

North Providence School Department

Regular Session Minutes

July 25, 2012

PUBLIC SESSION: MOTION TO BEGIN AT 7:30 PM

NO VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

APPROVED 2012/2013 STRATEGIC PLAN 6-0

OCR POLICY – ANDREW HENNEOUS WORKED ON REVISING THIS AND WILL BE ON THE AUGUST AGENDA

SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL REPORT

HENRY TEDESCHI SPOKE ON THE REPORT BEING BOTH GOOD AND BAD. THE STAFF IS CARING AND HARDWORKING. A NUMBER OF THINGS HAVE TO BE WORKED ON SUCH AS IEP WRITING, THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM NEEDS TO BE REVAMPED. THE BIRCHWOOD SELF/CONTAINED CLASSROOM HAS BEEN RECTIFIED.

THERE IS A CONSISTENCY IN THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY SUCH AS THE EVALUATION PROCESS.

JOE GOHO GAVE A REPORT ON THE REPORT CARDS OF THE SCHOOLS IN NORTH PROVIDENCE. HE EXPLAINED HOW HE AND DONNA OTTAVIANO AND TIM RYAN MET WITH THE DEPT OF EDUCATION AND HOW THEY HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT ALL OF THE REPORTS MEAN. SOME OF THEIR QUESTIONS COULD NOT BE ANSWERED AT THIS TIME DUE TO THE FACT THAT THIS IS ALL NEW TO THE STATE AND QUESTIONS COULD BE ANSWERED AS TIME GOES BY.

JOE GOHO EXPLAINED IN DETAIL ABOUT EACH SCHOOL AND HOW THEY SCORED AND WHAT IT ALL MEANS. JOE DISCUSSED THAT THE SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVED A “WARNING” LABEL MUST START THINKING OF A PLAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO GET THIS LABEL REVERSED. ALL SC MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT WITH HIS STATEMENT.

MR. ARNOLD SPOKE ABOUT THE GAP IN MATH SCORES FOR THE SCHOOLS IN OUR TOWN. HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO CONNECTIVITY WITH STAFF AND THE CHILDREN AND IT NEEDS TO COME FROM THE SCHOOLS.

TINA DOWNING SPOKE ON BEHALF OF HERSELF AND SOME OF THE PARENTS AT BIRCHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL. SHE HAS CHILDREN GOING INTO BIRCHWOOD AND ONE THAT JUST GRADUATED. THEY FEEL THAT MS. NAPOLITANO WAS AN EXCELLENT ADMINISTRATOR AND NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY REPLACE HER. HOW THEY WERE SO BLESSED WITH HER AND HER LEADERSHIP SKILLS WERE FANTASTIC. THESE PARENTS ARE CONCERNED WITH THE LEADERSHIP AT BIRCHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THE FALL. SHE WENT ON TO ALSO SAY THAT HER RAPPOROT WITH THE STUDENTS WAS EXCEPTIONAL. HER REQUEST TO DISCUSS THE LEADERSHIP AT BIRCHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL BE HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE

AUGUST MEETING. APPROVED 6-0

ALL RETIREMENTS WERE APPROVED 6-0

LEAVE OF ABSENCE'S – APPROVED 6-0

KATHY LISI'S LEAVES OF ABSENCES FROM HER POSITIONS AS CLASSROOM TEACHER, DEPT CHAIR, AND SENIOR PROJECT COORDINATOR ARE ALL CONTINGENT ON HER SALARY AS THE FILLIN FOR ONE OF THE ASST PRINCIPALS.

ANTHONY AVICOLLI'S APPOINTMENT IS ALSO CONTINGENT ON EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS WITH KATHY LISI. ALL OTHER APPOINTMENTS WERE APPROVED. 6-0

ANTHONY MARCIANO PRESENTED A BEAUTIFUL PLAQUE TO DONNA M. OTTAVIANO AS THIS WAS HER LAST MEETING AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN NORTH PROVIDENCE. HE THANKED HER FOR HER HARD WORK, DEDICATION TO THE JOB, FRIENDSHIP, ETC.

EACH MEMBER PRESENT THERE THIS EVENING MADE A DEDICATION AND HAD KIND WORDS TO SAY TO HER THANKING HER FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

USE OF PROPERTY – APPROVED 6-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS \$355,432.64 – 6-0

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2012 - 6-0

**MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2012 NEED TO BE CORRECTED – 2ND
PAGE LETTER B.**

**SUPERINTENDENT NOTED TO APPROVE THEM. DID NOT INCLUDE
DURATION OF TIME FOR JOSEPH GOHO. APPROVED 5-0**

**VOTED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO 42-46 4 & 5. APPROVED 5-0**

VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 8:50 PM

ARMAND MILAZZO – ABESENT DUE TO SURGERY

GINA PICARD – ON VACATION

**MINUTES RECORDED BY KAREN SANTILL DUE TO THE ABSENCE
OF MARGIE CARANCI.**