

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence School Committee

East Providence City Hall

145 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

December 1, 2008

Open Session

The Biennial organization meeting was called to order by Mr. Robert Faria, Vice-Chairman of the East Providence School Committee immediately following the meeting and Inauguration of City Council Members Beginning at 7:00PM. All members were present: Luisa Abatecola, Shannon Barbosa, Anthony Carcieri, Robert Faria and Steven Santos. Also Present: Dr. Mario Cirillo, Superintendent of Schools and legal counsel, Daniel Kinder, Esq.

Election of Officers – Mr. Faria asked for nominations. A motion was made by Mr. Santos to nominate Mr. Anthony Carcieri for Chairman, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa. Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mrs. Barbosa, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Santos, aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.

A motion was by Mrs. Barbosa to nominate Mr. Steven Santos for Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Faria. Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola,

aye; Mrs. Barbosa, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Santos, aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Santos to nominate Mrs. Shannon Barbosa for Clerk, seconded by Mr. Faria. Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mrs. Barbosa, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Santos, aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.

Mr. Carcieri asked for a nomination for Liaison to the City Council: A motion was made by Mr. Faria to nominate Mr. Santos, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa. Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mrs. Barbosa, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Santos, aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.

Mr. Carcieri thanked his colleagues on the School Committee for their support; he welcomed the two new members and looking forward to working with them. He also welcomed Mr. Faria and Mr. Santos back to the School Committee for another term. He congratulated the two new additions to City Council, Mr. Larisa and Mr. Coogan, and thanked Chief Justice Williams for participating in the inauguration ceremony. Mr. Carcieri remarked that the East Providence School Department is in a fiscal crisis and has been for many years; action is being taken to halt this destructive trend and although bold steps have been taken, the job is not yet done, as there needs to be changes within the School Department to redirect it to the high standards and expectations necessary for a good education which taxpayers can afford. He mentioned that the Superintendent of

Schools, Dr. Cirillo, has 100% support to implement plans and goals. Legal counsel, Dan Kinder, is helping to achieve balance with School Department employees. The School Committee will work closely with the City Council and Mr. Carcieri asked for the help of the citizens of East Providence. The School Committee hopes to succeed in achieving the finest education for the children of East Providence. A motion was made by Mr. Faria to adjourn at 8:10PM, seconded by Mr. Santos. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant

Shannon Barbosa, Clerk of the Committee