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**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 4, 2015**  
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**The North Providence School Committee met on February 4, 2015 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, Mr. McNamee and Mr. Henneous. Ms. Jacques, 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 Mrs. Picard 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.**

**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. REORGANIZATION**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta to nominate Anthony Marciano as Chair of the School Committee. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.**

**Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Cataldi to nominate Gina Picard as Vice Chair of the School Committee. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion by Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to appoint Brennan, Recupero, Cascione, Scungio & McAllister, LLP as legal counsel and Margie Caranci as Clerk.**

#### **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. National Poetry Competition Winner – Ashley Picard**

**Superintendent Smith announced the winner of the National Poetry Competition, Ashley Picard and requested that Ashley read her poem.**

**Next, Ashley was presented with a citation and applause in recognition of her accomplishment.**

**b. Acapella/Middle School Drama Presentation – Allison Kelly**

**Superintendent Smith announced that the Acapella is unable to attend but turned the meeting over to the Birchwood Middle School Drama Club for a preview performance. On behalf of the Committee and Administration, the Chair thanked them for the wonderful performance and thanked Allison, Katie and Carolyn for all their hard work. Applause and congratulations were received.**

**Next, a member of the audience, asked clarification questions regarding NECAP.**

**c. Recognition of Outstanding Community Service to Donald T. Placido.**

**Due to health issues, Dr. DeRuosi spoke on behalf of Donald Placido. He spoke about the history of the Boys Club and all of the programs and scholarships that were the result of Don's commitment.**

**d. Next, Dr. DeRuosi was received recognition for his continued outstanding  
Community service.**

## **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 advice and consent to approve the Home Schooling Request(s) as submitted. Motion by Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta to approve to the Home Schooling Request(s) as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.**

## **4. Field Trips.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Field Trip Request(s) 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. New/Updated Policies.**

**Superintendent Smith presented the New/Updated Policies as a 1st reading.**

#### **6. 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 Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Deletion of Dated Policies as submitted.**

#### **7. Removal of Student Records & Office Files.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Removal of Student Records & Office Files as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Removal of Student Records & Office Files as submitted.**

## **8. Standing Orders.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Standing Orders as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Standing Orders as presented.**

## **9. Technology Merger Proposal.**

**Mr. Nahigian from the Mayor's Office spoke about the benefits of the technology merger.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and the entire Committee to approve the Technology Merger Proposal as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**There were no School Committee Reports.**

## **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE.**

### **1. State Testing – Roderick DaSilva.**

**Mr. DaSilva spoke about the outrage of NECAP which is a response to No Child Left Behind.**

## **2. Natural Grass vs. Artificial Turf – Ruth Bucci.**

**Ruth Bucci gave a report regarding the health concerns and potential harm of “rubber turf”.**

## **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. Andreozzi 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 retirements as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi 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 Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to accept the Leave of Absence Requests as submitted.**

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

**Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Layoff(s)/Non-Renewal(s) as submitted. Motion by Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Layoff(s)/Non-Renewal(s) as submitted.**

#### **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. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Appointments as**

**submitted. The Chair offered congratulations and applause to the appointees.**

## **7. Layoff Recision(s).**

**Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Layoff Recision(s) as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Layoff Recision(s) as submitted.**

## **8. Displacements.**

**No Displacements were received.**

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Grading Policy – 3rd Reading.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee for advice and consent to approve the Grading Policy – 3rd reading as presented. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Grading Policy as submitted.**

### **2. Health & Welfare – 3rd Reading.**

**Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Health & Welfare Policy as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Health and Welfare Policy as submitted.**

## **XI. USE OF PROPERTY**

**Mr. Iannetta spoke about a waiver of fee for Use of Property for the RI Writing Project Spring Annual Conference. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to grant a waiver of fee.**

**Superintendent Smith asked for advice and consent regarding the Use of Property Requests for the High School Baseball Fields by North Providence Babe Ruth League and Michael Walker. Mr. DaSilva suggested that the teams get together to work out arrangements for the use of fields.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to grant a waiver of fee for the Use of Property by the North Providence Fast Pitch Macaroni Supper and permission to hang the banner.**

**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. DaSilva and carried to grant advice and 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. 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 December 17, 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 December 17, 2014 School Committee meeting as presented.**

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.**

**No public comments were received.**

#### **XV. PENDING BUSINESS**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to remove the Pending Business items from Pending Business based on the fact that the issues have been resolved.**

**The Open Session was recessed at 9:30 p.m. for purposes of returning to Executive**

**Session for discussion re: Personnel Issue. The session reconvened at 9:38 p.m.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi to approve the Superintendent's**

**Personnel Termination Recommendation as discussed in Executive Session. A roll**

**call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mr. DaSilva, nay, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Mr. Iannetta, nay, Mr. Palmieri, nay, Mr. Marciano, nay, and Mrs. Picard, aye. The**

**motion failed by a vote of 5 to 2.**

## **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: February 27, 2015**

**Date Approved by the Committee: March 4, 2015**