

# **REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**APRIL 22, 2009**

**The North Providence School Committee met on April 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairwoman Reall, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Ms. Leva and Mrs. Picard. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. Cascione. Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Celona, Ms. Donoyan and Mr. Milazzo were present for the public session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair 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. Picard and carried to recess the regular session and convene Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. in accordance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 and 5 for the purpose of Obtaining Legal Advice re: Local 1033 Grievance Nos. 023566 & 023567. The Chair, by open call, polled the present Members of the Committee who voted unanimously to move into Executive Session for the purpose stated.**

**The regular meeting reconvened at 7:35 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 Chair called the meeting to order.**

## **II. SALUTE TO FLAG**

**The Chair 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. She added that any person to be discussed has been notified in advance and that they may request such discussions be held in open session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a).**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried to accept and seal the Minutes of the April 22, 2009 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5.**

## **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.**

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

## **1. School Spring**

**Superintendent Ottaviano reported on the additional information regarding School Spring provided to the Committee and recommended that the School Department try the program for a period of two years. Discussion took place regarding the program and members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to join with the NRIC group enrolling in the School Spring program. Further discussion took place. Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Marciano amended the motion to include that the Staff Hiring Policy be changed to be in compliance. After further discussion, Mr. Cataldi moved the question. The Chair asked for a roll call vote, which was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Ms. Leva, nay; Mr. Palmieri, nay; Mrs. Picard, nay; and the Chair voted aye. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 3.**

## **2. Monthly Financial Report.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the April 15, 2009 Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano to approve the April 15, 2009 Monthly Financial Report as submitted with the addition to check on the correction to reflect the change if needed. A roll call vote was taken**

**as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **3. Field Trip Requests.**

**Ms. Donoyan recommended approval of the Field Trip Requests as submitted. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted and in accordance with School Committee Policy. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **2. Home Schooling Request.**

**Ms. Donoyan recommended approval of the Home Schooling Request submitted by Pamela Moccia for Jadya Moccia (Grade 1) and Jesse Moccia (Kindergarten). Members of the Committee asked questions regarding policy and state requirements.**

**A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS. (per By-Laws)**

**No public comments were received on Items 3-5.**

## **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.**

### **1. Child Care Update – Mr. Palmieri.**

**Mr. Palmieri spoke about the surveys and asked Ms. Leva to update the Committee. Ms. Leva spoke about the information received. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments.**

### **2. Discussion re: Budget – Ms. Leva.**

**Ms. Leva asked for clarification regarding the budget cuts made at the March 19, 2009 Special Meeting and the cuts not being reflected in the line items. Mrs. Celona spoke about the general journal adjustments. Discussion also took place regarding the concessions made by the Administration for the rest of the fiscal year. Members of the Committee and Administration offered comments. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mrs. Picard to correct the record to reflect that the Administration concession is 3.25% for the rest of the 2008/2009 fiscal year or a total of five pay periods. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

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

### **1. SPF-SIG Youth Survey – 2009. D. Levesque.**

**Ms. Levesque addressed the Committee regarding the SPF-SIG Youth Survey and asked Dr. Silvia from Salve Regina to speak regarding the purpose of the evaluation. Members of the Committee offered comments. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard to approve the survey as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**There were no bids received.**

**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 submitted by Linda Cicerone – Elementary Secretary Centredale School Effective April 6, 2009; Susan Ruhle – Team Leader (Green Team) Birchwood Middle School Effective at the End of the 2008/2009 School Year; Paula Turcone – High School Girls' Basketball Head Coach – North Providence High School Effective at the End of the 2008/2009 School Year; and Anthony Vacca – Elementary Yearbook Advisor – McGuire Elementary School Effective at the End of the 2008/2009 School Year.**

**Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard to approve the resignations as submitted with regret. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **B. Retirements.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Retirement listed in the School Committee packet and made a brief statement of the accomplishments of the retiree and wished her the best. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard to approve the retirement of Sandra Kurbec – Teacher Grade 1 – Centredale Elementary School Effective at the End of the 2008/2009 School Year with regret. A roll**

**call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

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

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence requests for Carolyn Briel – Crossing Guard – Paid FMLA Effective March 25, 2009 through June 18, 2009; and Nancy Rinaldi – Teacher Assistant – North Providence High School for Unpaid FMLA Effective March 30, 2009 through June 18, 2009.**

**Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta to grant approval to the Leaves of Absence Requests as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

### **D. Appointments.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments, J. R. DesJarlais – Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Coach – Ricci Middle School (1 Year Only)**

**Effective for the 2009/2010 Season Only; Eleanor Lonardo – Crossing Guard – Smith Street and Fruit Hill Avenue Effective April 23, 2009; and Karen Santilli – Human Resources Secretary – Central Administration Building Effective April 23, 2009.**

**Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Cataldi to grant advice and consent to the appointments as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Energy Conservation. Mr. Cataldi.**

**Mr. Cataldi asked Mr. Milazzo for an update regarding the electricity energy conservation study. Mr. Milazzo provided a brief update regarding the information received and the correction to the information received by Energy Source. Members of the Committee asked questions regarding the information received.**

## **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. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **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. Cataldi to approve and pay the April 2009 List of Bills in the amount of \$420,804.59 with regret. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Iannetta to accept and seal the Minutes of the February 16, 2009, March 17, 2009,

**March 19, 2009, and March 25, 2009 Executive Sessions and keep closed under R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 42-46-5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Iannetta to accept the Minutes of the March 17, 2009 School Committee Meeting, the March 19, 2009 Special School Committee Meeting, and the March 25, 2009 Regular North Providence School Committee Meeting. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 8 - 13.**

**No comments were received.**

#### **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. Picard and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

**Date Submitted to Committee: May 22, 2009**

**Date Approved by the Committee: May 27, 2009**