

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2012

Members Present: Chairman Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Ianetta, Ms. Leva, Mrs. Picard

Electronically: Mr. Palmieri

Call to Order at 7:30 PM

No Votes were taken in Executive Session

1. Appointment of Superintendent: Roll Call 6 – 0

- Remarks by Superintendent Melinda Smith**
- Remarks by the Chair pledging School Committee support**

2. Presentation to absent member Mrs. Reall

- public remarks by Chair in which Mrs. Reall was thanked for her 20 years of service, her inspirational talks and putting her heart and soul into the North Providence School system**

3. Presentation to Ms. Leva

- public remarks by Chair in which he commended Ms. Leva as a tireless worker**
- remarks by Ms. Leva in which expressed that it was an honor to serve and she made herself available for any projects that the school committee may have for her**

4. Mayor Lombardi's comments in which he congratulated Superintendent Smith and expressed his desire to have a positive working relationship with her. Reminded everyone why we are all here and that is for the best education of the students of our town.

5. School Committee 101 : Recognition of 6 hours of Professional Development taken by Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Picard.

6. Remarks by Mr. Cataldi thanking Interim Superintendent, Tim Ryan, for his innovation and professionalism

- Dr. Ryan never treated the district as a temporary position**
- Dr. Ryan's response: thanks to everyone. North Providence is a warm community. People are so nice here. He thanked the teachers as well. Note to Superintendent Smith that she will have a great staff in which everyone will be behind her.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

**1. Approve Financials: Motion Mrs. Picard Second Ms. Leva;
Approved 6 - 0**

**2. Approve Home Schooling: Motion: Mr. Iannetta Second Ms. Leva
Approved 4 – 2**

a. Mr. Cataldi & Ms. Leva voting against

**3. Approve Field Trip Motion Mrs. Picard Second Mr. Iannetta
Approved 6 – 0**

4. Approve Parent Engagement Policy: Mrs. Picard: BEP Compliance

FIRST READING

secure safe buildings; welcoming parents

5. Approve Resolution of Grievances with Teachers Motion: Mr. Cataldi Second Mr. Iannetta Approved 6-0

6. PRESENTATION: Transition to Common Core: Mrs. DeSimone & Mrs. Granato DRAFT FORM

We now have a good vision of where we need to be to move the District forward

New Kindergarten Report Card, assessments, parent communication

January 8, 2013: First meeting with Math consultant

Alignment & Implementation

Mrs. Picard: Concerns with standard based report card and wants more inquiry based science

7. SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT: Rewritten Special Education Manual: DRAFT FORM

Reviewed with special education staff

IEP Training for Special education staff

8. Sandy Hook/Newtown CT: Superintendent Ryan: Mr. Goho left message to community over alert

system; Tim and Joe visited all elementary schools; met with police chief and Mr. Milazzo: review protocols and building security

Need for larger police presence as they become familiar with the buildings

Coordinated police lock downs, debriefings, feedback

Inventory of deficiencies such as unlocked doors, unsafe doors

9. PROCEDURES: Superintendent Ryan

**Centralized registration; Cutting off class sizes; Transportation plan;
Total Elementary enrollment; Cost efficiency; Look at facilities**

**10 NEASC REPORT: Mr. Goho: formal notification of full 10 year
accreditation: the Gold standard**

A rigorous and arduous process;

**Two pages of accommodations include collaborative nature involving
stakeholders, partnerships with higher ed, Senior Project,
personalized learning, quality of self study, proud staff and great
community pride**

**11 School Committee electronic packet: Mr. McNamee: savings,
working on it, completed by mid- January**

NEW BUSINESS

1 No bids

2 Resignations passed 6 -0

**Crystal Bozigian, Girls Assistant Softball Coach Fast Pitch (NPHS)
effective 12/7/12**

Eleanor Lonardo, Crossing Guard – Post McGuire Elementary School

effective 12/7/12

3 Retirements passed 6 -0

**Beverly Roventine, Middle School Science Teacher at Birchwood
effective 1/18/13**

4 Leave of Absences passed 6 -0

**Assunta Fallone, Secretary at NPHS, Paid FMLA effective
12/5/12-12/24/12**

**Colleen Ferri, Gr. 3 Elementary Teacher at Stephen Olney, Paid FMLA
effective 11/26/12 – date to be determined**

**Carl Garland, Custodian at NPHS 2nd shift, Paid FMLA effective
11/27/12 – 12/28/12**

**Janet Gasparri, School Nurse at Ricci, Paid FMLA effective 11/28/12 –
date to be determined**

**Michelle Murphy, TA at Centredale Paid FMLA effective
11/9/12-11/21/12 and Unpaid FMLA effective 11/26/12 – 12/21/12**

Elisa Pagliarini, TA at Birchwood effective 1/1/13 – 6/1/13

**Kalena Santilli, Middle School Math Teacher at Birchwood, Unpaid
FMLA effective 1/2/13 – 4/5/13**

5 Appointments passed 6 -0

**Anthony Avicolti, Long-Term Substitute Business Teacher at NPHS
2nd semester only effective 1/21/13 – remainder of the 2012-13 school
year**

Gloria DeNicola, TA Gr. 2 1:1 at Whelan effective 1/2/13

Diana Fallone, TA Gr. 3 at Whelan effective 1/2/13

Ann Marie Ferrante, TA Gr. 8 1:1 at Birchwood effective 1/2/13

**Kathleen Lisi, Interim Assistant Principal at NPHS effective 1/1/13 –
the remainder of the 2012-13 school year**

Roby Villella, TA Kindergarten 1:1 at Whelan effective 1/2/13

Jennifer Watson, TA Gr. 3 Floater at Centredale effective 1/2/13

6 Remarks by Chair thanking Tim Ryan; transition period taking place

7 Use of Property passed 6 - 0

8 Approval of Bills passed 6 – 0

**9 Approval of Minutes: 11/19/12 Executive Session and Open
Session Minutes; 11/28/12 Executive Session and Open
Session Minutes; and 12/12/12 Executive Session and Open Session
Minutes**

passed 6 – 0 Motion by Mrs. Picard; Seconded by Ms.Leva

10 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Frank Pallotta: congratulated committee on choice of new

Superintendent

Much thanks to Tim Ryan

Congratulations to Mr. Goho and entire NPHS Teaching staff

Kudos to John McNamee for electronic school committee

Remarks concerning Melinda Smith: She will hit ground running, intelligent, competent, a

people person; will bring the right people to the table to problem solve; she has the respect of colleagues throughout the state

ADJOURN @ 8:35 PM

Submitted by Roderick E. DaSilva