

**SCITUATE SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>	<p>The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:00 PM by Chair Umbriano in the Town Council Chambers.</p> <p>Present were Marylou Umbriano, June Guglielmi, Brian LaPlante and Jean Esposito. Also present were Paul Lescault, Superintendent, Lawrence Filippelli, Assistant Superintendent, and Attorney David D'Agostino.</p> <p>Also present was the High School Girls' Basketball Coach and coaching staff.</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Umbriano.</p> <p>Coleen Pendergast arrived at 6:15pm.</p>
<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(1)</p>	<p>1. Attorney D'Agostino read into the record that the meeting would convene into Closed pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-5(a)(1), specifically, sessions pertaining to the job performance of persons in the employ of the Scituate School Department. This discussion shall apply only to the High School Girl's Basketball coach all of who have existing employment agreements with the Scituate School Department: NOTE: Affected person shall be notified in writing and will be advised that s/he may have the discussions(s) take place at an open session.</p> <p>Attorney D'Agostino noted for the record that the meeting would take place in Open Session as requested by Ms. Stacy D'Allesandro, Girls' High School Basketball Head Coach and Ms. Tara Marchant, Girls' High School Basketball Assistant Coach.</p> <p><u>DISCUSSION:</u></p> <p>Ms. Stacey D'Allesandro, 191 Sauga Avenue, North Kingstown, RI Ms. Tara Marchant - Chopmist Hill Road, Scituate, RI</p> <p>Ms. D'Allesandro passed out booklets to everyone with all pertinent information regarding her Coaching career and</p>

asked to make a motion to recuse Mr. LaPlante from the meeting due to letters sent regarding their job performances.

Attorney D'Agostino said that only the Committee can make a motion and take up the request. He added that recusals are based on the RI Code of Ethics. He noted that he couldn't advise the individual members on compliance with the Code of Ethics because it is a personal matter.

Mr. LaPlante noted that he has no intention to recusing himself. Mr. LaPlante said he only offered his opinion on the matter and he has no conflict of interest.

Ms. Esposito asked Council if members of the board had a conflict of interest. Attorney D'Agostino said any member is free to say what they want. A copy of an e-mail was given to Attorney D'Agostino.

Ms. Pendergast commented that she had heard both good and bad things about the basketball coaches. She said she would like to hear it from the coaches.

Chair Umbriano would like to hear from all parties.

Ms. Esposito asked Ms. D'Allesandro what was her coach philosophy?

Ms. D'Allesandro stated that she wanted her team to have good grades, to learn good life skills and to function as a team.

Ms. Esposito asked what specific things on safety, well-being and health?

Ms. D'Allesandro said they work on building the students strengths, mentally and physically.

Ms. Marchant noted that they give positive team support.

Ms. D'Allesandro said that no parents have come to her directly to complain about her coaching.

Ms. Esposito asked where she got her knowledge of the game.

Ms. D'Allesandro said she was recruited in college and had coached for 15 years. Eight as a head coach. She attends coaching clinics and goes to continuing education classes.

Ms. Pendergast asked if she takes all students who want to participate.

Ms. Esposito asked Mr. LaPlante what was the philosophy of the Scituate Youth Basketball team.

Mr. LaPlante said that the Youth basketball program was very competitive and well organized. His concerns were; 1. X's and O's; 2. Interaction with students, and 3: Outcome. He stated he has never seen Ms. D'Allesandro use a white-board when coaching. That she does not have control of the team, and she needs better interaction with the students. He has an issue with bullying. His concern is failure to approach the Coach.

Ms. Guglielmi asked if there needs to be more education on coaching. She was pleased with what she was hearing.

Ms. Esposito asked if the Coaches had an office.

Ms. D'Allesandro said that there is no office to have a conversation with students privately regarding bullying or intimidation. This is a problem.

Ms. Pendergast asked what could be done to help alleviate problem.

Coach Ryan said that they put all the rules and regulations in a binder before the season starts and that they should follow the chain of command if a problem occurs.

Ms. Pendergast asked what supports the School Committee can put in place for the Coaches.

Coach Ryan and Dr. Sollitto said that if the coaches were re-appointed they would watch for any issues that occur and follow the chain of command.

Ms. Pendergast asked if the Coaches were comfortable with

	<p>all students who come to play.</p> <p>Ms. D'Allesandro acknowledged that they take all students and she wants to move forward.</p> <p>Ms. Esposito asked when practice starts? Dec. 1st.</p> <p>Ms. Pendergast and Mr. LaPlante apologized for not re-appointing Ms. Marchant as the tennis coach.</p> <p>Ms. Guglielmi made a motion to re-appoint both basketball coaches. Ms. Esposito seconded.</p> <p>All in favor: Mrs. Guglielmi, Ms. Esposito, Ms. Pendergast, Chair Umbriano. Opposed: Mr. LaPlante</p> <p>Motion passed.</p> <p>Ms. Esposito made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Pendergast.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Adjourned at 8:30pm</p>
	<p>Respectfully Submitted</p> <p>Mrs. Guglielmi, Clerk</p> <p><i>Minutes were prepared by Dorothy DeRemer Recording Secretary. Neither the Clerk nor the Recording Secretary is the designated Public Record contact for the Scituate School Committee or Scituate School Department under the RI Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"). For all APRA inquiries, please contact the Superintendent's Office.</i></p>