

**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2009**

The North Providence School Committee met on December 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairwoman Reall, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, and Mrs. Picard. Ms. Leva was not present for the meeting. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Scungio and Mr. Henneous. Mrs. Donoyan, Mr. Lynch 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 go into open session at 6:34 p.m. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to recess the regular session and convene in Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. in accordance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 and 5 for the purpose of Legal Advice re: Pending Grievance: Unilateral Change in Parties Job Descriptions; Consideration of Employee Termination Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) and (9); Legal Advice re: Claim Against Town for Appropriated Funds Owed; and Legal Discussion re: Nurse Clerk Arbitration- Grievance No. 023566. 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 7:30 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. She wished everyone a happy holiday season and Mr. Cataldi recognized his former colleague, Rod DaSilva.

III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).

The Chair reported that any person discussed in Executive Session had been notified in advance and in writing.

Next, the Chair reported that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano to seal the Minutes of the December 16, 2009 Executive Session in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 5.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.

VI. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS (moved up on Agenda).

1. Presentation

The Chair turned the meeting over to Superintendent Ottaviano for a presentation. Superintendent Ottaviano talked about having the pleasure to attend the Quest Conference where the American Federation of Teachers honored one of our teachers. The teacher had no idea that she was being honored until she heard that the person being honored drove to work on her first day of school in a 1958 green Nash Rambler fifty years ago. She asked Merle Dresner to come up to receive a gift and presentation honoring her accomplishments. Members of the Committee spoke about how she touched the lives of so many children and her continued enthusiasm after all her years of teaching and expressed their good fortune to call her “friend.” Members of the audience offered congratulations and comments and a slide show presentation was given.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the Monthly Financial Report as submitted with the changes. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 09-12-01. 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: 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.

2. Home Schooling.

Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Dr. Donoyan and added that as of Monday, her doctorate will be official. Dr. Donoyan asked for the advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the Home Schooling Requests submitted by David Mathias for OrHa Tevel Mathias (Grade 11), Oseh Shalom Mathias (Grade 10), Shebuel Mathias (Grade 8) and Eretz Mathias (Grade 6). Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 09-12-02. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee

grant advice and consent to the Home Schooling Requests as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, nay; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, nay; Mr. Palmieri, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 2.

3. 2010 School Committee Meeting Schedule.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the 2010 School Committee Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 09-12-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2010 School Committee Meeting Schedule be approved. A roll call vote was taken as follows: 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.

4. Revised Corrective Action Plan.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended the Committee approve the Revised Corrective Action Plan as submitted and added that the Town had to do a revised Plan and the School District may have to do another Plan once the audit report is complete. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 09-12-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Revised Corrective Action Plan be approved. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano,

aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. Employee Termination.

Superintendent Ottaviano stated that she is withdrawing her recommendation as to No. 09-12-06.

6. Buildings/Grounds Repairs.

Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Mr. Milazzo. He explained that there are two quotes for the work needed for the Marieville School railing and the baseball field a Birchwood School. Mr. Milazzo added that the quotes for the baseball field are for the backstop fence materials only. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi to accept the one and only bid from United Fence for the Marieville School Railings and the lowest bidder, Wood & Wire Fence Co. in the amount of \$2,685.00 for the fence materials only. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Next, Mr. Milazzo spoke about the meeting he had with the Town to discuss the sanding of the schools and their decision to no longer sand the schools. He added that we are in the process of putting a bid package together.

Next, Mr. Iannetta spoke about the snowstorm and the bus pickup schedule for High Service Avenue off Linwood for one child attending Ricci at 7:55 and the other child attending McGuire at 8:40. The McGuire student was picked up and the Ricci student was not. He asked Mr. Milazzo to contact the bus company and ask them to stop at the top of the hill and wait to see if the children are there and, if they are, to ask it to wait for the children to get to the bus. Mr. Milazzo said that he contacted the bus company and they have no idea why one bus went up the street.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-5.

No comments were received on Agenda Items 3.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Employee Presentation.

Superintendent Ottaviano announced that Mr. Milazzo received a new credential as his application for Building Operator Certification Level 1 has been approved. She spoke about Mr. Milazzo being very humble and him not wanting anyone to know. Members of the Committee offered congratulations and joked with Mr. Milazzo.

