

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2011

The North Providence School Committee met on October 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Also present were Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. McNamee. Mr. Scungio, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Tedeschi, Mr. McNamee, and Mr. Milazzo were present for the Regular 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. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to go into open session at 6:30 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

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 there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Next, the Chair explained that the Agenda was going to be taken out of order and that the Literary Presentations and Website Presentation was going to be moved to the top of the Agenda.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Presentations.

Superintendent Ottaviano presented Tonianne Napolitano and Elizabeth Vachon with certificates of recognition for their Leadership in Anti Bullying Awareness in North Providence.

Power IT Website Presentation.

A member of the Website Design Team presented a slide show from an offsite location with the assistance of Mr. McNamee and Mr. Milazzo. Upon completion, members asked questions and offered comments. Mrs. Picard felt that it would be beneficial for the members of the Committee to have the information about the website in the packets. She also requested that presentation be given at the November meeting showing the actual completed North Providence website with all the information added to the website, including all the policies and the links to all the schools. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva to view a presentation of the North Providence website at the November meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, 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.

Mr. McNamee explained that he completed the year-end financials in last month's packets but a report has not been generated because we are still negotiating with the Town.

2. Field Trips.

Superintendent Ottaviano read the Field Trip Requests and asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the Requests. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-10-03. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Field Trip Request as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, and Mr. Iannetta, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. 2012 School Committee Meeting Schedule.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the 2012 School Committee Meeting Schedule as presented. She added that the November and December meetings have been adjusted due to the holidays. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-10-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the 2012 School Committee Meeting Schedule as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Discussion re: Used Vehicle.

Mr. Milazzo explained the need to purchase a used vehicle for moving the snow removal equipment and personnel during a snow storm. Mr. McNamee explained that the cost of the vehicle could be taken out of the capital budget and the use of property income. Discussion took place and members asked questions and offered comments. It was the general consensus of the Committee to get additional information regarding the purchase before making a decision.

5. Discussion Re: Temporary Custodians.

Mr. Milazzo explained the issue regarding temporary custodians. Members of the Committee requested that he contact other districts

to find out their policy for temporary custodians.

6. Revised Voluntary Intra District Transfer Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano presented the 1st Reading of the Revised Policy for review. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mrs. Picard that if a child has a sibling who is already in a particular school, then that child be grandfathered in so that he/she is allowed to attend the same school, provided that the sibling lives in the same house. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, nay, Mr. Iannetta, nay, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 2.

7. Volunteer Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano presented the 1st Reading of the Volunteer Policy. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri to keep the Policy as it is so that it remains mandatory that any volunteer obtain a copy of their BCI from the Attorney General's Office. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

8. B & E Report Response.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta that in addition to the

1.6 million dollars in cuts that were already made from the original budget, a request of additional funds from the Town of \$1,130,000.00 be made. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. Technology Subcommittee Report – Mrs. Picard.

Mrs. Picard reported that the Technology Subcommittee did not meet.

2. Molar Express Presentation

A member of the Molar Express Team was present to speak about the free program for providing dental exams and repairs to the school children. She explained the importance of the program and spoke about the type of dental work that is done on site. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva to obtain information regarding how many of the students do not return the dental information card each year before making a decision. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Discussion Re: Contract – Director of Non-Instructional Operations.

The Chair explained that there is a minor error in the contract which needs to be corrected and that the Contract will be voted on next month.

4. Special Permission Appeal.

No Special Permission Appeals were received.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE

No requests were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Bids.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to award the bid for High School Class Rings to Jostens

Scholastic Solutions, Inc. for a three year contract. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Ms. Leva and Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 11-10-06. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to award the bid for High School Class Rings to Jostens Scholastic Solutions, Inc. for a Three Year Contract. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Resignations.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the resignations of Ashlee Branca – Middle School Cheerleading Advisor – Ricci Middle School Effective October 3, 2011; Elizabeth Daniels – Teacher Assistant – McGuire Elementary School Effective October 11, 2011, and Lori Lussier – Elementary Yearbook Advisor – McGuire Elementary School Effective – 2011/2012 School Year. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-10-07. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the resignations as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Kerri Crescenzo-Croft – Resource Teacher – Greystone Elementary School for Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective October 6, 2011 through January 20, 2012, Heila Deshong – Crossing Guard – Whelan Elementary School – Paid FMLA Leave Effective September 9, 2011 through November 9, 2011, Melissa Paliotta – Middle School Social Studies Teacher – Ricci Middle School – Paid FMLA Leave – January 3, 2012 through April 11, 2012, and Kalena Santilli – Middle School Math Teacher – Birchwood Middle School – Paid FMLA Leave Effective October 17, 2011 through January 4, 2011. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-10-08. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the Leaves of Absence requests as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Appointments.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the following appointments: Lindsay Bedard – Model Legislature Advisor – NPHS Effective October 27, 2011, Melissa Centracchio – Elementary Yearbook Advisor – McGuire Elementary School – Effective October 27, 2011, Kym Hambly –

Middle School Cheerleader advisor – Ricci Middle School Effective October 27, 2011, and Steven Muccino – Assistant Swim Coach – NPHS (1 year only) Effective 2011/2012 Session Only. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-10-09, Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the appointments as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Ms. Leva recused herself from the vote taken for Steen Muccino out of an abundance of caution. The Chair asked the appointees to stand to receive applause and congratulations.

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. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-10-10. 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, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of October 2011 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 11-10-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the October 2011 List of Bills in the amount of \$764,870.45. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-10-12. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the September 26, 2011 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, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-10-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2011 School Committee Meeting as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, 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

No pending business was discussed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall and unanimously carried to recess the meeting at 9:15 p.m. and go back into Executive Session.

The open session reconvened at 9:48 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Ms. Leva and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: