

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

January 22, 2014

The North Providence School Committee met on January 22, 2014 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 and Mr. Henneous. Ms. Jacques, Mr. McNamee, Dr. Carson and Mr. Wright were 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 carried to go into open session at 6:30 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. The open session reconvened at 7:50 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.

IIIa. Reorganization – Election of Officers of School Committee

The Chair announced that the By-Laws call for a reorganization in January. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi to appoint Anthony Marciano chairman of the School Committee and Stephen Palmieri as Clerk. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, and Mr. Iannetta, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 6-13.

Public comments were received.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Superintendent's Communication.

(a) Student's Published Work – M. Houle.

Next, Superintendent Smith spoke about the citation from the School Committee for a young man, Michael Houle, in recognition of his published work in Scholastic Moves January 2014, Issue #4. The Chair read the citation and offered congratulations. Michael Houle was not present at the meeting to accept the citation.

(b) Music Program – S. Morrison

Superintendent Smith explained that the presentation was postponed due to the fact that there was no school.

2. 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 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. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried by a vote of 6 to 1 to grant the Home Schooling Requests as submitted. 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. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to grant the Field Trips as submitted.

5. 2014 Winter Ball.

Superintendent Smith requested that the Committee vote to approve the Standing Orders as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and the entire Committee and carried by unanimous consent to approve the 2014 Winter Ball as submitted.

6. High School Waiver (1st Reading).

Superintendent Smith asked Mr. Goho to speak regarding Items 6 and 7. Mr. Goho spoke about the NEACAP graduation requirements and the ability to qualify for a diploma using the Department of Education policy. Dr. Carson spoke about the policy for alternate assessments for a small percentage of the population to receive a certificate of achievement. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the High School Waiver (1st reading) as submitted.

7. Issuance of Certificates RIAA.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Palmieri and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Issuance of Certificates RIAA as submitted.

8. Educational Plan.

Superintendent Smith recommended that the Committee vote to

approve the Educational Plan Concept as submitted. Motion by Mr.DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Educational Plan Concept as submitted.

9. Local Union 920 Contract – North Providence Federation of Teachers.

This item was removed from the Agenda.

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).

No resignations were received.

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 Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Cataldi 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.

There were no appointments.

7. Layoff Recision(s).

No Layoff Recision(s) were received.

8. Displacements.

No Displacements were received.

9. Clerk and Counsel Appointments.

Superintendent Smith requested that the Committee Consider and Vote to Approve the One Year Designation of Clerk and Counsel as submitted. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and Mrs. Picard and the entire Committee and carried by unanimous consent to re-appoint the Clerk and Counsel as submitted.

10. 403B Plan.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve adding Security Benefits as an Authorized Vendor to the North Providence School Committee 403B Plan as submitted.

11. Announcement of Committee Appointments by Chair.

The Chair announced that the Committee appointments were assigned.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Superintendent Smith requested that the Committee vote to approve the Records Retention Policy for Electronic Correspondence as submitted (2nd Reading). Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Records Retention Policy for Electronic Correspondence as submitted.

2. Superintendent Smith requested that the Committee vote to approve the Transportation Policy as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard to approve the Transportation Policy as submitted. Discussion took place regarding the policy. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, nay, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mr. Andreozzi, nay, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, nay. The motion failed by a vote of 4 to 3.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY

Superintendent Smith recommended that the Committee consider and vote to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the January 2014 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mrs, Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the January 2014 List of Bills as presented. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS.

No fundraiser approvals were received.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve and seal the Minutes of the December 18, 2013 School Committee Executive Session as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2013 Regular School Committee Meeting 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 the entire Committee and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Caranci

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

Date Submitted to the Committee: February 24, 2014

Date Approved by the Committee: February 26, 2014