

**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2008**

The North Providence School Committee met on December 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at the High School. Members present were Mr. Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Palmieri. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Scungio, Ms. Celona, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Milazzo and Ms. Donoyan. Appropriate disclosure was made by Mr. Marciano concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Marciano called the meeting to order.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

Mr. Marciano led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

Mr. Marciano next reported out that there was no executive session and no votes taken. He added that any person to be discussed has been notified in advance in writing that they may request that such discussions be held in open session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a). He added that three members of the Committee were not present.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Marciano reported that the Committee had not received any correspondence.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dating Violence Curriculum/Policy Approval

Superintendent Ottaviano stated that the 1st reading of the Policy was last month and that the Policy is in the packets; she recommended approval as presented. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Dating Violence Curriculum Policy as submitted.

2. Field Trip Requests.

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

3. Home Schooling.

Ms. Donoyan recommended approval of the Home Schooling Requests as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried to approve the Home Schooling Requests as submitted.

4. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the December 17, 2008 Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to approve the December 17, 2008 Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to authorize the Superintendent, the Finance Director, and Legal Counsel to meet with the Unions with respect to financial constraints.

5. Lead Paint Inspections.

Mr. Milazzo gave a brief update with respect to the status of the lead paint inspections. Discussion took place and members of the

Committee offered comments.

6. Alert Now Contract Approval.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Alert Now Contract as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to approve the Alert Now Contract as submitted.

7. Aramark Contract Approval.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Aramark Contract as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to approve the Aramark Contract as submitted.

8. 403(b) Retirement Plan Document Approval.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the 403(b) Retirement Plan Document submitted in the packets. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to approve the 403(b) Retirement Plan Document as submitted.

9. Presentations.

Mr. Marciano spoke about what an honor it is to present the plaque to Mr. DaSilva. He read the inscription on the plaque and thanked Mr. DaSilva for his years of service. He also spoke about Mr. DaSilva donating his School Committee salary to school functions and charities every year. He wished Mr. DaSilva and his family good health. Mrs. Reall paraphrased that some people run to serve – others run to serve themselves. She spoke about Mr. DaSilva never accepting his salary and spoke about all the generous things that Mr. DaSilva did that no one knows about. Mr. Palmeiri spoke about the fact that although they sometimes disagree, Mr. DaSilva’s knowledge and intelligence will be missed. Mr. Marciano added that he had another presentation to make to Mr. Martinelli, but he was unable to attend the meeting. He thanked him for his public service.

VI. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. Peanut Free Rooms – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri commented that this issue was all set.

2. Child Care Update – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri addressed the Child Care Issue and asked Ms. Leva to give a brief update. Discussion took place and Ms. Leva offered information and an update regarding her research. Members of the Committee asked questions regarding the research presented.

Committee members requested that the Superintendent review and revise draft survey before sending it out with students.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments and opinion were received on Agenda Items 3-5.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No requests to address the Committee were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the acceptance of the Bid for Fire Alarm Testing System be awarded to Prime Systems Inc. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to award the Bid for Fire Alarm Testing System to Prime Systems Inc.

2. Consideration of Resignations; Retirements; Leaves of Absence;

Dismissals; Layoffs; Non-Renewals; Layoff Rescissions; Appointments/Other.

A. Resignations.

There were no resignations submitted.

B. Retirements.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Retirement of Kenneth Ferrara - Principal – Birchwood Middle School Effective at the End of the 2008/2009 School Year. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to approve the retirement of Kenneth Ferrara as presented with regret. Members of the Committee offered comments.

C. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence requests for Donald Cyr – Custodian – 2nd Shift – North Providence High School – for Unpaid Leave Effective October 30, 2008 through December 12, 2008; Amalia DeAngelis – Foreign Language Teacher – North Providence High School for an Extension of Unpaid Leave Effective November 24, 2008 through the end of the 2008/2009 School Year; Paula DeTora – Teacher Assistant –

Centredale School – Paid FMLA Effective September 22, 2008 through December 19, 2008 and Extension of Paid Medical Leave Effective December 22, 2008 through January 4, 2009; Stephen Marnik – Math Teacher – Ricci Middle School for Paid FMLA Effective December 4, 2008 through March 20, 2009; Andrea Martel – Teacher Assistant – Whelan School – Unpaid FMLA Effective October 10, 2008 through January 23, 2009; Jessica Pasquarelli – Assistant Swim Coach – North Providence High School for Unpaid Leave – 1 Year Only – Effective 2008/2009 Season Only; and Mary Lou Weise – Teacher Grade 1 – Stephen Olney School – Paid FMLA – Effective November 14, 2008 through March 6, 2009. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried granting approval to the Leaves of Absence Requests as presented.

D. 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 Mrs. Reall and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried granting advice and consent to the appointment of Marissa Bianco – Teacher Grade 1 – Marieville School for a 7 Month Extension to Long-Term Sub Position Effective November 19, 2008 through the Last Day of 2008/2009 School Year; Robert DelPrete – Wrestling Coach – 1 Year – Birchwood Middle School – Effective

2008/2009 Season Only; Kristin Gilmore – Speech/Language Pathologist – Effective January 5, 2009 (Step Pending Verification); and Mary Ann Susi – Teacher Assistant 1:1 – Grade 4 – Centredale School Effective December 18, 2008. Members of the Committee offered congratulations and applause.

IX. 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 Mrs. Reall and Mr. Palmieri 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. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to

approve and pay the December 2008 List of Bills in the amount of \$577,456.84.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Special Meeting of the North Providence School Committee as presented.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 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. Palmieri and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2008 Regular North Providence School Committee Meeting as presented.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7-12

No Public comments were received on Agenda Items 7-12.

XV. PENDING BUSINESS

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Caranci,

**Recording Secretary of the North Providence
School Committee**

Date Submitted to Committee: Friday, January 23, 2009

Date Approved by the Committee: Wednesday, January 28, 2009