

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 23, 2010

The North Providence School Committee met on June 23, 2010 at 6:35 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, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Henneous and Mr. Scungio. Dr. 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 Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to go into open session at 6:35 p.m. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to recess the regular session and convene in Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. in accordance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 and 5 for the purpose of Collective Bargaining Update, Legal

Advice re: Personnel Matter and Legal Advice re: Deficit Reduction Plan. 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 7:35 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 in memory of the late Domenic Palmieri, our School Committee member, Steve Palmieri's father.

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 deny the request by Local 1033 to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement regarding early retirement for a Union member.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano and Mr. Iannetta to seal the Minutes of the June 23, 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, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, 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.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Student Recognition – Baseball Team

Superintendent Ottaviano read the citations recognizing the North

Providence High School Baseball Team and Coaches and each member of the team were presented with certificates and received congratulations and applause. Next the coaches were presented with certificates and received congratulations and applause. The Chair announced that anyone wishing to leave the meeting would be excused.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the June Monthly Financial Report as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No 10-06-01. Be it resolved that, at the request of the Superintendent, the Monthly Financial Report for June be approved. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, and the Chair, aye. Ms. Leva was not present for the vote. The motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present during the vote.

2. 2011 Junior Prom Contract.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the 2011 Junior Prom Contract as presented. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to

Resolution No. 10-06-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North School Committee grant advice and consent to the 2011 Junior Prom Contract as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Ms. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, and the Chair, aye. Ms. Leva was not present for the vote. The motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present during the vote.

3. 2012 Senior Prom Contract.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the 2012 Senior Prom Contract as presented. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-06-05. Be It Resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the 2012 Senior Prom Contract as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: 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 of the members present during the vote.

4. Deficit Reduction Plan.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Deficit Reduction Plan Resolution as submitted and read the Form of Resolution into the record. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by

Mrs. Picard and carried as to Resolution No. 10-06-06. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Deficit Reduction Plan Resolution as presented. 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.

4. Budget Reconciliation to Town Cuts.

This item was passed from the Agenda.

5. Hiring Substitute Custodians.

Mr. Milazzo spoke about the staffing shortages due to medical leaves and asked for permission to hire substitutes. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Ms. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-06-08. Members asked questions and offered comments. Members felt that there was no need to vote on the motion. Mr. Cataldi withdrew his motion.

6. Special Permission Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano announced that this is the 1st reading of the Policy and that any comments or suggested changes should be submitted for review.

7. Kindergarten Age Requirements.

Superintendent Ottaviano spoke about the information in the packets received from Narragansett, Lincoln and Smithfield. She added that the Kindergarten Item will be on the Agenda for the next meeting. She asked that the Committee Members contact her with any questions.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

2. Kindergarten Program of Work – G. Picard.

Ms. Picard spoke about the time allotment for math in K-5 schedule and felt that it should be at least sixty minutes a day. Discussion took place regarding the current program. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Marciano to provide the members of the Committee with a draft program of work for K-5 by the July 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.

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

This item was deferred until July.

4. Nepotism Policy – Ms. Leva.

This item was deferred until July.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

1. Marieville Lights – Mr. & Mrs. Iozzi.

Mr. Cataldi announced that this item was resolved.

2. Athletics Policies – Ms. Gallo.

Ms. Gallo addressed the Committee regarding developing an Athletics Policy. Discussion took place and members offered comments and asked questions.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

A. Emergency Patch Work on Roofs.

Mr. Milazzo spoke about the Emergency Patch Work on Roofs.

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-06-11. Discussion took place and members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to award the bid for Emergency Patch Work on Roofs to Barboza. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Picard, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

B. Snow Removal

Mr. Milazzo next discussed the Snow Removal Bid process and spoke about getting back to the Committee once the bid specs are complete.

C. Lead Hazard Reduction Services.

Next was Lead Hazard Reduction Services. Mr. Milazzo spoke about the process. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-06-11. Discussion took place and members offered comments. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee award the bid for Lead Hazard Reduction Services to Multi-State with the caveat that Mr. Milazzo sit down with the contractors to see what money can be saved on the bid. 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, nay, and the Chair, nay. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

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

A. 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 Medical Leave Effective June 7, 2010 through June 21, 2010; Sheri Farrell – School Nurse/Teacher – North Providence High School for Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective June 1, 2010 through June 18, 2010; Eleanor Lonardo – Crossing Guard – for FMLA Paid Leave Effective May 18, 2010 through May 28, 2010 and FMLA Unpaid Leave Effective May 28, 2010 through the end of the 2009/2010 School Year; and Dannah Mallozzi – Teacher Assistant – Marieville Elementary School for FMLA Paid Leave Effective September 8, 2010 through September 28, 2010 and FMLA Unpaid Leave Effective September 29, 2010 through December 10, 2010. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Ms. Picard and Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-06-13. 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, Ms. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

B. Appointments.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for the following appointments: Joseph Amado – Assistant Football Coach – NPHS – Effective for the 2010/2011 Season; Michael Cicerone – Science Department Chair – NPHS Effective August 2010; Michael Cicerone – Stockroom Manager – NPHS – Effective August 2010; Jennifer Goulding – Sophomore Class Advisor – NPHS – Effective August 2010; Kathleen Lisi – Booster Club Advisor – NPHS – Effective August 2010; Celestino Simao – Assistant Football Coach – NPHS – Effective for the 2010/2011 Season; and Glenn Williams – Audio Visual Director – NPHS – Effective August 2010. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-06-14. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the appointments 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, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. The Chair asked the appointees to stand and applause was received.

C. Layoffs/Non-Renewals.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for the following Layoff Recisions: Lauren Atamian, Miriam Badger (Pending Emergency Certification), Marissa Bianco, Katharine Bowers (Pending Emergency Certification), Cristina Brothers, Michelle Burckardt, Carolyn Coughlin, Susan Coughlin, Michael Daley, Tanya Deanseris, Jamie DiLorenzo, Susan Farrell, Kristen Geremia, Cristina Grasso, Kaila Kittell, Alacyn Lanzieri, Natalie Lepore, Alicia Lisi, Nicole Lombardi, Heather Morrison, Karen Morrisey, Karen Nerney, Christina Pirolli, Christina Roas-Volpe, Jason Ryan, Carolyn Steward, Nina Szumita, Cheryl Thibodeau, Kristine Toic, and Jessica Xavier. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-06-17. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Layoff Recisions 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. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

The Chair welcomed an old member and former Chair of the School Committee, Tom Norato.

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. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 10-05-19. Discussion took place regarding the Use of Property Request last month by Dr. Ricci Gym by teachers and others. 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. Cataldi, 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 Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 10-06-19. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the June 2010 List of Bills in the amount of \$898,147.51. 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 vote.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-06-20. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the May 26, 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, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-06-20. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Minutes of the May 26, 2010 Regular 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.

Comments were received by the public.

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 Mr. Marciano and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: