

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 24, 2010

The North Providence School Committee met on March 24, 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 and Ms. Leva. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Henneous and Mr. Scungio. Mrs. Donoyan, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Robinson 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 Negotiation Update, Arbitration Decision and Legal Advice re: Personnel Matter. 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 7:42 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 Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi to seal the Minutes of the March 24, 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, 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.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the February Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Ms. Leva explained that she would not be able to vote to approve the Report until some outstanding questions she has are answered and that she would contact the Finance Director to get the answers. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 10-03-01. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Monthly Financial Report for February be approved. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Ms. Leva, nay, Mr. Palmieri, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1. Mr. Leva

explained that she had some questions regarding the report and she would contact the Finance Director.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the March Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Ms. Leva explained that she would not be able to vote to approve the Report until some outstanding questions she has are answered and that she would contact the Finance Director to get the answers. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-03-01. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the March Monthly Financial Report be approved. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, nay, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1.

2. Home Schooling Requests.

Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Dr. Donoyan. Dr. Donoyan recommended approval of the Home Schooling Request by Jennifer Sendling-Ortiz for Zoe Sendling-Ortiz (Grade 1) in compliance with R.I.G.L. 16-19-2. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-03-02. 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: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mr.

Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1.

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 and Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-03-03. 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, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Rhode Island Foundation.

Superintendent Ottaviano spoke about this item being on the Agenda for the last few months and recommended approval.

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-01-04.

Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the RI Foundation

overseeing scholarships for those people who have responded to the letter to invest with the Rhode Island Foundation and for those who have not responded, the money shall remain with the School Department. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. School Calendars.

Superintendent Ottaviano spoke the two versions of the calendar and recommended approval of the two versions of the 2010-2011 School Calendar as submitted. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-03-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the two versions of the 2010-2011 School Calendar as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. Ride Bus Monitor Variance.

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the Department of Education has forwarded new variances. She recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the Variances as submitted. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 10-03-05.

Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the Ride Bus Monitor Variance as submitted. Discussion took place regarding the Variance and members of the Committee offered comments and expressed concerns. They requested that it be put on the April Agenda for a vote. Mr. Marciano withdrew his motion, seconded by Mr. Cataldi.

6. Student Personalization Presentation.

Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Mr. Goho for a presentation. Mr. Goho spoke gave a Powerpoint presentation along with the presentation team and explained that the members of the team are present. He asked them to stand for recognition and applause. Upon completion of his presentation, he pointed out the slide that stated that “at NPHS, every child is important”. The Chair thanked Mr. Goho and the members of the team for the presentation.

7. 2009-2010 Budget Reconciliation.

The Chair explained that a meeting has been scheduled for next Tuesday to address the reconciliation. She turned the meeting over to Mr. Palmieri, who explained that the budget summary and reconciliation has been a lot of work for the new Finance Director and the Committee would like to have a week to look through the materials received. He also thanked Mr. Robinson for all the work he

did to prepare the information for the budget and reconciliation.

8. 2010-2011 Budget.

This item was addressed along with Agenda Item 7 (above.)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-5.

No public comments were received.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Requests for Copies of Minutes and Tapes – Mr. Cataldi

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano that any individual school committee member requesting a copy of minutes or tapes should go through the Chair and, if approved, all members should be receiving the requested information. Mr. Cataldi spoke about developing a protocol for obtaining copies of minutes/tapes before they are voted on. Members of the Committee offered comments and suggestions.

Mr. Cataldi withdrew his motion.

2. Records Access – Ms. Leva

Ms. Leva removed this item from the agenda.

3. UCOA Grant

Ms. Leva requested information regarding the grant, which Superintendent Ottaviano agreed to provide.

4. Payroll Practices/Policy – Ms. Leva

Ms. Leva spoke about requesting that the Council clarify the issue regarding payroll practices. She said that she learned that it is allowable under the law to pay administrators to date. However, it is against the law to put dates on there that they did not work. She requested that the information be corrected to reflect the dates that the person is being paid for. Superintendent Ottaviano agreed to look into the matter and report back to Ms. Leva.

5. Amber Alert Presentation – Mr. Palmieri

Mr. Palmieri removed this item from the agenda.

