for Special Education Student Records and IEP Management System to Maximus.

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 Marie Bonaminio – Yard Monitor/Lunch Monitor – Whelan School Effective August 26, 2008. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to accept with regret the resignation of Marie Bonaminio – Yard Monitor/Lunch Monitor – Whelan School Effective August 26, 2008.

B. Leaves of Absence

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of

Absence request for Linda Cicerone – Centredale School – Elementary School Secretary for Unpaid Leave Effective September 29, 2008. Discussion took place regarding this request. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Marciano to grant the request. Mrs. Reall asked for a roll call vote. Mrs. Reall, nay; Mr. Cataldi, nay; Mr. DaSilva, nay; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Chairman Martinelli, aye. The Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 3.

Superintendent Ottaviano read the Leaves of Absence Requests submitted to the School Committee in the packets and recommended approval of the Requests as submitted. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to approve the Leave of Absence Requests as submitted.

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. Cataldi, 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 the List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to approve the September 18, 2008 List of Bills in the amount of \$766,394.92.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the August 27, 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. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the August 27, 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. Mr. Cicerone addressed the Committee regarding his wife's Leave of Absence Request and accused members of the Committee of being corrupt and trying to take illegal action against his wife because of him. He pointed to Mr. Cataldi and told him that he was corrupt and should be put in jail. Mr. Cataldi pointed out that his vote was consistent with a vote he took last month on the same issue and that it had nothing to do with the fact that the request was made by Cicerone's wife. Mr. Cicerone said he didn't give a (expletive), called Mr. Cataldi a liar and a thief and threatened Mr. Cataldi by suggesting that Mr. Cataldi belonged in jail or that better still, Mr. Cataldi should come to his house to see how he would do there.

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 Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Iannetta,

Secretary of the North Providence

School Committee

Date Submitted to Committee: October 22, 2008

Date Approved by the Committee: October 22, 2008