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**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010**

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The North Providence School Committee met on September 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairwoman Reall, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Iannetta, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Dr. Donoyan, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Milazzo, Mr. Henneous and Mr. Scungio. 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 Ms. Leva and carried to go into open session at 7:30 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 was no executive session and therefore there are no minutes to seal.**

## **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.**

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.**

**No comments were received.**

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **1. Monthly Financial Report.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the School**

**Committee for approval of the September Monthly Financial Report as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No 10-09-01. Be it resolved that, at the request of the Superintendent, the Monthly Financial Report for August be approved. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **2. Home Schooling.**

**Dr. Donoyan asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the Home Schooling Request for the 2010/2011 School Year, as follows: Gail and Fouad Faraj-Musleh for Johana Faraj – Grade 12. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-09-02. 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: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard, nay, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, nay. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 2.**

## **3. Field Trips.**

**Dr. Donoyan asked for advice and consent of the Committee for the Field Trips as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs.**

**Picard as to Resolution No. 10-09-03. Be it Resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Field Trip Requests as presented and in accordance with School Committee Policy. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Members of the Committee offered congratulations.**

#### **4. Emergency Response Plan.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for the Update of Emergency Response Plan. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-09-04. Be it Resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Emergency Response Plan as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **5. Rhode Island Foundation Agreement.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for the Rhode Island Foundation Agreement. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-09-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Rhode Island Foundation Agreement as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **6. Home School Policy.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano announced that the Home School Policy is being presented as a first reading.**

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

### **1. Nepotism Policy – Ms. Leva.**

**Ms. Leva asked that this item be deferred until next month and that she would forward the Policy to legal counsel for review.**

### **2. Bus Safety – Ms. Leva.**

**Ms. Leva spoke about the safety issue regarding the Waterview Lane route. Members of the audience offered comments and expressed safety concerns. Members of the Committee offered comments and suggestions. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard to send a letter to the Town Council requesting that they take immediate action to install sidewalks due to the safety concerns for the children.**

**A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE**

**No requests were received.**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.**

#### **A. HVAC Maintenance Agreement – NPHS.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the bid for HVAC Maintenance at the North Providence High School be awarded to Siemens Industry, Inc. as presented. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-09-07. Be it**

resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to award the bid for HVAC Maintenance Agreement – NPHS to Siemens Industry, Inc. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mr. Leva, 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. Retirements.**

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Retirement of Jacqueline Celona – Teacher Assistant – Birchwood Middle School Effective September 28, 2010; Judy A. DiStefano – Teacher Assistant – Greystone Elementary School – Effective September 28, 2010, and Catherine Phillips – Elementary School Secretary – Whelan Elementary School Effective September 3, 2010. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-09-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Retirements as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **B. Leaves of Absence.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Debra Aurecchia – Teacher Assistant – Marieville Elementary School for Paid FMLA Leave from September 1, 2010 through September 2, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave from September 3, 2010 through November 29, 2010 effective September 1, 2010; Donna Canario – Teacher – Grade 4 – Whelan Elementary School – Paid FMLA from September 7, 2010 through December 3, 2010 Effective September 7, 2010; Melissa D’Amico – Grade 4 Teacher – Stephen Olney Elementary School Paid FMLA Leave from August 31, 2010 through September 26, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave from September 29, 2010 through November 26, 2010 Effective August 31, 2010; Kym Hambly – English Language/Arts Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Paid FMLA Leave from September 1, 2010 through October 1, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave from October 1, 2010 through November 29, 2010 Effective August 31, 2010; Elissa Hogan – English Language/Arts – Birchwood Middle School Paid FMLA Leave from September 7, 2010 through December 3, 2010 Effective September 7, 2010; Carol Maher –Middle School Clerk – Birchwood Middle School Paid FMLA Leave from September 7, 2010 through December 3, 2010 Effective September 7, 2010; Teresa Sousa – Teacher Assistant – Centredale Elementary School – Paid FMLA Leave from September 1, 2010 through September 3, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave from September 6, 2010 through November**

29, 2010 Effective September 1, 2010; and William Zambarano – Custodian (1st shift) – Stepehn Olney School – Paid FMLA Leave from September 7, 2010 through November 5, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave from November 7, 2010 through December 3, 2010 Effective September 7, 2010. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-09-10. 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, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

### **C. Appointments.**

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for the following appointments: Tara Civito – School Psychologist (1 Year Only) North Providence High School – 1st Step/Masters/CAGs Effective September 9, 2010 through the end of the 2010/2011 School Year; Laura Enright – Kindergarten Teacher (1 Year Only) – Marieville Elementary School – 1st Step BA – Effective August 31, 2010 through the end of the 2010/2011 School Year; Michelle Lamond – Kindergarten Teacher (1 Year Only) – Greystone Elementary School – 1st Step BA – Effective September 15, 2010 through the end of the 2010/2011 School Year; and Diane L. Palmisciano – Middle School Secretary – Ricci Middle School –

**Effective September 23, 2010. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-09-11. 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, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

#### **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 Mr. Iannetta seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-09-14. 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, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried 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 Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-09-15. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the September 2010 List of Bills in the amount of \$113,293.32. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-09-16. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the August 25, 2010 Executive**

**Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Ms. Picard, aye, Ms. Leva, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-09-16. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2010 Regular School Committee Meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Ms. Leva, 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. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano and 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:**