

# **NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**MARCH 4, 2009**

**The North Providence School Committee met on March 4, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Superintendent's Office for the purpose of holding a Budget Workshop.**

**Members present were Chairwoman Reall, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Ms. Leva and Mrs. Picard. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Scungio, Ms. Celona, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Milazzo.**

**Chairwoman Reall began by explaining to members of the public that the Workshop would be for the Members of the Committee to ask questions. She informed everyone that there would be another Workshop on March 5, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. at the High School to allow the public to make inquiries. The Chair next explained that in order to give each Committee member equal opportunity to ask questions regarding the budget, she would ask that each member of the Committee ask one question at a time and to then yield the floor to the next member to ask a question. Superintendent Ottaviano gave a brief explanation of the Uniform Chart of Accounts category codes used in the budget report as well as what the abbreviations stood for and outlined how the report was generated.**

**Members of the Committee asked numerous questions and the Administrators answered questions based on available information. Some of the questions involved further research by the Administration. A large number of the inquiries were related to areas in the budget that had been reclassified because of the new Munis system and Uniform Chart of Accounts and Ms. Celona explained that she would have to adjust the numbers using journal entries to more closely align with prior areas of the budget. Ms. Celona also explained that because this is the first year that this system is being implemented, it would require additional adjustments going forward. She added that the Uniform Chart of Accounts is being implemented by the State so that every municipality will have the same format and codes to allow for easy comparison of the municipalities for each area of the budget as required by law.**

**Members of the Committee asked copious questions and offered comments and suggestions regarding various codes. Members of the Administration offered clarification and follow up information when available. The Chair recessed the Workshop at 7:15 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. Members of the Committee continued questions for many codes in the budget.**

**Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Ms. Leva and unanimously carried to adjourn the Budget Workshop at 7:55 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margie Caranci, Recording Secretary of  
the North Providence School Committee**

**Date Submitted to the Committee: March 20, 2009**

**Date Approved by the Committee: March 25, 2009**