6. Budget – Mr. Palmieri

This item was removed from the agenda.

7. Financial Records – Mr. Palmieri

Motion by Mr. Palmeiri, seconded by Mr. Marciano and Mr. Iannetta that when school committee members want access to records, copies of the information should be accessible for all records and all accounts, including going to the bank with the person whose name is on the account to obtain records. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No requests to address the committee were received. However, a member of the public requested to speak on agenda items and members of the Committee agreed to allow comments, which were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the bid for Nursing Services to the

sole bidder, Ready Nurse, as submitted. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-03-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to award the bid for Nursing Services to Ready Nurse. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. Mr. Cataldi was not present for the vote. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

A. Resignations.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that Committee accept the resignation submitted by David Andreozzi – NPHS – Assistant Football Coach – Effective March 2, 2010 and Mark Lanzieri – Substitute Custodian – Effective February 5, 2010.

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-03-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee accept the resignation submitted by David Andreozzi – NPHS – Assistant Football Coach – Effective March 2, 2010 and Mark Lanzieri – Substitute Custodian – Effective February 5, 2010. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta,

aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Mr. Cataldi was not present for the vote.

B. Retirements.

No retirement requests were submitted.

C. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Lindsay Bedard – Secondary Social Studies Teacher – NPHS – Paid FMLA Leave – Effective April 1, 2010 through June 7, 2010 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective June 8, 2010 through the end of the 2009/2010 School Year; and Kristine Mota – Grade 5 Teacher @ Centredale Elementary School – Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective February 22, 2010 through the end of the 2009/10 School Year.

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-03-12. 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. Marciano, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, nay, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Cataldi was not present for the vote.

D. Appointments.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments: Cheryl Caccia – Teacher Assistant – Greystone Elementary School Effective March 29, 201; Anna Gianfrancesco – Crossing Guard – Whelan School – Post – Mineral Spring Avenue & Terry Street – Effective March 29, 2010; Diane Palmisciano – Teacher Assistant – Greystone Elementary School Effective March 29, 2010; and Holly Viner – Teacher Assistant – Greystone Elementary School – Effective March 29, 2010. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-03-13.

Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the following appointments: Cheryl Caccia – Teacher Assistant – Greystone Elementary School Effective March 29, 201; Anna Gianfrancesco – Crossing Guard – Whelan School – Post – Mineral Spring Avenue & Terry Street – Effective March 29, 2010; Diane Palmisciano – Teacher Assistant – Greystone Elementary School Effective March 29, 2010; and Holly Viner – Teacher Assistant – Greystone Elementary School – Effective March 29, 2010. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. Mr. Cataldi was not present during the vote. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Members of the Committee asked the appointees present to stand and offered congratulations and applause.

E. Layoffs/Non-Renewals.

No Layoffs/Non-Renewals were received.

F. Tenure.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the tenure of the following individuals: Lindsay Bedard, Crystal Bozigian, John DiSumma, Joanne Lynch, Kalena Macari, Deanna Parrillo, Amanda Pasquazzi, Jillian Ruggiero, Alisha Ruggieri, and Bendon Vallee. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-03-16. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants tenure to the following individuals: Lindsay Bedard, Crystal Bozigian, John DiSumma, Joanne Lynch, Kalena Macari, Deanna Parrillo, Amanda Pasquazzi, Jillian Ruggiero, Alisha Ruggieri, and Bendon Vallee. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, and the Chair aye. Mr. Cataldi was not present during the vote. 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. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-03-17. 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, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. Mr. Cataldi was not present during 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. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 10-03-18. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the March 2010 List of Bills in the amount of \$542,426.31. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye.

The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-03-19. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the February 24, 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, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye and the Chair, aye. Mr. Cataldi was not present during the vote. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 10-03-19. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve Minutes of the February 24, 2010 Regular North Providence School Committee Meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Marciano, aye, and the Chair, aye. Mr. Cataldi was not present during the vote. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.

Public comments were received by former School Committee

member, Dr. Pallotta regarding the Administrator salary ranges and the methods used to achieve parity with the teachers.

XV. PENDING BUSINESS

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: