

# **EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**East Providence City Hall**

**145 Taunton Avenue**

**East Providence, Rhode Island**

## **School Committee Meeting**

**October 12, 2004**

### **Open Session**

**Mr. Barilla called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Four members were present: Antone Gouveia, Mildred Morris, Edna Snow and Peter Barilla. (Mr. Melo was absent). A motion was made by Mrs. Snow to move to Executive Session in accordance with RI General Laws, Section 42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel & (a) (2) Litigation, seconded by Mr. Gouveia. Roll call vote: Mr. Gouveia, aye; Mrs. Morris, aye; Mrs. Snow, aye; Mr. Barilla, aye.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Snow to return to Public Session at 7:30 PM, seconded by Mrs. Morris. Roll call vote: Mr. Gouveia, aye; Mr. Melo, aye; Mrs. Morris, aye; Mrs. Snow, aye; Mr. Barilla, aye. (All members were present).**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Snow to seal the minutes of the Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Morris. Vote 5-0.**

**Mr. Melo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence was observed.**

**Record of Previous Meetings – A motion was made by Mrs. Morris to approve the minutes of the September 15th and September 20th 2004 meetings, seconded by Mr. Gouveia. Vote 4-0.**

**Chair's Report - None**

**Hearings- None**

**Reading of Communications - None**

**Report of Superintendent and Staff**

**Dr. Hilton presented the FY 2003-04 Budget Update/Monthly Financial Statement. He stated that the report has been pretty consistent; there is only about a \$20,000 difference. Every bill has been included in this report per Dr. Hilton.**

**Personnel Recommendations – Ms. Zambarano presented the personnel items as follows:**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Derek Stienstra Vocational Auto Technology Teacher, CTC(for  
Richard Iozzi on Extended Personal Leave)**

**Laura Laviano Teacher, Special Education, Resource, MMS  
(replacing George Fraser)**

**Delia Curt Printing Teacher, CTC  
(for Michael Charves-transferring to Soc. St.)**

**Pamela Watson Head Teacher, Oldham School**

**Jennifer McGovern Safety Patrol Coordinator, Waddington School**

**John Gorham Head Coach, Swimming, SHS**

**Patricia Pampel Girls' Soccer Coach, MMS(one year only)**

**Robert Hanlon Assistant Coach, Freshman Football, SHS  
(one year only)**

**Jason Clancy Assistant Coach, Freshman Football, SHS  
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**Kristen Coutoulakis Head Coach, Girls' Basketball, SHS**

**Jack Burgo Assistant Coach, Boys' Soccer, SHS**

**Guilherme DaSilva Custodian, SHS**

**(retirement of Richard Dearnley)**

**Motion: Morris/Second: Snow Vote 5-0.**

## **RESIGNATIONS**

**George Fraser Teacher, Special Education, Resource, MMS**

**Effective September 13, 2004**

**Christian Boucher Director, InformationTechnology**

**Effective January 14, 2005**

**Motion: Morris/Second: Snow. Vote 5-0.**

## **RETIREMENTS**

**Richard Dearnley Custodian, SHS**

**Effective October 6, 2004**

**Maureen McCarthy English Teacher, SHS**

**Conclusion of 2004-2005 School Year**

**John Nassar, Jr. Social Studies, Grade 6, RMS  
Conclusion of 2004-2005 School Year**

**Nancy Page Speech Pathologist  
Conclusion of 2004-2005 School Year**

**Richard Pompei English Teacher, Grade 6, RMS  
Conclusion of 2004-2005 School Year**

**Marie Rotondo Guidance Counselor, SHS  
Conclusion of 2004-2005 School Year**

**Margaret Winter Guidance Counselor, SHS  
Conclusion of 2004-2005 School Year**

**Patricia Ciallella Bus Assistant  
Effective August 20, 2005**

**Motion: Snow with regret/Second: Morris. Vote: 5-0.**

## **MATERNITY LEAVE**

**Julie Szala Grade 3 Teacher, Waddington School  
Approximately October 14, 2004**

**Motion: Morris/Second: Snow. Vote 5-0.**

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Denise Dragon Supervisory Assistant, Kent Heights School**

