

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2014

The North Providence School Committee met on November 19, 2014 at 6:00 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 and Mr. Scungio. Dr. Carson 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. Iannetta and carried to go into open session at 6:00 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. Math Club – Maria B.

Superintendent Smith turned the meeting over to Ms. Branca and her students who gave a presentation regarding the Math Club. Ms. Branca introduced the president of the math club, Arianna Dickey, who spoke about the growing membership of 60 students and the events the club sponsors, including getting pumpkins for Hasbro and delivering them, putting together Thanksgiving baskets, and visiting the elderly homes. Ms. Branca also spoke about the \$500.00 scholarship that the Math Club sponsors. Members thanked them for their presentation.

b. Inquiry Based Science Update.

Science teacher, Katie Bowers and her student, Nicholas Barrows spoke about the science project that the students participate in and the mystery mixture experiments. Katie spoke about all the wonderful hands on experience the students are getting and the wonderful programs they have participated in.

The Chair thanked the Math and Science Clubs for their presentations.

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.

No Field Trip requests were received.

5. Class of 2016 Senior Prom Contract.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Class of 2016 Senior Prom Contract as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Class of

2016 Senior Prom Contract as submitted.

6. Class of 2017 Sr. Prom Contract.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Class of 2017 Sr. Prom as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Class of 2017 Sr. Prom Contract as submitted.

7. Grading Policy – First Reading.

Superintendent Smith announced that this is the first reading of the Grading Policy. Mrs. Picard asked for discussion regarding the Policy and asked questions and offered comments regarding the Policy as submitted.

8. Health and Wellness Policy – First Reading.

Superintendent Smith announced that this is the first reading of the Health and Wellness Policy.

9. The Student/Guardian Mobile Technology Use Agreement and Contract was removed from the Agenda and submitted to the Subcommittee.

10. Deletion of Dated Policies.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Deletion of Dated Policies as submitted. Motion by Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Deletion of Dated Policies as submitted.

11. Item #11 was tabled.

12. Facilities Plan Advancement – Mr. McNamee.

Mr. McNamee spoke about meeting with the Town Council to review the Plan and move forward to the next step of the Plan. He asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Facilities Plan Advancement as submitted. Members asked questions. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard, Mr. Palmieri and Mr. Iannetta to approve the Facilities Plan Advancement as submitted.

13. Class of 2017 Jr. Prom Contract.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Class of 2017 Jr. Prom Contract as submitted.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to approve the Class of 2017 Jr. Prom Contract as submitted.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

There were no School Committee Reports.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE.

1. Discussion re: Recycling Program – Mayor Lombardi/Mr. Nascimento.

Mr. Nascimento spoke about the recycling program and the need to recycle in the schools. He spoke about the efforts to bring in NTG who donated all the totes and pickups for free. With the approval of the Committee, the program would start on January 1st. Superintendent Smith added that the program would not be possible were it not for all the support that the custodians have given the program. Members asked questions and offered comments. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Recycling Program in the Schools as submitted effective January 1st, 2015.

Next, Mayor Lombardi spoke about the Program and asked that Mr. Nascimento be placed in charge of running the program. Mr. Cataldi amended his motion to include that Mr. Nascimento be placed in charge of running the program. The amended motion was seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent.

4. Discussion re: Consolidation of Different Departments Between School and Town – S. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri spoke about the Technology Department and the Department of Human Resources combining resources with the Town. The Mayor spoke about scheduling a meeting with all the technology people to determine if there are any way that the job can be done better and quicker.

2. Discussion/Possible Vote re: Update on Naming Rights – S. Palmieri/S. Andreozzi

Mr. Andreozzi spoke about the fact that to date, the proposal for Naming Rights has not been moving forward. He suggested that a Subcommittee be put in place. Mr. Palmieri, Mr. Andreozzi, and Mrs. Picard volunteered to participate in a subcommittee to move the project forward and report back to the Committee.

3. Discussion/Possible Vote re: Parking Cars on Field – S. Andreozzi.

Mr. Andreozzi spoke about the cars continually being parked on the field. He suggested that the gates be locked to eliminate access to the field and only authorized personnel be given a key. Motion by Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Palmieri and carried by unanimous consent to lock the High School Baseball Field Gates, change the lock, and give a key to authorized personnel and the fire department only.

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 Mr. DaSilva 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 Laurie Bain – Teacher Assistant – Ricci Middle School Effective December 30, 2014 and Pamela Palombo – Teacher Assistant/Building Assistant – Birchwood Middle School – Effective February 28, 2015. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to accept the Retirements as submitted with regret.

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. DaSilva 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 read the list of Appointments and asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Appointments as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Appointments as submitted. The Chair offered congratulatory remarks and applause to the appointees.

7. Layoff Recision(s).

No Layoff Recision(s) were received.

8. Displacements.

No Displacements were received.

X. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was received.

XI. 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. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted, including the waiver of fee for the request made by the

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. Iannetta 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

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve and seal the Minutes of the October 22, 2014 Executive Session as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Minutes of the October 22, 2014 School Committee meeting as presented.

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. DaSilva 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: December 12, 2014

Date Approved by the Committee: December 17, 2014