NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD September 20, 2017

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings. The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on September 20, 2017 at the Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE: Ms. McNeiece, Chairperson; Dr. Diane Nobles, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Frank White; Ms. Rebecca Durkin; and Mr. Justin Skenyon.

OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Dr. Peter Cummings, Superintendent; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance and Administration; Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services; Mr. Michael Convery, Director of Curriculum; and Mr. Giulio Lugini, Interim Director of Technology; Ms. Marianne Kirby, NPS Principal; and Mr. Daniel Warner, NHS Principal.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke.

SHOWCASE: Mr. Giulio Lugini, Interim Director of Technology demonstrated the new website for the school committee and audience.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. School Reports

Narragansett High School - Mr. Warner reported that Providence Waterfire will honor RI Educators on September 23rd. Kristin Hayes-Liete will be recognized as RI Teacher of the Year. Waterfire festivities will kick-off beginning with a reception at 4:00PM. NHS will hold an Open House for prospective students on Saturday, November 4, 2017, which will include an overview of the departments and offerings, lunch, and the NHS football game.

Student Services – Ms. Brow reported: there was a parent Advisory meeting on September 12, 2017. There will be a Unified Volleyball game on September 28th at 3PM. Rebecca Angell, the District social worker will be participating in the kidslink suicide prevention initiative.

Narragansett Pier Middle School - Ms. Kirby reported that the Pier School had 22 new students register and 13 students withdraw, for a net increase of 9 students. This year the grade 5 student schedule is built to ease students’ transition to the middle school with less changes of classes and two academic classes a day rather than four. All students will now have world language classes twice a week for the school. Also new this year, grades 5 and 6 will have a 20-minute recess in the morning four times a week in addition to recess time during lunch period. The NPS cross country team will participate in an invitational on Friday, the soccer teams will play Westerly on Thursday (boys@ home/girls @ Westerly). Upcoming Events at NPS include: Open House will be on Tuesday the 26th at 6:00 pm beginning in the school gym. Students will be bringing home to parents on Friday their schedule to follow Tuesday night. The PTO is sponsoring Family Night at the Pier School on Thursday the 28th from 5 – 7PM. The festivities include live music and food trucks that families can purchase dinner. The event will take place in the back of the Pier School. Families are encouraged to bring beach chairs and blankets for seating. The first PTO meeting of the school year will take place on October 2nd at 7:00 in the library. There will be a Welcome Back dance for grades 7 and 8 students on Friday, September 25, 2017 from 7 - 9, tickets are $ 5.00 and can be purchased at school during lunch or at the door. NPS Picture day will take place on Wednesday, October 11.
Narragansett Elementary School - Superintendent Cummings read the NES report in Ms. Dandurand’s absence. NES welcomed new students from Jerusalem, California, Virginia, Florida (and also from parts of Rhode Island such as South Kingstown, Charlestown, West Kingston, North Providence, Coventry, and Warwick). At the time of this report, there were approximately 25 students registered newly in grades 1-4 and a total of 70 kindergarten students registered as well. NES teachers started professional development on teacher orientation day. Teachers also received Lucy Caulkins writing workshop kits. NES will be running a bi-weekly newsletter which will be distributed every other Friday and will include important dates, school information, as well as information about community events. NES PARCC scores went up significantly due to the enormous efforts of the NES students, staff, coaches, and administration. Of 172 schools throughout the state, NES finished 32nd in the state for ELA and 22nd for math! The NES PTO will host their annual Sundaes on Sunday event on September 24th from 1-3PM at NES.

2. School Committee Reports

Mr. White reported on the recent Narragansett Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting held on September 11, 2017, they discussed parking lot overcrowding, beach overcrowding, and unruly teens. Also discussed was increasing the daily rate to $10 and eliminating unused lockers for non-residents.

3. Superintendent’s Report:

Introduction of new Employees: Amanda Augustinsen (0.6 Math Interventionist, NES); Courtney Wright (1.0 Early Childhood, NES); Hannah Hackett (Grade 5/6, NPS); Jacob Bromberg (Technology Specialist, NPS); Jessica Drinkwater (0.5 Intensive Resource / 0.5 Behavior Specialist, NES); Matt LeValley (Accounts Payable, Accountant); Molly Hammell Music NES/NPS; Molly Sylvia (0.6 English, NHS)