**September 17, 2004 through end of 04-05**

**School Year**

**Motion: Snow/Second: Morris. Vote 5-0.**

**Facilities Update – Mr. Harry Mutter reported the following:**

**A painting project is ongoing at Hennessey School; the trim has been scraped and primed and staff is now working on the finish coat. The bleachers at the High School are being permanently placed in concrete on the sidelines of the football field. At Waddington, a permanent fence has been installed around the air-conditioning system; the soccer goal, purchased by the PTA, is going to be installed in the playing field. Discussion took place about the lights at Martin Middle School; Mrs. Morris felt it was very dark out in the parking lot. Mr. Gouveia asked about lighting on the road into Riverside Middle School. Mr. Mutter was asked to prepare a report for the Superintendent on the lighting problems at all school buildings in the district. The School Committee asked that this item be placed on the docket for the next meeting. Mr. Melo related that he attended open house at the High School last week; the hallways and floors look good, but some of the classrooms are dingy and it looks like the**

original paint is still on the walls. He asked if a few rooms at a time could be tackled to clean it up. Mrs. Snow asked about the efficiency of all the boilers; with the price of oil being high, we need to make sure there are no problems before the winter starts. Mr. Mutter reported that the boilers have been cleaned and are ready to go.

**Home School Requests – Dr. Forbes recommended approval of four requests for home schooling as presented to the School Committee. A motion was made by Mrs. Snow to approve, seconded by Mrs. Morris. Vote 5-0.**

**Curriculum Update – Dr. Forbes presented an update on the High School response to the Board of Regents regulations for High School reform. There are three major components of the regulations; ensuring literacy, graduation by proficiency requirements and high school restructuring. The status for each of the reform requirements is as follows: Scaffolded literacy at three levels is in place for students reading below grade level. A committee has been formed and is developing the graduation by proficiency project, which will include a student portfolio and senior project. High school restructuring is being implemented through an advisor/advisee program, which meets on a daily basis and through a comprehensive guidance program. Dr. Forbes commended Edward Daft and Caroline Caswell for their leadership in responding to the regulations and also to members of the faculty including Pat Dionne, Chris Caffrey, Pat Armstrong and Debbie Omerod.**

**October Enrollment Report – Mr. Rodericks presented the Enrollment Report for the 2004-2005 School Year recorded by the Attendance and Registration Office. The total student enrollment as of October 12, 2004 is 6198; new registrants total 660 students enrolled between the end of school in June and the opening in September. Kindergarten registrations to date total 273; this number is actually down, due to the new state law which changed the date of entry from December to September 1st for five year olds. Mrs. Morris asked about the number of students who left East Providence Schools after grade 6 and how this affected the Middle Schools.**

**Report of Sub-Committees – Mrs. Morris visited the High School cafeteria and was impressed with what she saw. Things seemed to be going well there; the food looked good and the kids were complimentary to Chartwells, the new food service company. Mrs. Snow said the cafeteria seems to be well run and orderly.**

### **Unfinished Business**

**Mr. Vinhateiro recommended second passage of revised Policy V.C.2 Athletic Awards. Motion by Mrs. Snow to approve, seconded by Mrs. Morris. Vote 5-0.**

### **New Business**

## **Payment of Bills**

**Warrant #000515 9/21/2004 \$222,880.40**

**Motion: Snow/Second: Morris. Discussion: Mrs. Morris asked about a charge of \$280 for transporting a student. Mr. Vinhateiro will research this and get back to her with an answer. Mr. Vinhateiro reported that he is researching what individuals have pagers and whether we really need them. Kathleen Reese, High School, will determine if the school nurses need them and if we do not, we will eliminate as many as possible. Vote 5-0.**

**Question and Answer Period – Mr. Barilla asked Mr. Vinhateiro to find out if the band could attend soccer night on October 25th at Pierce Field. Mr. Melo mentioned that it has been past practice to have newly elected School Committee Members at the November meeting and he asked that Mr. Vinhateiro invite them. Mr. Gouveia asked about cheerleaders at the soccer game; Mr. Vinhateiro will check this out. Mr. Melo thanked the teachers for ratifying an agreement to defer a salary increase for this year. Mr. Barilla thanked all employees for taking a very big step in assisting the School Department during a financial crisis. Mr. Barilla complimented the High School band for their performance at the Woonsocket Festival.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Melo to adjourn at 8:40 PM, seconded by Mrs. Snow. Vote 5-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Executive Secretary**

**Antone Gouveia, Clerk of the Committee**