

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence City Hall, Room 306

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

Special School Committee Meeting

May 28, 2008

Open Session

Mrs. Morris called the meeting to order at 6:10PM. School Committee members present: Anthony Carcieri, Stephen DeCastro, Robert Faria, Steven Santos, Mildred Morris. Also present: Dr. Jacqueline B. Forbes, Superintendent of Schools, Robert Silva, Esq., and Andrew Thomas, Esq.

Public Interviews were held for the position of Principal of Silver Spring School. Two finalists for the position were interviewed: Deborah D'Arezzo and Nancy Cullion.

A motion was made by Mr. Faria to move to Executive Session at 6:50 PM, seconded by Mr. Santos. Vote 5-0.

Open Session reconvened at 8:15PM. A motion was made by Mr. Faria to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Santos. A motion was made by Mr. Faria to seal the minutes of the executive session,

seconded by Mr. Santos. Vote 5-0.

Dr. Forbes explained that this evening, everyone had the opportunity to see two excellent candidates interviewed before the School Committee; they exemplified the best out there after an extensive interview process. She recommended the candidate she believed would lead Silver Spring School into the future and toward high performance: Mrs. Nancy Cullion. A motion was made by Mr. Faria to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Carcieri. Roll call vote: Mr. Carcieri, aye; Mr. DeCastro, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Santos, aye; Mrs. Morris, aye. Mr. Santos commented that it was a very difficult decision to make; he had a different opinion than his colleagues but would like to show support.

Report of Superintendent and Staff

Dr. Forbes presented a revised organizational chart for the East Providence School Department. A motion was made by Mr. Faria to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Carcieri. Roll call vote: Mr. Carcieri, aye; Mr. DeCastro, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Santos, aye; Mrs. Morris, aye.

Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Barham, Human Resources Director, presented the personnel items recommended by the Superintendent:

APPOINTMENTS

Arlene Garrison Director – Pupil Personnel Services

Effective June 9, 2008

Betty DeCrescenzo Asst. Director – Pupil Personnel Services

Effective June 2, 2008

Ellen Wills Science Teacher, EPHS

Effective 2008/2009 School Year

Dara Pond Guidance Counselor, EPHS

Effective 2008/2009 School Year

Jason Silveira Band Director, EPHS

Effective 2008/2009 School Year

Niurka Ferreira Supervisory Assistant, Kent Heights School

Effective immediately

Motion: Mr. Faria/Second: Mr. DeCastro. Vote 5-0.

RETIREMENT

Cynthia Breault Supervisory Assistant, Waddington School

Effective close of 2007/2008 School Year

Motion: Mr. Faria/Second: Mr. Santos. Vote 5-0.

RESIGNATION

Frank DeVall, Jr. Principal, Martin Middle School

Effective close of 2007/2008 School Year

Gregory McCarthy Principal, Secondary Summer School

Effective immediately

Maureen Webb School Nurse-Teacher

Effective close of 2007/2008 School Year

Motion: Mr. Faria/Second: Mr. DeCastro. Vote 5-0.

Discussion: Mrs. Morris commented that Mr. DeVall outstanding job and wished him well in his new position.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE (One Year)

Linda Tarantelli Summer School – Grade 6 English and Science

Motion: Mr. Santos, Second: Faria. Vote 5-0.

RECALL FROM LAYOFF

Kelly Pringle Special Ed, Self Contained, Silver Spring

Effective 2008-2009 School Year

Motion: Mr. Faria/Second: Mr. Santos. Vote 5-0.

Dr. Forbes wished Mr. DeVall well in his new position.

A motion was made by Mr. Faria to return to executive session at 8:30PM, seconded by Mr. Santos. Vote 5-0.

The School Committee returned to open session at 11:00PM. A motion was made by Mr. Faria to seal the minutes of the executive session, seconded by Mr. Carcieri. Vote 5-0. A motion was made by Mr. Faria to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Santos. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant

Steven Santos, Clerk of the Committee