

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 28, 2010

The North Providence School Committee met on July 28, 2010 at 7:01 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairwoman Reall, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano 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 Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to go into open session at 7:01 p.m. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard 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 Discussion/Action re: Workers Compensation Settlement and Parent Correspondence. 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 7:30 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. The Chair spoke about settling the contract and ratifying it and the congratulations that everyone shared with subcommittee for their hard work. She felt that it was important to recognize the constant service, guidance, hard work, and persistence of Ben Scungio, Donna Ottaviano, and Jeff Robinson.

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. The Committee voted to settle a Workers Compensation Claim and the vote was unanimous.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano and Mr. Iannetta 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: 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.

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. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No 10-07-04. Members of the Committee asked questions.

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: Ms. Leva, aye pending receipt of the information requested and having it placed on the Agenda next month, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. FY2010 Budget Reconciliation To Town Cuts.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the FY2010 Budget Reconciliation To Town Cuts as submitted.

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-06-07. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the FY2010 Budget Reconciliation to Town Cuts as submitted. Members of the Committee asked questions. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye pending receipt of the information requested, 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.**

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano that moving forward in an effort to save time and get better answers, if any member of the Committee has a question regarding the Monthly Financial Report, that the member contact Mr. Robinson prior to the meeting so that he will have the opportunity to get the information and answer the questions before the 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.

3. Amended Voluntary Intra District Transfers Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the information has been put in the packets for a first reading. Members of the Committee asked questions.

4. Amended Truancy Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the information in the packets is for the 1st reading and it will be on the Agenda for next month for approval.

5. Amended Attendance Policy/Discipline Code.

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the information in the packets is for the 1st reading and it will be on the Agenda for next month for approval.

6. NPHS Valedictorian/Salutatorian Criteria.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the NPHS Valedictorian/Salutatorian Criteria as submitted.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-07-10. Be it Resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the NPHS Valedictorian/Salutatorian Criteria 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.

7. Revised 2010-2011 School Calendar.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the Revised 2010-11 School Calendar.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No.

10-07-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the Revised 2010-2011 School Calendar 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.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Kindergarten Program of Work – G. Picard.

Ms. Picard spoke the topic being K-5 Allocation of Time, not the program of work. She spoke about the time allotment for math in K-5 and thanked Dr. Donoyan for providing the draft. Next, discussion took place with respect to areas where the allocation of time for math could be increased.

2. Advertising/Public Messaging at NPHS – Mr. Cataldi.

This item was deferred until August pending a letter from RIDE.

3. Nepotism Policy – Ms. Leva.

This item was deferred until August.

4. Use of Property Fees – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri asked that a subcommittee be formed to look into the fees issues. The Chair explained that the Building Committee is responsible for discussing the use of property fees.

5. Use of Property Financial Report – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri spoke about the need to have a detailed report. Discussion took place with respect to the monies received for property usage and where it is being spent. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Marciano and carried to provide a detailed report showing where the money comes from and how much is charged and where it is being spent. Members of the Committee asked questions. 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.

6. Middle School Graduation – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri spoke about the change in the Middle School Graduation this year. He wanted to make it perfectly clear that the School Committee put the money aside for the graduations. Discussion took

place regarding this issue.

Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Marciano, and Mrs. Picard to send a survey out to the parents of the eighth graders as well as the past class to find out what the parents want to do, whether they want a moving up ceremony or a graduation at the High School. 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. Special Education Parent Support – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri spoke about receiving complaints about parents being treated poorly by the administration building, especially the special education department. Mr. Lynch offered an explanation regarding the incident. Discussion took place regarding the issue and members asked questions and offered comments.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

1. Sign Language Instructor – Ms. Succi.

Dr. Succi spoke about being an educator for 28 years. She spoke about addressing the Committee on behalf of her 19 year-old daughter, who is brain damaged and needs a sign language

instructor to communicate. She spoke about how difficult it has been to obtain and maintain an instructor because they are not being paid and the fact that she had to personally pay the instructor so that her daughter would receive services. The Chair spoke about the fact that the School Department funds were completely cut off by the Town and none of the School Department bills were being paid and the fact that the School Committee had absolutely no control over the situation. Superintendent Ottaviano spoke about the financial situation and the steps that have been taken to get the invoices paid through the deficit reduction plan.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

a. Snow Removal.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the bids for snow plowing and sanding to Marieville Towing for four schools and G. P. Landscaping for six schools as they were the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-07-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the bid for snow plowing and sanding be awarded to

Marieville Towing for four schools and G. P. Landscaping for six schools as they were the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. 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. Brennan Oil – 1-Year Contract Extension.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of a one-year contract extension for Brennan Oil.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-07-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the 1-year contract extension for Brennan Oil. Members of the Committee asked questions. 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.

c. DATCO Bus.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of a one-year contract extension for DATCO Bus.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No.

