

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

The North Providence School Committee met on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Picard, Mr. Andreozzi, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Palmieri, Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Cataldi. Also present were Superintendent Smith, Mr. McNamee, Mr. Jones and Attorney 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 Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to go into open session at 6:30 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. North Providence High School Presentation: The Superintendent invited Principal Joseph Goho and his team to talk about the blended learning program that has been implemented at North Providence High School. A video was shown on how technology has enhanced teaching and learning in the classrooms. Lisa Pasonelli and Julie Cook spoke how Flip Classroom and using Google technology programs has made an incredible difference in their work with technology and how students are more engaged. Supt. Smith thanked Ms. Pasonelli and Ms. Cook for being pioneers in lighthouse classrooms. She also thanked the School Committee and Mrs. Picard for implementing technology into instruction.

b. Strategic Plan: Superintendent Smith said the North Providence School Department Strategic Plan was put together in 2014 and expires in 2016. The Plan will be revised and ready for approval after January. Supt. Smith explained that many of the demands put in place in 2014 have been met. She will be asking teachers and parents to help with putting together a new Plan.

c. Special Education Update: Mr. Jones gave a brief update on the Special Education numbers in the district based on current enrollment. Another resource teacher is needed because there are two other resource teachers who travel to other schools to deliver multi-sensory reading approach to a few students. The School Committee agreed with this request to add another resource teacher to the district.

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 School Requests as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi to approve the Home School Requests as submitted. Mr. DaSilva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Andreozzi, aye, Chair Marciano, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye and Mr. Cataldi, nay. 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

Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Field Trip Request(s) as submitted.

5. Removal of Textbooks from Inventory.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Removal of Textbooks from Inventory as submitted. Motion by Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Removal of Textbooks from Inventory as submitted.

6. Equal Opportunity & Non-Discrimination Policy.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Equal Opportunity & Non-Discrimination Policy as submitted. Motion by Mr. Andreozzi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Equal Opportunity & Non-Discrimination Policy as submitted.

7. Special Education Data Coordinator Job Description.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Special Education Data Coordinator Job Description as submitted. Mrs. Picard noted the clarification in new language under Qualifications C: Applicants must meet one or more of the following criteria: an Associates Degree or beyond in any area; or two years of study at an institution of higher education (48 college

credits); or meet and have completed the standards of performance set by the State of RI on the Parapro test. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Special Education Data Coordinator Job Description as submitted.

8. Special Education Secretary Job Description.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Special Education Secretary Job Description as submitted. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Special Education Secretary Job Description as submitted.

9. Bids.

Mr. McNamee informed the Committee that a bid was submitted for boiler replacement at Ricci Middle School. Frank I. Rounds Company was the successful bidder at \$149,585.00. The cost of the boilers will be reduced with rebates from National Grid. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Bid(s) as submitted.

10. Resignations.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and

consent to approve the Resignation(s) as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Resignation(s) as submitted.

11. Retirements.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to consider and vote to approve the Retirement(s) as submitted. Superintendent Smith announced that Roselyn DeQuattro, a Teacher Assistant at Centredale Elementary School is retiring effective September 28, 2016 and wished her well. Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Retirement(s) as submitted with regrets.

12. Leave of Absence(s).

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Leave of Absence Request(s) as submitted. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Leave of Absence Request(s) as submitted.

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

There were no layoff(s) or non-renewal(s).

14. Appointments.

Superintendent Smith read the list of Appointments and asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Appointment(s) as submitted: Michelle Lewandowski, Science Teacher at Birchwood Middle School, effective 8/29/16 for one year only; Anke Steinweh, ELL Teacher at NPHS and District-Wide, effective 8/29/16 for one year; Robert Bello, Wrestling Coach at Birchwood Middle School, effective 9/28/16; Dionne Symonds, Grade K Teacher at McGuire Elementary School, effective date 2017/2018 school year; Deanna Brooks, Libarary/Media Specialist at Greystone and Centredale Elementary Schools, effective 9/14/16 for one year only; Victoria Colavita, Personal Assistant at McGuire Elementary School, effective 9/28/16 for one year only; and Laurie Batek, Assistant Detention Officer at Birchwood Middle School, effective 9/15/15.

Chairman Marciano asked if any appointees were present at the meeting. There were none at the meeting. Mr. Palmieri suggested holding special school committee meetings for approval of appointments before the start of employment. Superintendent Smith will do as such going forward.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Appointment(s) as submitted.

15. Layoff Rescission(s).

No Layoff Rescissions were received.

16. Displacements.

No Displacements were received.

17. HEZ Community Healthcare Worker Job Description.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the HEZ Community Healthcare Worker Job Description as submitted. She explained that this position is from the Health Equity Zone Grant which is grant funded for fifteen hours per week. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Andreozzi to approve the HEZ Community Healthcare Worker Job Description.

18. VETS 2016-2017 Rental Contract.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the VETS 2016-2017 Rental Contract as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta to approve the VETS 2016-2017 Rental Contract as submitted.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

There was no School Committee Report.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE.

1. After School Program & Sports Facility: Mr. William Moreira, a graduate of North Providence High School in 2010, spoke about opening a sports complex for students. Mr. Moreira was asking for a letter of support for his organization which will be funded by the state and investors. The Committee members asked questions and offered comments. They need to review this request. Mr. Marciano thanked Mr. Moreira for coming before the Committee.

2. Residency Appeal: Ms. Malave Levy wanted to appeal the residency policy for her daughter who attends North Providence High School and resides in Providence due to hardship. The Committee members asked questions and offered some help with housing in North Providence. The Committee said she can remain at the high school to finish the first semester which ends in January 2017. They recommended she keep us updated on her residency situation and if an extension is needed until February or March, it would be granted.

3. Funding of School Sports: Mr. Andreozzi discussed the issue of sports teams fundraising for uniforms and fundraising without permission. A fundraising policy is in place. Sports teams should not be fundraising for uniforms. They should be supplied by the School Department. Mr. Rubino, the girls' tennis coach since 1991 explained that their uniforms were in deplorable condition. The Athletic Department should have provided funding for uniforms and

tennis uniforms should be supplied uniforms. A student, Mikayla, spoke about how the team wanted shirts with a design which were more money and explained how other teams fundraise for uniforms. She was unaware there was a procedure in place. Mr. Andreozzi advised the coach to request funds from the athletic department and then address the School Committee to request funds for uniforms.

4. Enrollment: Mr. Andreozzi inquired as to why the enrollment numbers fluctuated so much from July to September 2016. Superintendent Smith explained that there are kids entering the district and leaving the district and enrollment stabilizes by October 1 of each year. An enrollment report will be sent to the state by October 1.

Superintendent Smith moves students throughout the district so not to create overages in classrooms. Classrooms are evenly distributed.

Mrs. Picard also supported Superintendent Smith's explanation as she experiences the same fluctuation in the district she works in.

5. Legislative Charter Change Proposal: Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Picard to have a letter of communication drafted expressing the Committee's opposition to Section 23-7-3 of Resolution R16-009 proposed by the Town Council.

A letter will be sent to the Town Council and then to state representatives.

6. Bus Transportation – This item was tabled.

IX. USE OF PROPERTY.

Superintendent Smith asked the Committee to grant advice and consent to approve the Use of Property Request(s) as submitted. A request was made that the Lincoln Lions be able to practice at Birchwood Middle School. The Committee approved this request as long as it didn't interfere with any other activities. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Use of Property Request(s) as submitted.

X. 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.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve and seal the Minutes of the August 24, 2016 Executive Session as submitted.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2016 School Committee Meeting as presented.

XII. PENDING BUSINESS

No pending business was discussed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sharon Corsi, Recording Secretary
North Providence School Committee**

Date Submitted to the Committee: October 21, 2016

Date Approved by the Committee: October 26, 2016