

**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

The North Providence School Committee met on November 20, 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, Mrs. Picard, Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Andreozzi. Also present were Superintendent Smith, Mr. McNamee, Ms. Jacques and Mr. Scungio. Dr. Carson, Mr. Goho, Mrs. DellaSanta, and Mr. Clark were present for a portion of the Executive Session and Mr. Wright 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 Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and Mrs. Picard 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 open 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.

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 no votes were taken in Executive Session.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 6-13.

No public comments were received.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Superintendent's Communication.

(a) Nerd Hurd Presentation.

Mr. Gianfrancesco thanked the members of the Committee for the opportunity to address the School Committee. He spoke about the new extracurricular group consisting of a club for nerds. He next introduced the president of the club, who spoke about the club and introduced the members of the club, who spoke about their experiences in the club and the growing popularity of the nerd culture. Members of the Committee thanked them for their presentation and spoke about the fact that it is OK to be a nerd and to be who you are.

(b) Rotary Club Appreciation.

Superintendent Smith expressed her appreciation for the Rotary Club donation of 230 dictionaries for the students. On behalf of the School District, she thanked Louis Marciano and Mr. DaSilva for Rotary sponsored scholarships.

Members of VAASA (Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse) gave a brief presentation regarding the program. Each spoke about what

the program means to them and the various activities they participate in. The Chair thanked them for their hard work and for their courageous decision to make non-destructive decisions.

2. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

3. Home Schooling.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant the Home Schooling Request(s) as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried by a vote of 5 to 2 to grant the Home Schooling Requests as submitted. Mrs. Picard and Mr. Cataldi voted nay to the motion.

4. Field Trips.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Field Trip Requests as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to grant the Field Trips as

submitted.

5. 2014 School Committee Meeting Schedule.

Superintendent Smith requested that the Committee vote to approve the 2014 School Committee Meeting Schedule as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and Mr. Cataldi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the 2014 School Committee Meeting Schedule as submitted.

6. Pel Industries Licensing Agreement.

Superintendent Smith requested that the Committee vote to approve the Pel Industries Licensing Agreement for One Year to allow the sale of Cougar gear at Walmart. Members asked questions and offered comments. The motion was tabled pending further information.

7. Senior Class of 2015 Prom Date.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Class of 2015 Senior Prom date as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Class of 2015 Senior Prom date as submitted.

8. Net Metering Proposal (FRI Energy).

Mr. McNamee explained the Net Metering Proposal in collaboration with the Town to reduce the cost of electricity. Members asked questions and offered comments. The Chair suggested that the proposal be reviewed by legal counsel to get more information and that the matter be held until further information is received.

9. East Bay Science Presentation.

Ron DeFranzo of the East Bay Collaborative, a scientist, is serving as an on-site consultant to assist the District with the science programs.

He spoke about spending time in the elementary schools to provide teachers with training. He spoke about the ability to double the speed of learning using his techniques and raise the NEC.AP scores by 10%.

10. Special Education Update & Program Proposal.

Dr. Carson spoke about it being her three-month anniversary with the District and her focus on compliance. She spoke about recapturing all the students with respect to reimbursement billing and the number of students in out-of-district placements as well as the need to focus on the elementary level. The Chair thanked Dr. Carson for her thorough report.

11. NRIC Discussion of Calendar.

Superintendent Smith spoke about the NRIC proposal to eliminate the February and April vacations and add a vacation week in March. She added that there are a lot of considerations that need to be addressed.

10. Truancy Court Proposal.

Superintendent Smith recommended approval to move the Truancy Court Proposal forward. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve moving the Truancy Court Proposal forward as submitted.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

No reports were received.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE

No requests were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bids.

No bids were received.

2. Resignation(s).

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the Resignation(s) as submitted.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the resignation(s) as submitted.

3. Retirement(s).

No retirements 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 by unanimous consent to approve the Leave of Absence Requests as submitted.

5. Layoff(s)/Non-Renewal(s)

There were no Layoff(s)/Non-Renewals.

6. Appointments.

Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the appointment of Richard Diaz – Ricci School Wrestling Coach Effective for the 2013/2014 Season, Stephanie Ganim - .5 Title I Coordinator Effective November 21, 2013, Keela Gomes – Crossing Guard Effective November 21, 2013, Seamus Hearn – Special Education Teacher Severe/Profound – NPHS Long-Term Substitute – 1st Step/MA Effective November 25, 2013 through February 24, 2014, Diane Leveillee – Crossing Guard Effective November 21, 2013, Cindy Marchese – Crossing Guard Effective November 21, 2013, Arianna Petrocelli – Special Education Resource Teacher – Greystone Elementary School 2nd Step/BA Effective January 20, 2014 through the remainder of the 2013/2014 School Year, and Michael Tuorto – High School Girls’ Fast Pitch Softball Coach 2013/2014 Season Only (1 Year Only) Effective 2013/2014 Season. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi 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.

7. Layoff Recision(s).

No Layoff Recision(s) were received.

8. Displacements.

No Displacements were received.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Smith recommended that the N.P. School Committee Consider and Vote to approve the Health & Wellness Policy as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Cataldi and carried by unanimous consent to Consider and Vote to approve the Health & Wellness Policy as submitted.

Superintendent Smith recommended that the N.P. School Committee Consider and Vote to approve the Transportation Policy as submitted with the change to the 2nd page of the policy of “will be suspended” (2nd reading). The motion was tabled until next month for a vote with the proposed change.

Superintendent Smith recommended that the N.P. School Committee Consider and Vote to approve the Records Retention Policy for Electronic Correspondence as submitted (2nd reading). The vote was tabled until next month.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY

Superintendent Smith asked for guidance regarding several Use of Property Requests, including the Request to waive the custodian fees by Rhode Island Basketball Association, permission to move the request by the Centredale Library to another room, and the Request by the North Providence Basketball Association to waive the fees. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to waive the fees as requested.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the November 2013 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the November 2013 List of Bills as presented. Mr. Iannetta recused himself from the vote on the Approval of Bills. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

XIII. APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS.

No fundraiser approvals were received.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried to approve and seal the Minutes of the October 23, 2013 School Committee Executive Sessions as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried to approve the Minutes of the October 23, 2013 School Committee Meetings as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.

No public comments were received.

XV. PENDING BUSINESS

No pending business was discussed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Caranci

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

Date Submitted to the Committee: December 13, 2013

Date Approved by the Committee: Decembe