10-07-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the 1-year contract extension for DATCO Bus. 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.

d. Northeast Bus.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of a one-year contract extension for Northeast Bus.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No.

10-07-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the 1-year contract extension for Northeast Bus. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. Mr. Iannetta abstained from voting on the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

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

A. Resignations.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the resignation of Michael Cicerone – Yearbook Advisor – NPHS Effective June 22, 2010 and John Ciolfi – Assistant Cheerleading Coach – NPHS Effective July 22, 2010. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-07-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee accept the resignations of Michael Cicerone – Yearbook Advisor – NPHS Effective June 22, 2010 and John Ciolfi – Assistant Cheerleading Coach – NPHS Effective July 22, 2010. 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.

B. Retirements.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the retirement for Sheila Carnavale – Secretary – Director of Non-Instructional Operations Effective August 11, 2010 and Sandra Giorgio – Marieville Elementary School Secretary – Effective August 25, 2010. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard, Ms. Leva, and Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-07-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the retirement of Sheila Carnavale – Secretary – Director of

Non-Instructor Operations Effective August 11, 2010 and Sandra Giorgio – Marieville Elementary School Secretary – Effective August 25, 2010. 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.

C. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Daria Argenti – Elementary Teacher – Grade 4 – Centredale Elementary School for Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective August 31, 2010 through January 21, 2011; Alicia Lisi – Special Educator – Severe/Profound Teacher – Centredale Elementary Teacher – Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective August 31, 2010 through the end of the 2010/2011 School Year; and Linda Markey – Special Educator – NPHS Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective August 31, 2010 through September 14, 2010. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-07-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Leaves of Absence Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. Mr. Iannetta abstained from voting on the request for Daria Argenti and voted aye on the requests submitted by Alicia Lisi and Linda Markey.

D. Appointments.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments: Ann Marie Alecio – McGuire Elementary School Secretary – Effective – September 1, 2010; Melissa Bradford – Elementary Teacher – Grade 2 – Stephen Olney Elementary School – 4th Step – One Year Only – Effective August 31, 2010 through the end of the 2010/2011 School Year; Joseph Charette – Secondary History Teacher – Long-Term Substitute – NPHS – 1st Step – 1st Semester Only – Effective August 31, 2010 through January 21, 2011; John Ciolfi, Head Cheerleading Coach – NPHS Effective 2010/2011 Season; Michelle Comella – Stephen Olney Elementary School Secretary – Effective September 1, 2010; Kimberly DeCellio – Elementary Teacher – Grade 2 – Greystone School – 3rd Step/With Masters – 1 year only – Effective August 31, 2010 through the end of the 2010/2011 School Year; Amanda DelPonte – Special Education – Severe/Profound Teacher – Long-Term Substitute – Ricci Middle School – 1st Step – 1 Year Only – Effective August 31, 2010 through the end of the 2010/2011 School Year (Pending Certification); Amanda DiSerio – Kindergarten Teacher – Greystone Elementary School – 3rd Step Effective August 31, 2010; Richard Gagnon – Secondary Physics/General Science Teacher – NPHS – 7th Step – Effective August 31, 2010; Tina Hoover – Special Education – Severe/Profound Teacher –Whelan Elementary School – 9th Step/With Masters – Effective August 31, 2010; Gladys Manzo –

Kindergarten Teacher – Centredale Elementary School – 2nd Step – Effective August 31, 2010 (Pending Certification); Onna Mechanic-Holland – Middle School Guidance Counselor – Ricci Middle School – 5th Step/With Masters – Effective August 31, 2010; Christine Shabo – Marieville Elementary School Secretary – Effective September 1, 2010; Mark Stepanion – Building Maintenance Worker – Effective July 29, 2010; and Michael Tuorto – Secondary Biology Teacher – Long-Term Substitute – NPHS – Step 2/With Masters – 1 Year Only – Effective August 31, 2010 through the end of the 2010/2011 School Year. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-07-16. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the appointments 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 consent. The Chair asked the appointees to stand to receive applause and congratulations.

E. Layoff Recisions.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the Layoff Recisions for Melissa Bradford, Kimberly DeCellio, and Amanda DiSerio. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard, Ms. Leva, and Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution

No. 10-07-18. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the Layoff Recisions for Melissa Bradford, Kimberly DeCellio, and Amanda DiSerio. 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 Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-07-19. 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 unanimous consent.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

No Bills were presented.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-07-21. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the June 23, 2010 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, 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.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-05-21. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Minutes of the June 23, 2010 Regular School Committee Meeting, the June 7, 2010 Special Meeting, and the June 14, 2010 Special 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. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-07-21. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the July 14, 2010 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, 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.

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 Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: