

**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2008**

The North Providence School Committee met on November 19, 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. DaSilva and Mr. Palmieri. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. Scungio. Ms. Celona, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Milazzo and Ms. Donoyan 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. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Reall 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 Resolution of Personnel 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 6:33 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

Chairman Martinelli called the meeting to order.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

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

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

Chairman Martinelli next reported out that there were no votes taken in executive session. 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 two members of the Committee were not present because one member had an operation and the other lost a loved one.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Martinelli reported that the Committee had not received any correspondence.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Nut Allergy Policy Approval

Superintendent Ottaviano stated that the Nut Allergy Policy is in the packets and recommended approval as presented. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Marciano and carried to approve the Nut Allergy Policy as submitted. Mr. Palmieri commented that he approves of the policy to keep lunches outside of the classroom.

2. Field Trip Requests.

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

3. Home Schooling.

There were no Home Schooling Requests on the Agenda.

4. Dating Violence Curriculum/Policy Changes.

Ms. Donoyan stated that the Dating Violence Curriculum/Policy Changes is in the packets and is presented to the presented to the

Committee. The updated policy is updated to reflect the Lindsay Ann Burke Act, R.I.G.L. §§ 16-21-30 and 16-85-2, passed by the Legislature in 2007. Ms. Donoyan invited comments on amendments.

5. School Committee 2009 Meeting Schedule.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the 2009 Meeting Schedule as provided in the packets. She added that the November and December meetings have been adjusted for the holidays. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Marciano and unanimously carried to approve the School Committee 2009 Meeting Schedule as presented.

6. Security Update.

Superintendent Ottaviano gave a brief update of the schedule for reviewing the possibility of putting up barriers at the middle and high schools.

7. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the November 19, 2008 Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to approve the November 19, 2008 Financial Report as submitted.

VI. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

2. Discuss Middle School Graduation – Mr. Palmieri.

Chairman Martinelli requested that this item be covered first because there are parents present at the meeting to discuss the Graduation. Mr. Palmieri spoke about the issue of middle school graduation ceremonies and the fact that he voted to take it out of the budget. After speaking with the parents and upon further reflection, he recommended that it be put back in the budget. Discussion took place and public opinion and comments were received. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Marciano and unanimously carried to reinstitute the practice of the middle school graduations and to make appropriate adjustment to the budget.

1. Child Care Update – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri spoke about the issue of the child care as a revenue stream. Public comments were received.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Aiello addressed the Committee Regarding ProJo Coverage of Meetings and the Open Meetings Law.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

There was no Bids Awarded.

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

A. Resignations.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Resignations of Valerie Palazzo – Accounts Payable Clerk – Administration Building Effective November 10, 2008 and Beverly Sepe – Superintendent’s Secretary – Administrative Building Effective November 21, 2008. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall

and unanimously carried to approve the resignations as presented.

B. Retirements.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Retirement of John LaFauci – Assistant Principal – Ricci Middle School Effective December 31, 2008. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to approve the retirement of John LaFauci as presented with regret.

C. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence request for Robert Arrighie – Head Wrestling Coach – Birchwood Middle School (1 Year Only) Effective 2008/09 Season; and Shayna Waterman – Kindergarten Teacher – Greystone School for Paid FMLA Effective November 10, 2008 through December 19, 2008, Unpaid FMLA Effective December 22, 2008 through February 27, 2009, and Unpaid Leave Effective March 2, 2009 through April 3, 2009. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to approve the Leaves of Absence Requests 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 Mrs. Reall unanimously carried granting advice and consent to the appointment of Robert Arrighie – Assistant Wrestling Coach – North Providence High School (1 Year Only) Effective for the 2008/2009 Season; and Ann Pescarino – Accounts Payable Clerk – Administrative Building Effective Retroactive to May 8, 2008. Members of the Committee offered congratulations and applause.

F. Other.

Chairman Martinelli announced that he received an agreement related to an employee. He asked the employee if he had anything he would like to add to the agreement. Mr. Borden informed the Committee that he would not agree to the Committee's settlement offer regarding his disciplinary matter. Chairman Martinelli returned documentation to Mr. Borden and declared any settlement agreement null and void per the original vote of the Committee on the matter.

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. Mr. Milazzo added the request made by the North Providence Jets. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall 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 Mr. Marciano and Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to approve and pay the November 2008 List of Bills in the amount of \$418,914.48.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Marciano and unanimously carried to approve the Amended Minutes of the February 27, 2008 Meeting – Page One as presented.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Marciano and Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the October 22, 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 Mr. Marciano and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the October 22, 2008 Regular North Providence School Committee Meeting as presented.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7-12

Public comments and opinion 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. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Caranci,

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

Date Submitted to Committee: Dec. 12, 2008

Date Approved by the Committee: Dec. 17, 2008