2. Discussion re: Parking at Stephen Olney School.

Mr. Cataldi spoke about the safety issue regarding the parking area at Stephen Olney School and felt that sooner or later, someone is going to get hurt and no matter how many signs are put up, it still happens. He felt that we need to eliminate access to the area by using something like an automatic arm. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard to give Mr. Milazzo permission to look into some cost factors and other ideas to eliminate the potential safety issue and report back to the Committee. A roll call vote was taken as follows: 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

No requests to address the committee were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the bid for School Physician, as required by state law, be granted to the one and only bidder, Dr. Anthony J. Alario. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 09-12-07. Be it resolved that, at the

recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to award the bid for School Physician be granted to Anthony J. Alario, M.D. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; and 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 approval of the Resignation submitted by Patricia Silva – Crossing Guard at Marieville School at the Cooper Street and Mineral Spring Avenue Post Effective November 25, 2009. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 09-12-08. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee accept the resignation of Patricia Silva effective November 25, 2009. A roll call vote was taken as follows: 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.

No retirement requests were submitted.

C. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Lisa Birkett for an Unpaid Leave of Absence – Special Educator (Resource) Teacher – Birchwood Middle School – Effective January 18, 2010 through the last day of the 2009/2010 school year; Zachary S. Farrell – Unpaid Leave of Absence – Social Studies Teacher – NPHS Effective January 1, 2010 through January 1, 2011; Brenda Grundy – Kindergarten Teacher – McGuire Elementary School – Paid Medical Leave – December 1, 2009 through February 26, 2010; Kristine Mota – Grade 5 Teacher – Centredale Elementary School – Paid Medical Leave – December 2, 2009 through January 1, 2010; and Michele Murphy – Teacher Assistant – Greystone Elementary School – Paid FMLA – November 12, 2009 through November 20, 2009 and Unpaid FMLA – November 23, 2009 through February 26, 2010 Effective November 12, 2009. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 09-12-10.

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: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, 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: Steven P. Clarke – Assistant Principal – Ricci Middle School Effective January 11, 2010 to June 2011; Dina Dutremble – Interim Finance Director Effective January 4, 2010; Deryk Faucher – Ricci Middle School Wrestling Coach (1 Year Only) Effective for the 2009/2010 Season Only; David Flaherty – Principal – Birchwood Middle School Effective January 11, 2010 to June 2011; Kim Granato – Principal – Whelan Elementary School Effective January 2010 to June 2011; Michael Liguori – Secondary Biology Teacher – NPHS Effective December 17, 2009 (1st Step BA); Meredith Medeiros – Crossing Guard – Marieville Elementary School Post – Mineral Spring Avenue & Cooper Street Effective December 17, 2009; Tonianne Moniz – Assistant Principal – Birchwood Middle School Effective January 11, 2010 to June 2011; Giana Nassi – Birchwood Middle School Assistant Detention Officer Effective for the 2009/2010 School Year; Susan C. Rainone – High School Girls’ Freshman Basketball Coach Effective for the 2009/2010 Season; Nicole Salvo – Extension to a Long-Term Substitute Position – Special Educator (Resource) Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Effective January 18, 2010 through the last day of the 2009/2010 school year (1st Step BA); and Steven Welford – Principal – McGuire Elementary School Effective January 11, 2010 to June 2011. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No.

09-12-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the appointment of Steven P. Clarke – Assistant Principal – Ricci Middle School Effective January 11, 2010 to June 2011; Dina Dutremble – Interim Finance Director Effective January 4, 2010; Deryk Faucher – Ricci Middle School Wrestling Coach (1 Year Only) Effective for the 2009/2010 Season Only; David Flaherty – Principal – Birchwood Middle School Effective January 11, 2010 to June 2011; Kim Granato – Principal – Whelan Elementary School Effective January 2010 to June 2011; Michael Liguori – Secondary Biology Teacher – NPHS Effective December 17, 2009 (1st Step BA); Meredith Medeiros – Crossing Guard – Marieville Elementary School Post – Mineral Spring Avenue & Cooper Street Effective December 17, 2009; Tonianne Moniz – Assistant Principal – Birchwood Middle School Effective January 11, 2010 to June 2011; Giana Nassi – Birchwood Middle School Assistant Detention Officer Effective for the 2009/2010 School Year; Susan C. Rainone – High School Girls’ Freshman Basketball Coach Effective for the 2009/2010 Season; Nicole Salvo – Extension to a Long-Term Substitute Position – Special Educator (Resource) Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Effective January 18, 2010 through the last day of the 2009/2010 school year (1st Step BA); and Steven Welford – Principal – McGuire Elementary School Effective January 11, 2010 to June 2011. A roll call vote was taken as follows: 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. Members of the Committee offered congratulations to the appointees.

E. Layoffs/Non-Renewals.

There were no Layoffs/Non-Renewals.

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. 09-12-14. 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: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; and 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. 09-12-15. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the December 2009 List of Bills in the amount of \$250,263.66. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 09-12-16. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2009 Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken as follows: 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 as to Resolution No. 09-12-16. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the November 18, 2009 Executive Session in

accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 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 Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: Jan. 27, 2010