

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence School Administration Building

80 Burnside Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island 02915

October 4, 2010

Open Session

Mr. Carcieri called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. School Committee members present: Robert Faria, Steven Santos, and Anthony Carcieri. Also present: Dr. Mario F. Cirillo, Jr., Superintendent of Schools and Lonnie Barham, Chief Operating Officer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence were observed. The Moment of Silence was dedicated to Donna Mears, a secretary at the administration building, who recently passed away.

Mr. Santos read one item listed on the agenda: to amend the East Providence School Committee's fiscal year 2011 budget submitted to the City Council for approval.

Mr. Carcieri asked if there were any additional cuts to the FY2011 budget approved on September 23, 2010. A motion was made by Mr. Santos to continue the 5% salary cut for administrators through the 2011 fiscal year and make it permanent unless and until we are

fiscally able to restore the 5% salary cut teachers agreed to in their current collective bargaining agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Faria for discussion.

Mr. Carcieri outlined information on cost savings that will result what this School Committee has done to cut spending on administrators; salaries and benefits for the 2010 fiscal year:

„X Salary savings for FY11 will be \$161,500 as the result of this reduction (\$3.231M administrator salary budget x 5%=\$161,500)

„X With 39 administrators making an average of \$82,800 per year, this means administrators will lose an average of \$4,140 per administrator because of this salary reduction

„X Additionally, administrators will permanently contribute 20% of the premium for health insurance, with a savings in FY11 of about \$120,000

Mr. Faria said he knows there are financial problems and there is a need to cut as much as possible; however, on June 18th the School Committee discussed ways to meet the budget and voted the 5% cut for this year only. He felt that this issue should have been brought up during one of the budget meetings and that there was nothing misrepresented. The Committee went through the line items and did not communicate anything about keeping it for next year; he thinks this sends a horrible message going forward.

Mr. Carcieri explained that there were budget issues then and now

there are many more money issues; just because the 5% got by us, it doesn't mean we shouldn't change it now.

Mr. Santos said the budget to the City Council is not going to be accepted anyway, since they have made it clear it will be one million dollars less.

Mr. Faria said with a \$410 million state deficit, we are going to have to go back to the same people again; he did not like the process; we made a promise, passed a budget and are now going back on it.

Mr. Carcieri reiterated that the School Committee has to keep making cuts, as we find about what revenues we have; there is no money.

Roll call vote: Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Santos, aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.

Mr. Faria motioned to cut the stipend for school committee members; there was no second, motion failed.

A motion was made by Mr. Faria to adjourn at 6:17PM, seconded by Mr. Santos. Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant

Shannon Barbosa, Clerk of the Committee