

# **EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**80 Burnside Avenue**

**East Providence, Rhode Island 02915**

## **Special School Committee Meeting**

**January 5, 2010**

### **Open Session**

**Mr. Carcieri, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:45PM. School Committee members present: Luisa Abatecola, Shannon Barbosa, Robert Faria, Anthony Carcieri. Also present: Dr. Mario F. Cirillo, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, Lonnie Barham, Chief Operating Officer, and Daniel Kinder, Esq.**

**Mr. Faria reported that the Committee would seek to convene in Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5 (a)(2) to discuss collective bargaining with respect to the Teachers; Assistant Contract; Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5 (a)(2): to discuss litigation, specifically EP v. Rocha; Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5 (a) (4) for an investigative proceeding, specifically the RIDE draft audit of the Career and Technical Center. A motion was made by Mrs. Barbosa to move to executive session, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 4-0 to approve.**

**The School Committee returned to Public Session at 7:00PM. A motion was made by Mr. Faria to seal the minutes of the Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mrs. Barbosa, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.**

**Report Executive Session Votes - Mr. Kinder reported that the School Committee voted in executive session to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the East Providence Teachers' Assistant Association (EPTAA) which will now be referred to the City Council for ratification. The vote was unanimous with four members voting. (Mr. Santos was absent).**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & a Moment of Silence were observed.**

## **Reports**

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Personnel Report on Leaves of Absence - Mr. Barham presented the following items:**

#### **Family Medical Leave**

**Dalila Raposo, Special Ed/Resource-CTC ¡V April 26 to the end of 09/10 School Year**

**Kathie Rietheimer, Grade 4 Teacher ¡V Orlo Elementary ¡V Approx. February 22-May 10, 2009**

**Race to the Top Grant** V Dr. Cirillo presented information regarding the \$4 billion Race to the Top competition, created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which aims to reward states for making progress on a series of redesign "assurances," including turning around low-performing schools, improving teacher quality and distribution, bolstering state data systems, and improving the use of data and assessments.

Dr. Cirillo recommended that East Providence become a Participating Local Education Agency (LEA); the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee Chairman, and EPEA President are required to sign the "Rhode Island Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Participating School LEA" and submit it to Rhode Island Department of Education by Friday, January 8, 2010. RI Commissioner of Education, Deborah A. Gist, listed five priorities for transforming RI Education: Ensure Educator Excellence, Accelerate All Schools toward Greatness, Establish World-Class Standards and Assessments, Develop User-Friendly Data Systems, Invest our Resources Wisely. Rhode Island is in a position to receive part of the federal money; the first round in January, 2010; the second in June 2010. The MOU explains: (1) the joint responsibilities of RIDE and the participating Local Education Agency (LEA), (2) lists four elements of the plan (p. 5-6), and (3) innovations (p. 8-9).

Dr. Cirillo recommended that East Providence become a participating

district; we have capacity to do the work recommended by the state; he recommended that the School Committee follow through by approving the MOU. A motion was made by Mr. Faria, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mrs. Barbosa, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.

#### **A. Consent Agenda**

**Personnel Appointments** ;V Mr. Barham presented the following items:

**Deborah Popolillo ;V Grade 5 Teacher ;V Whiteknact Elementary, effective 1/4/2010**

**Kayla Murphy, Grade 5 Teacher ;V Oldham Elementary, effective 1/4/2010**

**Sara Loos, Art ;V Martin Middle School, Effective 1/4/2010**

**Motion was made by Mr. Faria to approve, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa.**

**Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mrs. Barbosa, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.**

#### **B. Action Items**

##### **1) Awarding of Bids:**

**„X School Transportation Services ;V Mr. Barham explained that the bid was tabled at the last meeting in order to recalculate costs; field trips were added to the original bid from all three bidders. Ocean State was the low bidder and Mr. Barham recommended that the**

**School Committee award the bid to Ocean State Transit in the amount of \$11,687,630.00. A motion was made by Mr. Faria to approve, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa. Discussion: Mr. Faria asked and Mr. Barham explained that Ocean State has agreed that : if legislation passes regarding a state-wide bus contract, we can get out of this contract with them, with no costs added to the contract . Mr. Barham explained that bus assistants/aides are generally rehired by the new company, but we have no control over that. Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mrs. Barbosa, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.**

**„X School Facilities Feasibility Study - Tabled**

**2) Additional Appointments to Building Committee - Tabled**

**A motion was made by Mr. Faria to adjourn at 7:20PM, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola.**

**Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mrs. Barbosa, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant**

**Shannon Barbosa, Clerk of the School Committee**