

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 27, 2013

The North Providence School Committee met on March 27, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard, Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Andreozzi. Also present were Superintendent Smith, Mr. McNamee, Ms. Jacques and Mr. Henneous. Mr. Milazzo was present for the Regular Session only. 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 Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to go into open session at 5:30 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. The open session reconvened at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Budget Workshop and the regular session reconvened at 7:30 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.

BUDGET WORKSHOP.

The Chair explained that the Budget Workshop was open for public comments. Mr. McNamee presented the 2013/2014 School Department Budget and outlined various sections of the proposed budget and the legal mandates as well as the projected enrollment numbers. At the conclusion of the budget workshop, members of the audience asked questions and offered comments. The regular session reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

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. The Chair moved the communication from the Mayor up on the Agenda.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Item #13 was moved to the top of the Report.

13. Superintendent's Communication.

First, the members of the National Honor Society spoke about their activities and presented a slideshow.

Next, the members of the North Providence High School Cheerleaders were presented with certificates of recognition for their accomplishment for winning the State Championship. Members of the Committee offered congratulations and applause.

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 and carried to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Home Schooling.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to approve the Home Schooling Request as submitted.

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried to approve the Home Schooling Request as submitted. Mrs. Picard and Mr. Cataldi voted nay to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

3. Field Trips.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the field trips as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. 2013-2014 School Calendar.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the 2013-2014 School Calendar subject to change based on the outcome of negotiations regarding two professional days.

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar subject to change based on the outcome of negotiations regarding two professional days. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. 2014 Senior Class Trip.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the 2014 Senior Class Trip as submitted. Motion by Ms. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to approve the 2014 Senior Class Trip as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

6. Middle School Principals' Job Description.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Middle School Principals' Job Description as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Middle School Principals' Job Description as presented. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

7. Resolution re: Opposing Contract Continuation.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Resolution Opposing Contract Continuation as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Resolution Opposing Contract Continuation as submitted. Mr. DaSilva voted nay to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

8. Resolution Re: Binding Arbitration.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Resolution Re: Binding Arbitration as submitted. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Resolution Re: Binding Arbitration as submitted. Mr. DaSilva voted nay to the motion. The motion carried by 6 to 1.

9. Resolution Re: Layoff Notification Date.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Resolution Re: Layoff Notification Date as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Resolution Re: Layoff Notification Date. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Resolution Re: Layoff Notification Date as submitted. Mr. DaSilva voted nay to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

10. MyONReader Program Report.

Ms. Jacques gave a brief update regarding the Program. She spoke about the cost of the program versus the number of students utilizing the program. Members of the Committee offered comments. The Chair placed the matter on hold for further discussion.

11. Launch PD Website.

Ms. Jacques next spoke about launch of the Professional Development Website. Teachers are able to sign onto the site and register for Professional Development seminars. She gave a brief presentation outlining the benefits of the site.

12. Superintendent's Goals.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Public Comments: Public's Right to Speak at Meetings – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri spoke about the fact that anyone has a right to speak before the Committee. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to allow members of the public to sign up to speak about any subject regardless of whether or not it is on the Agenda. Members asked questions and expressed concerns about public comments regarding personnel issues. Mr. Cataldi voted nay to the

motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1. The issue was reconsidered during the Public Comments section of the meeting based on the clarification of the vote taken. Several members rescinded their vote for approval. (See Public Comments.)

2. Thumb Print Time Clock – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri expressed concerns with the Thumb Print Time Clock and asked Mr. McNamee to explain the sign-in process. Mr. McNamee explained that the time clock was updated to add a thumb print to sign in but the system was not being used yet. Discussion took place regarding the new system and a member of Local 1033 spoke about staff concerns about having to use a fingerprint to sign in when teachers and administrators are not required to sign in using the same system. Further discussion took place regarding this issue. The Chair asked that the issue be placed on hold for further discussion at the next regular meeting.

3. Crosswalk on Fruit Hill Avenue – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri spoke about safety concerns regarding the Fruit Hill Avenue Crosswalk. Brief discussion took place regarding this issue. The Chair suggested requesting the police department look into the issue.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE

No requests were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bids.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Bid for Security Locks/Doors as submitted. Motion by Ms. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Bid for Security Locks/Doors as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Resignations.

No resignation requests were received.

3. Retirements.

No retirement requests were received.

4. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and

consent to the Leaves of Absence as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Leave of Absence Requests as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. Layoffs/Non-Renewals.

No Layoffs/Non-Renewals requests were received.

6. Appointments.

Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the appointment of David Wright – Technology Director Effective May 1, 2013, Linda Martin – Interim Special Education Director Effective April 8, 2013, and David Sciarra – Custodian – 2nd Shift – NPHS Effective March 4, 2013. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard, Mr. Iannetta and the entire Committee and carried to grant advice and consent to the Appointments as presented. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

The Grievance and Maintenance Issue was Tabled.

X. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted subject to Mr. McNamee receiving the necessary information from the After School Karate, the KR Baseball Academy, and the Yoga Class for Teachers/Staff. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the March 2013 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to approve the March 2013 List of Bills as presented. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve and seal the Minutes of the February 27, 2013 School Committee Executive Session as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2013 School Committee Meetings as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.

Public comments were received. Members of the Committee asked for clarification of the vote to allow members of the public to speak about any educational subject including personnel. Mr. DaSilva requested that his vote be changed based on the clarification. Mr. Henneous clarified that allowing the public to speak regarding educational issues is not a violation of the open meetings law but the Committee should not invite people to speak about personnel or entertain comments regarding personnel. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to revisit and amend the vote to

allow the public to speak based on the advice of legal counsel to allow the public to speak on issues that do not address personnel. 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. Mr. Palmieri added that he felt that the public should be able to speak about anything they want.

XV. PENDING BUSINESS

No pending business was discussed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Caranci

Recording Secretary of the North Providence

School Committee

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: