

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

The North Providence School Committee met on September 23, 2009 at 7:08 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Vice Chair Cataldi, Chair of the meeting in the absence of Chairwoman Reall, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Ms. Leva and Mrs. Picard. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, and Mr. Henneous. Mrs. Donoyan, Mr. Lynch and Ms. Celona 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 in Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. in accordance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 and 5 for the purpose of Discussion of Personnel Recommendation Pursuant to R.I. Gen Laws 42-46(5)(a)(1). Ms. Leva recused herself from the

Executive Session for purposes of the Personnel Discussion. 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 the unanimous vote of the Members of the Committee to recess 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.

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Iannetta to seal the minutes of the September 23, 2009 Executive Session. A roll

call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; and the Chair, aye. Ms. Leva recused herself from the vote and submitted a Statement of Conflict of Interest pursuant to R.I.G.L. §36-14-6(1) with regard to the discussion of the personnel matter.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.

Next, the Chair requested that the Appointments be moved up on the Agenda, if there was no objection from the Committee. Hearing none, the Appointments were moved forward on the Agenda.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (Moved up on Agenda)

E. Appointments

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments: Melissa Bradford – Elementary Teacher – SOS (1 year only) Effective August 31, 2009 through June, 2010 (3rd Step); Lisa DiPrete – Clerk – Ricci Middle School Effective August 31, 2009; Erica Giorgio – Crossing Guard Post – Terry Street & Mineral Spring Avenue Effective September 24, 2009; Annmarie Levin – Teacher Assistant – North Providence High School – Work Study Effective September 1, 2009; Michael Liguori -

Secondary Biology Teacher – NPHS Effective September 8, 2009 through January 15, 2010 (1st Step); and Carolyn Saccomagno – Teacher Assistant – North Providence High School – Grade 11 S/C 1:1 Effective September 1, 2009. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 09-09-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the appointments as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Members of the Committee offered congratulations and applause.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the Approval of the Monthly Financial Report as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 09-09-01. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the Monthly Financial Report as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Home Schooling Request.

There were no Home Schooling Requests submitted.

3. Athletic Team Sponsorship Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Athletic Team Sponsorship Policy as submitted. She reported that the Policy contained in the Packets has additional information from the Athletic Director for the Committee's review and comments. Members of the Committee offered comments and asked questions. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 09-09-03. Be It resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the Athletic Team Sponsorship Policy as presented and drafted by Legal Counsel. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Annual Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano reported that the Annual Report is presented for the Committee to review. No vote was taken.

5. Transportation Services Agreement.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Transportation Services Agreement as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 09-09-05. Be It Resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the Transportation Services Agreement between the N.P. School Department and Datco, Inc. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

6. Discussion Re: NPHS Graduation Venue.

Superintendent Ottaviano reported additional information on the costs of various sites, including the Veterans' Auditorium and RIC Roberts' Hall Field House as well as CCRI in Warwick. Members of the Committee offered comments and asked questions.

7. Update – Hockey CoOp.

Superintendent Ottaviano reported on the cooperative hockey team concept between North Providence and Johnston, with Johnston as the host team and the team advertised as the Johnston/North Providence Team. Members of the Committee offered comments and congratulations to Superintendent Ottaviano for her efforts in

bringing the concept together.

VI. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. Discussion Re: Location of NPHS Graduation – Mrs. Picard.

Discussion was deferred.

2. Discussion Re: Revised Special Permission Policy – Mrs. Picard.

There was no discussion on this item.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-6

Members of the audience offered comments on items 3-6. Members of the Committee

offered comments and support for the graduation venue most favorable for the students.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Barbara Sylvia addressed the Committee at the request of the North Providence Substance Abuse Coalition, regarding the Drug Free Community Survey. She explained that the survey would be voluntary and unanimous and would be completed online.

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the bid for Fuel Oil to be awarded to Brennan Oil Company as the most responsive and responsible bidder. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 09-09-06. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the bid for Fuel Oil to Brennan Oil Company. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the bid for the Ricci Field House Roof to be awarded to M. Barboza & Sons as the most responsive and responsible bidder. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 09-09-06. Be it resolved that, at the

recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the bid for the Ricci Field House Roof to M. Barboza & Sons. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

A. Resignations.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended advice and consent of the approval of the Resignations submitted by Donald Lareau – Industrial Arts Teacher – Ricci Middle School Effective August 31, 2009; and Amanda Payne – Cheerleading Coach – Ricci Middle School Effective September 9, 2009. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 09-09-07. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the resignations as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

B. Retirements.

There were no retirements submitted.

C. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leaves of Absence Requests submitted by Lisa Giammarco – LEAP/District-Wide Testing Effective August 31, 2009 through October 12, 2009; Lisa Giammarco – LEAP/District-Wide Testing Paid FMLA Leave Effective October 13, 2009 through January 29, 2010; Jill Harraka – English/Language Arts Teacher – Ricci Middle School Paid FMLA Leave Effective September 28, 2009 through January 15, 2010; Linda Markey – Special Educator – NPHS Paid FMLA Leave Effective August 31, 2009 through September 24, 2009 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective September 25, 2009 through November 27, 2009; and Elaine Villari – ESL Teacher – McGuire School for Paid Leave of Absence Effective September 28, 2009 through October 23, 2009. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 09-09-09.

Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

E. Layoffs/Non-Renewals.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Layoffs/Non-Renewal(s) of Steven Olink – Assistant Hockey Coach and asked for the Committee’s advice and consent. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 09-09-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to the Layoffs/Non-Renewal(s) as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

F. Layoff Recisions.

There were no Layoff Recisions submitted.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the 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. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 09-09-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of 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. 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. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 09-09-14. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the September 2009 List of Bills in the amount of \$545,404.80. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 09-09-15. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and

seal the Minutes of the August 26, 2009 Executive Session and approve the August 26, 2009 Regular School Committee Meetings. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Marciano, 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 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: