

NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

August 5, 2015

The North Providence School Committee met on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the North Providence School Department Administration Office. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mr. Andreozzi, Mr. Palmieri and Mr. DaSilva. Also present were Melinda Smith, Superintendent of Schools and John McNamee, Director of Finance. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order. Motion by Mr. DaSilva and seconded by

Mr. Palmieri.

II. SALUTE THE FLAG

The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

1. Special Education Director's Contract

Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Special Education Director's Contract. Motion by Mr. DaSilva and seconded by Mr. Palmieri and Mr. Andreozzi to approve the Special Education Director's Contract. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Elementary, Middle & High School Handbooks

Superintendent Smith explained that revisions were made to the Attendance Policy, Discipline Policy and Dress Code and approved by the School Committee. The changes had to be reflected in the elementary, middle and high school handbooks. Superintendent Smith requested the approval of the School Committee to make the changes. Motion by Mr. Andreozzi and seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Palmieri to approve the changes made to the elementary, middle and high school handbooks.

3. Appointments

Superintendent Smith read the list of Appointments and asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Appointments as submitted.

Anthony Bailey

Technology Education Teacher

Birchwood Middle School

6th Step/MA

(Pending Emergency Certification)

Effective ~ August 31, 2015

Edward Chomka

Secondary Science Teacher ~ NPHS

12th Step/MA

(Pending Step Verification)

(Pending BCI)

Effective ~ August 31, 2015

Christopher B. Jones

Special Education Director

Effective ~ August 17, 2015

Stacy Pokora

Special Education/Self-Contained Severe/Profound Teacher ~ NPHS

1st Step/BA

Long-Term Substitute ~ 1 Year Only

Effective ~ 2015/2016 School Year Only

Steven Richards

Elementary Music Teacher

Marieville/McGuire/Whelan Elementary Schools

1st Step/BA

Long-Term Substitute – 1 Year Only

Effective ~ 2015/2016 School Year Only

Kathryn Tarpey

School Social Worker ~ Birchwood Middle School

Long-Term Substitute ~ 1 Year Only

1st Step/MA

Effective ~ 2015/2016 School Year Only

Motion by Mr. Andreozzi and seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mr.

Palmieri to approve the Appointments as submitted.

4. Resignation(s)

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to the resignation as submitted.

Andrew Dangelo

Secondary Science Teacher ~ NPHS

Effective ~ August 3, 2015

Motion by Mr. Andreozzi and seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Palmieri to approve the Resignation as submitted.

5. Retirement(s)

Superintendent Smith read the list of retirement(s) and gave a brief description of their years of service. She explained that she is recommending to accept the retirement of Merle Dresner in order to secure a teacher to replace Ms. Dresner. However, the School Committee will present Ms. Dresner with a service award at the August 26, 2015 meeting.

Debra Aurecchia

Teacher Assistant/Bldg. Assistant ~ Marieville Elementary School

Effective ~ July 31, 2015

Merle Dresner

Grade 5 Teacher ~ Marieville Elementary Teacher

Effective ~ August 1, 2015

Motion by Mr. Andreozzi and seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Palmieri to approve the Retirements as submitted.

6. Leave(s) of Absence

Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Leave of Absence requests as submitted.

Sandra Barrette

Elementary Music Teacher

Marieville/McGuire/Whelan Elementary Schools

Effective ~ 2015/2016 School Year Only

Amanda Merluzzo

Special Education Self/Contained Severe/Profound Teacher ~ NPHS

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Effective ~ August 31, 2015 through February 6, 2016

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Effective ~ April 4, 2016 through the remainder of the 2015/2016 School Year

Danielle Tiernan

Special Education Resource Teacher ~ Ricci Middle School

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Effective ~ December 8, 2015 through the remainder of the 2015/2016

School Year

Motion by Mr. DaSilva and seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and Mr. Palmieri to approve the Leave of Absence requests as submitted.

7. Displacement Rescissions

Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Displacement Rescissions as submitted.

Lisa Giammarco

Special Education Resource Teacher

(Was previously displaced from .5 Centredale/.5 Greystone Elementary Schools)

Returning to the original assignment per her request

Motion by Mr. DaSilva and seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and Mr. Palmieri to approve the Displacement Rescissions as submitted.

8. Bids

John McNamee provided the Committee with an overview of the Marieville roof repairs bids.

Motion by Mr. Andreozzi and seconded by Mr. Palmieri and Mr. DaSilva to approve the Bids as submitted.

9. K Early Admission Policy (2nd reading)

Superintendent Smith asked for the Committee to approve the K Early Admission Policy as submitted for a 2nd reading.

Motion to approve made by Mr. DaSilva and seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and Mr. Palmieri.

III. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Mr. Palmieri and seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and Mr. DaSilva to
adjourn the meeting at 8:15 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Melinda A. Smith, M.Ed.
Superintendent of Schools**

Date Submitted to the Committee: August 21, 2015

Date Approved by the Committee: August 26, 2015