The Superintendent reported:
- Enrollment is steady as students and families continue registering;
- NPS Enrichment teacher Vanessa Miller was named a FUSE Fellow;
- NHS Computer Technology teacher Chris Herz studied Cyber Security over the summer in preparation for the start of the new school year;
- Niche.com ranked the Narragansett School District as #4 in RI;
- Implemented some changes in hiring certified staff as candidates are now observed by Administration teaching in a classroom;
- The Curriculum Academy held over the summer was successful and well attended;
- The Teacherfest, sponsored by the Narragansett Education Foundation, was held at NHS and was a great success and attended by hundreds of teachers from across the state;
- The maintenance staff was very busy over the summer preparing the buildings for opening day. In addition to the usual cleaning and maintenance, new sidewalks at NHS, paving, and lighting were among some of the completed summer projects;
- Dates for Administrative Instructional rounds have been set and plans are underway to include Jamestown Administrators.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes:
   A. August 16, 2017 Executive Session
   B. August 16, 2017 Regular Business Meeting
2. Routine Personnel Actions: CA-2

Appointments – Certified
Gathen, Aaron, .2 Agriscience, NHS, Compensation: Step 1: effective September 05, 2017.
Hammell, Molly, .9 Music NES,.1 Music NPS, Compensation: Step 5: effective August 31, 2017
Roach, Heather Osborne, 1.0 SPED/Intensive, NPS, Compensation: Step 10: effective September 11, 2017

Transfer – Certified
Provost, Kristen, 1.0 SPED, NPS, Compensation: Step 8 Masters: effective August 31, 2017

Resignation – Certified
Soltysiak, Nicholas, 1.0 Math, NPS, effective August 21, 2017.

Appointments – Classified
Armstrong, Eugene, Bus Monitor, Transportation, Comp.: $11.29/hr, 20 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, eff. September 05, 2017.
Imhoff, Brian, Bus Driver, Transportation, Compensation: $17.72/hr, 30 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, eff. September 05, 2017.
Stromley, Bonnie, Custodian, NHS, Compensation: $19.16/hr, 40 hrs/wk, 52 wks/yr, effective August 28, 2017.
Moore, Victoria, Cafeteria Assistant, NES, Comp.: $10.50/hr, 10.64 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, effective September 05, 2017
Duffin, Kiara, Cafeteria Assistant, NES, Comp.: $10.50/hr, 2.66 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, effective September 05, 2017

Retirement – Classified

Resignation – Classified
Conner, Alicia, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective September 05, 2017.

Appointments – Other
Bromberg, Jacob, Technology Specialist, NPS, Compensation: effective August 30, 2017.

Appointments—Program Leader Positions – NHS/NPS - School Year 2017-18
Herz, Chris Computer Science Program Leader Stipend: $3000.00

Appointments – Fall Coaches NPS
Sheppard, James Boys Soccer Coach Stipend: $1585.27
Anderson, Jeffrey Volunteer Assistant Boys Soccer Coach Stipend: N/A
Tierney, Dennis Girls Soccer Coach Stipend: $1924.73
Seaver, Chris Volunteer Assistant Girls Soccer Coach Stipend: N/A
Annino, Jackie Volunteer Assistant Girls Soccer Coach Stipend: N/A

Appointments – Fall Coaches NHS
McGrath, Ingrid Volunteer Tennis Stipend: N/A
Mushen, Marileen Volunteer Tennis Stipend: N/A
Fry, Sam Volunteer Football Stipend: N/A
DiCicco, Chris Volunteer Football Stipend: N/A
Raynes, Scott Volunteer Football Stipend: N/A

3. Reports:
A. Enrollment CA-3A
B. Budget Transfers CA-3B
C. Maintenance Report CA-3C

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Consent Agenda items (CA-1A, CA-1B, CA-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C).

BUDGET REPORT: Mr. White reported that as of August 31, 2017, $2,735,219.11 (9.25%) of the FY18 Budget of $29,559,824.00 has been expended, and $25,337,131.89 (85.71%) has been expended and encumbered.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)
Tammy McNeiece-Aye
Diane Nobles-Aye Rebecca Durkin -Aye
Justin Skenyon-Aye Frank White-Aye
SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Policies
   a. Purchasing
   b. Personnel

Dr. Cummings and Ms. Hagan explained the reasons for reviewing and revising the policies. The proposed changes will be presented to the Committee at a future meeting.

2. Approval of Narragansett Prevention Partnership 2018 RI Student Survey

   MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Narragansett Prevention Partnership 2018 RI Student Survey excluding questions 4 & 5.

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

October 18, 2017       Regular Business Meeting 7:00 pm, Narragansett Town Hall.

   MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Durkin, to adjourn at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk