

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence City Hall

145 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

December 6, 2010

Open Session

Mr. Tsonos, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. School Committee Members Present: Luisa Abatecola, Stephen Furtado, Chrissy Rossi, Ryan Tellier, Charles Tsonos. Also present: Dr. Mario F. Cirillo, Superintendent of Schools and Lonnie Barham, Chief Operating Officer.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence were observed.

Public Comment I – None

Action Items

A motion was made by Mr. