

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2013

The North Providence School Committee met on January 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri via video conference, Mrs. Picard, Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Andreozzi. Also present were Superintendent Smith and Mr. Henneous. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-(4)&(5) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, 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 7:40 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

II. SALUTE TO THE 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.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.

No comments were received. Mr. Cataldi requested that the Use of Property be moved to the beginning of the agenda. He also welcomed Secretary of State Mollis to the meeting. Hearing no objection, the Chair moved the Use of Property Requests to the beginning of the Agenda.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS

Mr. Jeff Kolok requested use of property for Slam Diabetes for August 23 and 24th with Secretary of State Mollis as co-chair of the event. Mr. Milazzo spoke about waiving the fee for use of the field. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 13-01-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Use of Property Request by Jeff Kolok as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Superintendent Smith 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 Mr.

Iannetta as to Resolution No. 13-1-11. 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. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7. Superintendent's Communication.

Superintendent Smith spoke about the Commissioner's Visit to Whelan Elementary School on February 28, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. and the Nonviolent Crisis Prevention Intervention Workshops on January 30 and 31 Initial Certification Course and February 7 Refresher/Recertification Course.

1. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 13-01-01. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Home Schooling.

No Home Schooling Requests were received.

3. Field Trips.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the field trips as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 13-01-03. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows; Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Policy for Parent, Student & Community Engagement.

Mrs. Picard stated that if there are any questions regarding the proposed Policy, they need to be addressed prior to the next meeting.

5. Revised NPSD Emergency Response Plan.

Mrs. Picard requested that any questions or concerns regarding the Plan be submitted to the Superintendent and the vote be moved to the agenda for next month.

6. Removal of Obsolete Equipment.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Removal of Obsolete Equipment as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 13-01-15. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee consider and vote to approve the removal of Obsolete Equipment as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Amending Property Usage Policy – Mr. Cataldi.

Mr. Cataldi spoke about strengthening the policy regarding use of

alcohol on school premises. He felt that there should not be any use of alcohol on school property. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. DaSilva to approve the amendment for the Property Usage Policy. Members of the Committee offered comments regarding the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, nay, Mrs. Picard, nay, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, nay, Mr. Iannetta, nay and the Chair, aye. The motion failed by a vote of 5 to 2.

Next, Mr. Palmieri expressed concerns regarding the procedure for notifying someone when something is not working. He spoke about the three broken toilets at Centredale School. Mr. Milazzo addressed Mr. Palmieri's questions and explained that the temporary maintenance person was cut. Mr. Iannetta also spoke about the fact that the walkways were not cleared when the school opened. Mr. Palmieri gave an update regarding naming the buildings.

Discussion of Budget and Staffing at all Building Levels – Mr. Palmieri.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE

No requests were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Designation of Counsel and Clerk.

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 13-01-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the one year designation of Brennan, Recupero, Cascione, Scungio & McAllister, L.L.P. as School Committee Legal Counsel Effective January 2013 to December 2013. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 13-01-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the one year designation of Margie Caranci, School Committee Secretary Effective January 2013 to December 2013. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Appointment to Town Audit Board Pursuant to Town Ordinance 11-006.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 13-01-16. Be it resolved that the N.P. School Committee vote to

approve the appointment to the Town Audit Board of Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Andreozzi. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Bids.

No bids were received.

4. Resignations.

Superintendent Smith recommended acceptance of the resignation of Meredith Medeiros – Crossing Guard – Post – Mineral Spring Avenue & Cooper Street – Marieville Elementary School Effective December 16, 2012. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 13-01-07. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Retirements.

No retirement requests were received.

5. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the Leaves of Absence as follows: Lindsay Bedard – Secondary Social Studies Teacher – NPHS – Paid FMLA Leave Effective March 25, 2013 through June 13, 2013, Angela lemma – Crossing Guard – Posta – Cooper & Charles Street – Marieville Elementary School – Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective January 18, 2013 through June 13, 2013, Laurie Payne – Special Education Resource Teacher – Birchwood Middle School – Paid FMLA Leave Effective January 28, 2013 through February 28, 2013 and Mary Ann Susi – Teacher Assistant – Ricci Middle School Paid FMLA Leave Effective January 2, 2013 through January 4, 2013 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective January 4, 2013 through January 25, 2013. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 13-01-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Leaves of Absence requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

6. Appointments.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the following appointments: Holly Santana – Clerk – Ricci Middle School Effective January 28, 2013 and Michael Tuorto – Girls’

Assistant Fast Pitch Softball Coach – NPHS Effective 2012/2013 Season. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 13-01-10. 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: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

The Chair asked the appointees to stand and receive recognition and applause.

X. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the January 2013 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 13-01-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the January 2013 List of Bills. A roll call vote was

taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 13-01-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve and seal the Minutes of the Executive Session held on December 19, 2012. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 13-01-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2012 Regular School Committee Meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, 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 Mr. DaSilva and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Caranci

**Recording Secretary of the North Providence
School Committee**

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: