

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 18, 2014

The North Providence School Committee met on June 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Cataldi, Mrs. Picard, Mr. Palmieri, Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Andreozzi. Also present were Superintendent Smith, Ms. Jacques, Mr. McNamee, Dr. Carson and Mr. McAllister. 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. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Palmieri and carried to go into open session at 6:30 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 dedicated to Linda Markey, a teacher in the District for many years who passed away.

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. Overview of 2014-215 Amended School Budget.

This item was removed from the Agenda.

Next, Superintendent Smith indicated that Mr. Palmieri and Mr. Andreozzi request to

Remove Item #5 under Section 8 of the agenda: Discussion re: Naming Rights of Schools and Grounds. Mr. Palmieri spoke about discussion last month regarding renaming rooms and such because the School District cannot keep going to the taxpayer for additional funding so it is necessary to find new ways of raising revenue. He spoke about the untapped market that is already happening in other states and the fact that it will not be done distastefully. Mr. Andreozzi also about the results of his research indicating that many of the school districts in the southern states have instituted practices whereby there are written protocols for naming rights. He added that the process is similar to the plaque that Mr. Feinstein has and it is worth the effort to try to find other sources of revenue that will not be disruptive. The money would be put in a restricted fund to be used for the benefit of the school children, such as school supplies and books. The Chair thanked Mr. Palmieri and Mr. Andreozzi for their efforts to find alternate revenue resources.

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.

No Home Schooling requests were received.

4. Field Trips.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Field Trip requested as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Field Trip Request(s) as submitted.

5. RIASC Membership.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the RIASC Membership Fee as submitted. Members expressed concern with the cost of the membership in light of the necessary budget cuts. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to deny approval of

the RIASC Membership due to budget constraints.

6. 2015 Senior Class Trip.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the 2015 Senior Class Trip as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the 2015 Senior Class Trip as submitted.

7. Removal of Books from Inventory.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Removal of Books from the Inventory as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Removal of Books from the Inventory as submitted.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Discussion re: Development of Residency Sub-Committee – Mr. Cataldi.

Mr. Cataldi spoke about the Residency Policy in place and the need to enforce the Policy the way it is written. He felt that the District needs

to be more aggressive enforcing the Policy and proposed forming a sub-committee to meet with Mr. Massey in an effort to track the residency issue as well as enforce the legal ramifications allowing a landlord to be held accountable for executing a false affidavit of residency. Members offered comments about the need to send a message to the parents who do not belong in the district. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to develop a Residency Sub-Committee.

2. Discussion re: Development of Grant Writing Committee – Mr. Cataldi.

Mr. Cataldi spoke about the Town Council and Mayor cutting \$600,000.00 from the School Department budget, which necessitates the need to find other revenue sources. He spoke about the grant funding sources that are available and a phone call that he made to a company who offered to donate twenty-five computers to the District. He proposed developing a Grant Writing Sub-Committee in conjunction with the District's technology staff. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to authorize the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to assist in the development of a Grant Writing Sub-Committee.

3. Middle School Soccer for Girls – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri spoke about the questionnaire that was circulated to parents last year to determine interests in middle school sports and

the results of the survey indicating that over 100 girls are interested in girls' soccer. The coaching position would be a voluntarily position for one year. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the request to start a middle school girls' soccer team.

4. Use of Ricci Field to Middle School – S. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri spoke about the baseball field at Ricci School that is not being used because Ricci School became the soccer field. Members asked questions and offered comments. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to look into the feasibility of turning the field back into the baseball field at Ricci School.

5. Discussion re: Naming Rights of Schools & Grounds – S. Palmieri/S. Andreozzi.

This item was taken off the Agenda.

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 Resignations as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Resignations as submitted.

3. Retirement(s).

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the retirement of Diane Rensch – Crossing Guard – McGuire Elementary Post – Central Avenue and Fruit Hill Avenue Effective June 16, 2014. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and the entire Committee to accept the Retirement as submitted.

4. Leave of Absence.

Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Leave of Absence requests as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to accept the Leave of Absence Requests as

submitted.

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

No Layoff(s) Non-Renewal(s) were received.

6. Appointments.

Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Appointments as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Cataldi and carried by unanimous consent to accept the appointments as submitted. Appointees were asked to stand to receive applause and congratulations.

7. Layoff Recision(s).

No Layoff Recision(s) were received.

8. Displacements.

No Displacements were received.

9. Development of Residency Sub-Committee.

This item was voted on earlier in the meeting.

10. Development of Grant Writing Committee.

This item was voted on earlier in the meeting.

11. Middle School Soccer for Girls.

This item was voted on earlier in the meeting.

12. Use of Ricci Baseball Field to Middle School.

This item was voted on earlier in the meeting.

X. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was received.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY

Superintendent Smith first spoke about receiving complaints from Greystone School neighbors and asked for guidance from the Committee. Members asked questions and offered comments. It was the general consensus of the Committee authorize the Superintendent to contact the organization to resolve the issue with

the understanding that if the organization continues to be non-responsive to the complaints, then action will be taken regarding their Use of Property. Superintendent Smith asked for guidance as to a waiver of fee for the American Cancer Use of Property Request. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the waiver of fees for the American Cancer Society Use of Property. Superintendent Smith recommended that the Committee consider and vote to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

XIII. APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS.

No fundraiser approvals were received.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Picard asked that the May 28, 2014 Minutes be amended to include the correction on page 4. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the Amended Minutes of the May 28, 2014 School Committee Meeting and the June 11, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Cataldi and carried to approve and seal the Minutes of the May 28, 2014 Executive Session 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 the entire Committee and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Caranci

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

Date Submitted to the Committee: July 25, 2014

Date Approved by the Committee: July 30, 2014