

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 28, 2010

The North Providence School Committee met on April 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative 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. Robinson, Mr. Henneous and Mr. Scungio. Mrs. 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. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to go into open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi 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 Collective Bargaining 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 7:40 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 votes taken in Executive

Session.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano to seal the Minutes of the April 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. Cataldi, 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. However, the Chair acknowledged that at the request of a member of the School Committee, Public Comments would be next on the Agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-5.

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 April Monthly Financial Report as

presented. Ms. Leva asked about the Legal Fees Line Item #53402. Mr. Robinson agreed to check into it and get back to her. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No 10-04-01. Be it resolved that, at the request of the Superintendent, the Monthly Financial Report for April 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, Mr. Leva aye with the caveat that the Legal Fees line be corrected, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Field Trip Requests.

Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Dr. Donoyan. Dr. Donoyan recommended approval of the Field Trips as submitted and in accordance with School Committee policy. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-04-02. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the Field Trip Requests as presented and in accordance with School Committee policy. 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. Ride Bus Monitor Variance.

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the Variance was on the Agenda last month and it was continued to this month. She explained that it was a statewide variance. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-03-05. Be it resolved that the North Providence School Committee vote to deny approval of the Ride Bus Monitor Variance as submitted.

Discussion took place regarding the Variance and members of the Committee offered comments and expressed concerns. 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.

4. Educator Code of Professional Responsibility (First Reading).

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that this is the first reading of the Educator Code of Professional Responsibility presented to the Committee for review.

5. Party People Contract.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Party People Contract as submitted. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-04-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Party People Contract as presented. 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.

6. Sign Language Instructor Contract.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Sign Language Instructor Contract as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried as to Resolution No. 10-04-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Sign Language Instructor Contract 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 and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Amber Alert – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri asked that this item be removed from the Agenda .

2. Wilson Reading Course – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri asked Mr. Lynch for an update regarding how many people applied. Mr. Lynch explained that two people applied and the

course is scheduled for Friday. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mrs. Picard to put a notice in the teachers' mailboxes. Mr. Cataldi expressed concern with setting a precedent that we are going to hand-feed the teachers with notice but said he would support the motion. 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. After School Update – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri announced that the school should be receiving approximately \$10,000.00. The Chair asked if there are any expenses.

Discussion took place regarding the use of substitute custodians. Legal counsel explained that the Committee has the right to hire substitutes.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No requests to address the committee were received.

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. Resignations.

No resignation requests were received.

B. Retirements.

No retirement requests were submitted.

C. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Daria Argenti, Grade 4 Elementary Teacher @ Centredale Elementary School for Paid FMLA Leave Effective April 16, 2010 through June 8, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective June 9, 2010 through the end of the 2009/2010 School Year; Katharine Bowers, Science Teacher @ Birchwood Middle School for Paid FMLA Leave Effective April 8, 2010 through April 30, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective May 3, 2010 through the end of the 2009/2010 School Year; Brenda Grundy – Kindergarten Teacher @ McGuire Elementary School for Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective

May 3, 2010 through the End of the 2009/2010 School Year; and Jill Harraka – 7/8 English Language Arts Teacher @ Ricci Middle School for Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective April 5, 2010 through the end of the 2009/2010 School Year. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-04-09. 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: 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. Mr. Iannetta abstained from voting on the Leave of Absence Request submitted by Daria Argenti.

D. Appointments.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments: Joseph Cronk – Custodian – NPHS – 2nd Shift Effective April 29, 2010 and Linda Potvin – Elementary School/Textbook Loan Secretary – Centredale Elementary School Effective April 29, 2010. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-04-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the appointment of Joseph Cronk – Custodian – NPHS – 2nd Shift Effective April 29, 2010 and Linda Potvin – Elementary School/Textbook Loan Secretary –

Centredale Elementary School Effective April 29, 2010. 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. Ms. Leva was not present for the vote. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

E. 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. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-04-14. 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: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, and the Chair, aye. Ms. Leva was not present for the vote. The motion carried by 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. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-04-15. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the April 2010 List of Bills in the amount of \$1,380,554.94. 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. Ms. Leva was not present for the vote. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-04-16. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2010 Budget Presentation, the March 11, 2010 Budget Workshop, the March 24, 2010 Regular School Committee

Meeting, and the April 6, 2010 Open Session. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, and the Chair, aye. Ms. Leva was not present for the vote. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-04-16. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the March 24, 2010 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. 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. Ms. Leva was not present for the motion. 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 Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: