

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2010

The North Providence School Committee met on August 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Vice Chairman Cataldi, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Henneous and Mr. Scungio. Dr. Donoyan, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Robinson 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 Ms. Leva and carried to go into open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano and carried to recess the regular session and convene in Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. in accordance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 and 5 for the purpose of Parent Correspondence (personnel

matter) Legal Advice re: Settlement and Contract Negotiations Update. 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 8:10 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. The Chair apologized for the late start but explained that there was an important matter that needed the Committee's attention.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano to seal the Minutes of the July 28, 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. 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. 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 July Monthly Financial Report as presented. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No 10-08-01. Be it resolved that, at the request of the

Superintendent, the Monthly Financial Report for July be approved. 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. Home Schooling.

Dr. Donoyan asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the Home Schooling Requests for the 2010/2011 School Year, as follows: Patricia Donatelli for Brooke Donatelli – Grade 5, Mr. & Mrs. Saleh Ead for Mohammad Ead – Grade 5, Pamela Moccia for Jesse Moccia – Grade 1 and Jadya Moccia – Grade 2, Mr. & Mrs. John T. Monfils for Devon Monfils – Grade 11, Patricia Ross for Nathaniel J. Ross – Grade 7, and Mr. & Mrs. James Wallace for Isabel Louise Wallace – Grade 8 and Andrew Glen Wallace – Grade 10. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-08-02. 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: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, nay, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, nay. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 2.

3. Amended Voluntary Intra District Transfer Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for the Amended Voluntary Intra District Transfer Policy (2nd reading.) Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Ms. Leva and Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-07-07. Be it Resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Amended Voluntary Intra District Transfer Policy (2nd reading) as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Amended Truancy Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for the Amended Truancy Policy (2nd reading.) Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-07-08. Be it Resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Amended Truancy Policy (2nd reading) as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. Amended Attendance Policy/Discipline Code.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for the Amended Attendance Policy/Discipline Code (2nd reading.) Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-07-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Amended Attendance Policy/Discipline Code (2nd reading) as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

6. Annual Report.

The Chair announced that the Report would be accepted and placed on file.

7. School Based Coordinator Contract.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for the School Based Coordinator Contract as presented. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-08-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Based Coordinator Contract be approved as presented. Mr. Palmieri offered comments. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye,

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

8. Senior Trip Contract Approval.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for the Senior Trip Contract Approval as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-08-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Senior Trip Contract Approval be approved as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

9. Enrollment Reports/Opening New Classrooms.

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-08-05a. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee allow the Superintendent the flexibility to monitor the enrollment numbers daily and to keep the Committee informed as to the need to possibility of considering a vote to open new classrooms. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Advertising/Public Messaging at NPHS – D. Cataldi.

Mr. Cataldi asked Mr. DeAngelis to speak to the Committee regarding a public messaging system. Mr. DeAngelis explained the system. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta to adopt the pilot program as presented by Mr. DeAngelis. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Bus Safety – Ms. Leva.

Ms. Leva asked that this item be taken before the Nepotism Policy. Hearing no objection, Ms. Leva made a motion to add a bus to Waterview Lane to address the safety issue for the children. Discussion took place regarding the feasibility and members offered comments and suggestions. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri to allow Mr. Milazzo to survey the Waterview Lane issue to resolve the safety issue and as a last resort, hire a bus to make sure that the safety issue is taken care of. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried

by unanimous consent.

3. Nepotism Policy – Ms. Leva.

Motion by Ms. Leva to adopt the Johnston Nepotism Policy in place of the Ethics Policy. Discussion took place with regard to the Policy. Ms. Leva withdrew her motion. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano to have legal counsel review the Ethics Policy and to incorporate the appropriate sections of the Johnston Policy for presentation as a 1st reading at the next meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mr. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Program of Work – Mrs. Picard.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano to approve the Program of Work as presented. Members of the Committee offered comments. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. Residency – Mr. Cataldi.

Mr. Cataldi spoke about the number of people who have been denied enrollment due

to residency issues. Members of the Committee commended Deb Pellegrino for her hard work and effort.

6. Special Education Advisory Committee Website – Mr. Cataldi.

Mr. Cataldi spoke about the fact that the School District does not have its own website and feels that it would be appropriate to establish an advisory committee to look into the feasibility of establishing a website so that information is more readily available. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Marciano to allow Dr. Donoyan to begin to look into implementing a district-wide website and to keep the Committee informed in the form of an action plan to include the cost factors. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Danielle Gallo requested permission from the School Committee to allow the coach to sign the necessary documents to allow her son to participate in races. The Chair advised her to contact the Superintendent tomorrow to get the documentation she needs signed.

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. Retirements.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Retirement of Ann Boulet – English/Foreign Language Teacher – NPHS Effective July 28, 2010.

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-08-08. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Retirement as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, 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 Keri Crescenzo-Croft – Special

Educator – Self/Contained – Ricci Middle School for Paid FMLA Leave Effective August 31, 2010 through November 26, 2010; Ronald D’Andrea – Custodian – Centredale Elementary School Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective August 9, 2010 through TBD; and Courtney Gendron – School Psychologist – NPHS – Paid FMLA Leave Effective August 31, 2010 through October 19, 2010, unpaid FMLA Leave Effective October 19, 2010 through November 26, 2010, and Unapid Leave of Absence Effective November 29, 2010 through the end of the 2010/2011 School Year. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-08-09. 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, Mr. Marciano, 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: Joseph Jannetta – Custodian – Ricci Middle School – 2nd shift Effective August 2, 2010; Aimee Marsland – Secondary English Teacher – NPHS – 1st step Effective August 31, 2010; and Linda Parente – Yearbook Advisor – NPHS – Effective August 2010. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-08-10. 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: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, and the Chair, aye. Mr. Marciano and Mr. Iannetta recused themselves from the vote. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

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 Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-08-13. 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. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, 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 Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-08-14. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the August 2010 List of Bills in the amount of \$274,353.44. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cataldi suggested that correspondence be sent to the Council asking them to address the fact that the Town has not given any money to the School District as outlined in the Deficit Reduction Bond Agreement.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva and the entire committee to send correspondence to the new Town Council mandating that they immediately address the situation. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, nay, 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.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-08-15. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the July 28, 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. Marciano, aye, Ms. 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. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-08-15. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Minutes of the July 28, 2010 Regular School Committee Meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, 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

There being no pending business, the Committee moved on to the next agenda item.

Mr. Marciano requested that, with the unanimous consent of the Committee, the committee directly involved in securing the Race to the Top Funds be commended for their hard work.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: