

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2010

The North Providence School Committee met on November 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration 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, Mr. Henneous and Mr. Scungio. Dr. Donoyan, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Milazzo were present for the regular 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. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Picard and carried to go into open session at 7:00 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

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 there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.

Comment was received regarding teacher assistants as

paraprofessionals and a question was asked regarding the nepotism issue on the agenda.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Whelan School Diorama Presentation.

This item was deferred.

2. N. Providence Youth Commission Presentation.

Members of the N. Providence Youth Commission gave a presentation regarding their goals and mission as well as an outline of requirements for completion. Upon completion of the presentation, Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to allow the North Providence Youth Commission to receive one half elective credit for completion of the program. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-11-1. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the North Providence Youth Commission proposal for one half elective credit upon completion 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.

The School Committee commended the students for their

sophisticated presentation. The Chair excused the students from the meeting before continuing the agenda.

3. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the November Monthly Financial Report as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No 10-11-02. Be it resolved that, at the request of the Superintendent, the Monthly Financial Report for be approved. 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.

3. Field Trips.

No Field Trip Requests were received.

4. Home Schooling Requests.

No Home Schooling Requests were received.

5. Fiscal Impact Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the North Providence School Committee for approval of the Fiscal Impact

Policy – 2nd reading. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-10-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the Fiscal Impact Policy (second reading) 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, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

6. Amendment Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the Amendment Policy (second reading) as submitted. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-10-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the Amendment Policy (second reading) 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.

7. Contract Negotiations Local 1033.

The Chair turned the meeting over to Ms. Leva, Chair of the Subcommittee to present the proposal. Ms. Leva read the proposed

recommendation for approval of the Local 1033 Collective Bargaining Agreement as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano and Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-11-15. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the Local 1033 Collective Bargaining Agreement 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. The Chair thanked the members of the subcommittee and 1033 for working through their differences amicably.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Nepotism Policy – Ms. Leva.

Ms. Leva gave a little background regarding this issue and addressed the comment made during public comments. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri for purposes of discussion. Members offered comments regarding the policy and expressed concerns with the constitutionality of the policy. Mr. Henneous addressed the issues raised by the members and opined that the policy violates Rhode Island law. The motion was withdrawn. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri to refer the policy to the Bylaws subcommittee for review. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mr. Marciano, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, Mr.

Palmeiri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

2. Safety Issues at McGuire and Stephen Olney – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Milazzo gave a brief update on the bids for the fence. Discussion took place regarding the cost estimate. The Chair spoke about needing more information before going forward and putting it on next month's agenda. Members of the Committee spoke about the recommendation of the Building Subcommittee. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Ms. Leva to approve the bid for the fence and gates 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, nay. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

3. Elementary School Technology – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri asked for an update on the computers for the elementary schools. Dr. Donoyan spoke about waiting for the grant award before purchasing the computers and added that the bid quotes are ready and the laptop carts are ready.

4. Administrators Contracts – Mr. Palmieri.

This item was taken off the Agenda.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No requests were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

A. Wire Fence – Stephen Olney School.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the bid for the Wire Fence for Stephen Olney School be awarded to United Fence as presented. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-11-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to award the bid for Wire Fence for Stephen Olney School to United Fence as presented. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, 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 received.

B. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Lisa DeLuca – Teacher Assistant –Ricci Middle School for Paid FMLA effective November 3, 2010 through November 17, 201- and Unpaid FMLA Effective November 18, 2010 through February 2, 2011; JR Des Jarlais – Physical Education/Health Teacher – Birchwood Middle School – Paid FMLA Leave Effective November 1, 2010 through December 21, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective December 22, 2010 through January 28, 2011; Cristina Grasso – Special Education Teacher – McGuire Elementary School – Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective January 3, 2011 through May 20, 2011; and Kym Hambly – 7/8 Grade English Language Arts Teacher – Birchwood Middle School for Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence Effective November 30, 2010 through TBD. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-11-07. 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, and the Chair,

aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent for the members present during the vote.

C. Appointments.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for the following appointments: Elizabeth Dionne – Teacher Assistant – Whelan Elementary School Effective October 25, 2010; Lisa Notarantonio – Secretary – McGuire Elementary School – Effective November 1, 2010; and Holly Santana – Teacher Assistant – North Providence High School – Effective November 1, 2010. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-11-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Appointments as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present during the vote. The Committee offered congratulations to the appointees present.

D. Layoffs/Non-Renewals.

No Layoffs/Non-Renewals were 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 Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-11-12. 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, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present for the vote.

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. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-11-13. Be it

resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the November 2010 List of Bills in the amount of \$238,879.60. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present for the vote.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi to seal the minutes of the November 17, 2010 Executive Session in accordance with 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, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present for the vote.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva and Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-11-14. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the October 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. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, 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. 10-11-14. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2010 Regular School Committee Meeting 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.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.

No public comments were received.

XV. PENDING BUSINESS

The Chair requested that Taping of Meetings be added to Pending Business.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and unanimously

carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: