

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2015

The North Providence School Committee met on August 26, 2015 at 6:15 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mr. Iannetta, Mrs. Picard, Mr. Palmieri, Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Andreozzi. Also present were Superintendent Smith, Mr. McNamee and Mr. Henneous. 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. Palmieri and carried to go into open session at 6:15 p.m. The open session reconvened at 7:55 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. Service Award – Merle Dresner.

Superintendent Smith spoke about Merle's 58 years of distinguished service to the North Providence School System. Members offered congratulations and presented her with an award and flowers. Mayor Lombardi also spoke about Ms. Dresner's dedication and presented her with a proclamation. Ms. Dresner received a standing ovation and applause. The Chair announced that the Committee would take a short break from the agenda to allow those who wish to leave time to do so. The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Mrs. Picard spoke about RIGL 15-8-3 regarding the Appointments and announced that she had completed the necessary paperwork and would leave the meeting during the Appointments Agenda Item.

b. FACT – Family and Community Together

Lynn Fontaine, President of FACT, spoke about the parent organization, FACT: Family and Community Together and the need to have a safe facility for the students and asked for the support of the Committee. The Chair thanked Ms. Fontaine for her comments.

c. Strategic Plan Update.

Superintendent Smith asked Ms. Jacques to give a brief update regarding the Strategic Plan. Ms. Jacques spoke about the curriculum documents and the process of putting the documents on the website. She also spoke about the instruction piece and the consultant who will be working with the teachers. She next spoke about the technology piece and the Technology and Integration Specialist focus on family and community engagement through use of the website to keep parents informed.

2. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Monthly Financial Report as submitted. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by the entire Committee 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 Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Home Schooling Request(s) as submitted.

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 the entire Committee Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Field Trip Request(s) as submitted.

5. VETS 2015-2016 Usage Agreement.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the VETS 2015-2016 Usage Agreement as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the VETS 2015-2016 Usage Agreement as submitted.

6. 1033 Employee Discipline.

Motion by Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the 1033 Employee Discipline.

7. Resignations.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Resignation(s) as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous

consent to approve the Resignations as submitted.

8. Retirement(s).

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to consider and vote to approve the Retirement(s) as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Retirement(s) with regret as submitted.

9. Leaves 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 Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to accept the Leave of Absence Requests as submitted.

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

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

11. Appointments.

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

submitted. The appointments were voted on as follows:

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the appointment(s) as submitted. Mrs. Picard was not present during the vote for appointment(s). The Chair asked the appointees present to stand and receive applause and congratulations.

12. Layoff Recision(s).

No Layoff Recision(s) were received.

13. Displacements.

No Displacements were received.

14. K Early Admission Policy – 3rd Reading.

Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the K Early Admission Policy – 3rd Reading as submitted. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the K Early Admission Policy as submitted.

15. Attendance Policy & Removal of Old Attendance Policy (2nd Reading).

Superintendent Smith presented the Attendance Policy & Removal of Old Attendance Policy for the 2nd Reading.

16. Technology & Curriculum Integration Specialist Contract.

Superintendent Smith asked for the advice and consent of the Committee to approve the Technology & Curriculum Integration Specialist Contract as submitted. The Chair recused himself for the vote. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent of the five members present for the vote to approve the Technology & Curriculum Specialist Contract as submitted.

17. Construction Manager for Facilities Project.

Mr. McNamee spoke about the changes based on the Governor's new program. Based on the belief that we will be on the top of the list as one of the communities that will receive funding, we will be hiring an educational planner. As a result of the moratorium there was no mention of that. We have engaged an educational planner. They also requested that a Construction Manager be engaged. We will go out to bid in the state and out-of-state. RIDE has given us the names of some construction managers. Mrs. Picard spoke about the timelines and wanted to make sure that the timeline is clear. The Committee is doing everything in its power to get this done as soon as possible.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Construction Manager For Facilities Project as submitted.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

There were no School Committee Reports.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE.

No requests were received.

IX. USE OF PROPERTY

Superintendent Smith recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests as presented with guidance regarding the NP Cheerleading Team request for waiver of fees. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by the entire Committee to approve the Use of Property Requests with the wavier of fees. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Use of a Field for TriTown Flag Football for two nights and Saturday at Marieville.

X. APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve and seal the Minutes of the July 22, 2015 Executive Session as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2015 and August 5, 2015 Regular School Committee Meetings as presented.

XII. PENDING BUSINESS

The Chair asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Shadoian.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and the entire Committee and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Caranci

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

Date Submitted to the Committee: September 18, 2015

Date Approved by the Committee: September 23, 2015