

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2010

The North Providence School Committee met on February 24, 2010 at 6:32 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, Ms. Dutremble and Mr. Scungio. 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 Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to go into open session at 6:32 p.m. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to recess the regular session and convene in Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. in accordance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 and 5 for the purpose of Litigation Update – Workers Comp Matter re: Custodian and Legal Advice re: Finances. 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 Committee adjourned the executive session and the Chair announced to the public that the regular session would begin at 7:30 p.m. She asked Mr. Cataldi, Chairman of the Finance Committee to make an announcement regarding the Budget Hearing. Mr. Cataldi announced that the Budget Workshop will be postponed until at least next Monday.

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.

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 was one vote taken in Executive Session to accept the workers compensation settlement. Before turning the meeting over to Mrs. Picard to seal the minutes, the Chair spoke wished Mr. Cataldi a very happy milestone birthday.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi to seal the Minutes of the February 24, 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.

Discussion took place regarding the report. Superintendent Ottaviano withdrew her request for advice and consent of the Report.

2. Home Schooling Requests.

Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Dr. Donoyan. Dr. Donoyan recommended approval of the Home Schooling Request by April Burns for Justin LaCroix (Grade 9) in compliance with R.I.G.L. 16-19-2. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-02-02. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the Home Schooling Request as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, nay and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

3. Field Trip Requests.

Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Dr. Donoyan. Dr. Donoyan recommended approval of the Field Trips as submitted and in accordance with School Committee policy. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-02-03. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant

Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the Field Trip Requests as presented 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, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Rhode Island Foundation.

The Chair pointed out that the information on the Rhode Island Foundation was in the packets and asked the members if they would like to vote on this matter or wait. It was the general consensus of the members to wait. Susan Bennett explained to the members that it is possible that the rest of the donors will not respond since the letter that was sent out stated that “if you don’t respond within ten days.” The Chair explained that the Committee would like to wait one more month. Mr. Palmieri asked if the letter notified the donors of the potential risk? The Chair stated that the letter is in the packets.

5. Perkins Grant.

Superintendent Ottaviano spoke about the information regarding the School Based Coordinator and the Perkins Grant. She recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to retaining option #1 in the packet contingent on funding. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-02-04. Be it resolved that, at

the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the Perkins Grant regarding Jim Curtis becoming a full time School-Based Coordinator in the district effective July 1, 2010, contingent on continued grant funding. 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.

6. State Assessment Presentation.

Assistant Superintendent Donoyan gave a brief presentation regarding the NEACP results. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments.

7. Kindergarten Packet.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Annual Kindergarten Packet as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-02-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Annual Kindergarten Packet 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.

8. Special Education Staffing Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Special Education Staffing Policy as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-02-06. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Special Education Staffing Policy 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.

9. March Professional Development Day.

Assistant Superintendent Donoyan spoke about the upcoming Professional Development Day and how hard all the levels of education are working.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-5.

Members of the public offered comments.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

There were no School Committee Reports submitted.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No requests to address the committee were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

No bids were received.

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

A. Resignations.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that Committee accept the resignation submitted by J. R. DesJarlais – Ricci Middle School Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Coach (1 Year) Effective January 25, 2010. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-02-08. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee accept the resignation submitted by J. R. DesJarlais – Ricci Middle School Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Coach (1 Year) Effective January 25, 2010. 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.

No retirement requests were submitted.

C. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Sheri Farrell – School Nurse/Teacher @ NPHS for Paid FMLA Leave Effective January 22, 2010 through February 11, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective February 12, 2010 through May 14, 2010, Lisa Giammarco – LEAP Teacher – District-Wide Unpaid Leave of Absence February 1, 2010 through April 1, 2010, Jill Harraka – English/Language Arts Teacher – Ricci Middle School Paid Medical Leave Effective January 19, 2010 through April 1, 2010, Shauna Pelletier – English/Language Arts Teacher – Ricci Middle School Paid FMLA Leave Effective April 26, 2010 through May 19, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective May 19, 2010 through the last day of the 2009/2010 School Year; and Danielle Tiernan – Special Education/Self-Contained Teacher @ Ricci Middle

School Paid FMLA Leave Effective Januar 19, 2010 through March 1, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective March 2, 2010 through April 30, 2010. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-02-10. 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, nay, Ms. Leva, nay, Mr. Palmieri, nay, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 3.

D. Appointments.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments: Michael Branca – Ricci Middle School Girls’ Fast Pitch Softball Coach (1 Year Only) Effective 2009/2010 Season Only; Lisa DeLuca – Teacher Assistant – Ricci Middle School – Grade 8 Effective March 1, 2020; Ian Hillman – High School Boys’ & Girls’ Assistant Outdoor Track Coach Effective 2009/2010 Season; Angelique Mucci – Teacher Assistant – Whelan Elementary School – Self-Contained Classroom – Effective March 1, 2010; and Jeffrey L. Robinson – Finance Director Effective March 1, 2010. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-02-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the

appointment of Michael Branca – Ricci Middle School Girls’ Fast Pitch Softball Coach (1 Year Only) Effective 2009/2010 Season Only; Lisa DeLuca – Teacher Assistant – Ricci Middle School – Grade 8 Effective March 1, 2020; Ian Hillman – High School Boys’ & Girls’ Assistant Outdoor Track Coach Effective 2009/2010 Season; Angelique Mucci – Teacher Assistant – Whelan Elementary School – Self-Contained Classroom – Effective March 1, 2010; and Jeffrey L. Robinson – Finance Director Effective March 1, 2010. 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.

E. Layoffs/Non-Renewals.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that out of an abundance of caution, due to the March 1st deadline and the uncertainty of state and federal funding, the North Providence School Committee Approve the Layoffs/Non-Renewals as submitted. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-02-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Layoffs/Non-Renewals 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, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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 Ms. Leva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-02-14. 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: 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. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-02-15. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the February 2010 List of Bills in the amount of \$810,062.23. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, 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. 10-02-16. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the January 27, 2010 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-02-16. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee

approve Minutes of the January 27, 2010 Regular North Providence School Committee 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.

No public 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. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano and unanimously

carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: