

**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2010**

**The North Providence School Committee met on January 27, 2010 at 6:07 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairwoman Reall, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. Scungio. Mrs. Donoyan, Mr. Lynch, Ms. DuTremble 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 Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Picard and carried to go into open session at 6:07 p.m. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to recess the regular session and convene in Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. in accordance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 and 5 for the purpose of Interviews – Secondary Assistant Principal and Legal Advice re: Claim Against Town for Appropriated Funds Owed. 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 7:32 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 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. Before turning the meeting over to Mrs. Picard to seal the minutes, the Chair spoke about attending a ceremony at the State House for the presentation of the Paul W. Crowley Award given to Jim DiPrete.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano to seal the Minutes**

of the January 27, 2010 Executive Session in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 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.

#### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.

#### **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.

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-01-01. 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. 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.

##### **2. Field Trips.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Dr. Donoyan. Dr. Donoyan recommended approval of the Field Trip request as submitted. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-01-03. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the Field Trip Request 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 vote.**

### **3. Rhode Island Foundation Presentation.**

**Mr. Goho and Mrs. Bennett asked for the Committee to approve the RI Foundation to oversee the Scholarship Funds. Mr. Goho explained how the program works and added that Zeldy Lyman of the RI Foundation is present to answer questions. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution 10-01-04. Further discussion took place with regard to sending a letter to the donors and asking them to sign a release and include a provision that the donors are aware that there is a possibility that the monies could be lost. After further discussion, Mr. Marciano withdrew his motion.**

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-5.**

**Members of the public made comments.**

## **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

### **1. Finance Department.**

**Ms. Leva asked that a letter be sent to the auditor, Bob Civitti, to ask if it is feasible to consolidate and how much money could be saved and how many staff members would be needed to manage our own finances. Discussion took place regarding potential options. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Palmieri to send correspondence to our legislators asking for legislation to allow the School Department to have direct control over its own finances. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and Mr. Cataldi to send a letter to the auditor as to whether it is feasible or not to consolidate, and if it is cost effective and, if so, would it be cost effective with all departments. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, 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 added that they would not agree**

**with merging the finances with the Town.**

## **2. Finance Department Positions.**

**Ms. Leva asked for clarification on the data clerk position, formerly the bookkeeper. Superintendent Ottaviano stated that it is the same position according to the 1033 Collective Bargaining Agreement. Ms. Leva asked additional clarifying questions regarding positions within the finance department. Further discussion took place with regard to positions and postings. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano to send notification to the Committee ten days before the posting goes out. 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. Further discussion took place with respect to positions and grants. A member of the Committee suggested that the Agenda Proposal Form be modified to request more information as to exactly what will be discussed so that the Administration will have an opportunity to research and obtain information regarding the item to be discussed.**

## **3. Budget FY 09/10**

**Ms. Leva spoke about requesting information from the Superintendent at the November meeting regarding the \$165,000.00 and if the figure is still correct. Superintendent Ottaviano explained**

**that Ms. DuTremble will be working on updating the information and should have a cashflow analysis by next week.**

## **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 Nursing Services (On Bus) be awarded to Ready Nurse for continuity of services, reliability, and being able to meet contract obligations. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-01-05. Lengthy discussion took place with respect to the bidders and the difference in the hourly rate. Mr. Lynch offered an explanation as to the need for consistency and reliability for the severely compromised children. It was the general consensus of the Committee to defer this item until more information is obtained. Mr. Cataldi withdrew his motion.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the bid for the Applied Behavior Analysis Specialist be awarded to the most responsive and responsible bidder, Pathways Strategic Teaching Center. Motion by**

**Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-01-05. Be It Resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to award the bid for Applied Behavior Analysis Specialist to Pathways Strategic Teaching Center. 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.**

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

**A. Resignations.**

**No resignation requests were submitted.**

**B. Retirements.**

**No retirement requests were submitted.**

**C. Leaves of Absence.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Susan Jeschke – Teacher Assistant – McGuire Elementary School – Unpaid FMLA Leave effective January 11, 2010 through March 26, 2010 and Kristine Mota –**

**Teacher – Grade 5 – Centredale Elementary School – Extension to a Paid Medical Leave Effective January 4, 2010 through February 22, 2010. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-01-08. 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: Mrs. Picard, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, and the Chair, aye. Mr. Palmieri and Mr. Marciano were not present for the vote. The motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.**

#### **D. Appointments.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments: Ann Marie Alecio – Variable Clerk/Elementary Nurse’s Clerk Effective January 4, 2010; Lori Fallone – Data Entry Clerk – Administration Office Effective February 1, 2010; Lisa Ferretti – Secondary Social Studies Teacher – NPHS – 1st Step with Masters Effective January 4, 2010 through the End of the 2009/2010 School Year; Christopher Rizzo – Custodian – 2nd Shift – NPHS Effective January 25, 2010; Jessica Xavier – Reading Specialist – Ricci Middle School – 7th Step with Masters (Fully Funded by a Grant) Effective February 1, 2010; and Wayne Talbot – Secondary Assistant Principal pending notification of current employer. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-01-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation**

of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the appointment of Ann Marie Alecio – Variable Clerk/Elementary Nurse’s Clerk Effective January 4, 2010; Lori Fallone – Data Entry Clerk – Administration Office Effective February 1, 2010; Lisa Ferretti – Secondary Social Studies Teacher – NPHS – 1st Step with Masters Effective January 4, 2010 through the End of the 2009/2010 School Year; Christopher Rizzo – Custodian – 2nd Shift – NPHS Effective January 25, 2010; Jessica Xavier – Reading Specialist – Ricci Middle School – 7th Step with Masters (Fully Funded by a Grant) Effective February 1, 2010; and Wayne Talbot – Secondary Assistant Principal pending notification of current employer. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Ms. Leva, aye accept for the Data Clerk Position, Mrs. Picard, aye accept for the Data Clerk Position, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. The Data Clerk Position carried by a vote of 4 to 2. Members of the Committee offered congratulations to the appointees. Mr. Talbot spoke before the Committee to thank the Committee for the opportunity.

#### **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 Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-01-12. 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. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, 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. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-01-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the January 2010 List of Bills in the amount of**

**\$874,382.71. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, 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. 10-01-14. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the December 16, 2009 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-01-14. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve Minutes of the December 16, 2009 Regular North Providence School Committee Meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-01-14. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve Minutes of the January 4, 2010 Special Meeting. 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.**

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.**

**Members of the public made comments.**

#### **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 Ms. Leva and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 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: Feb. 24, 2010**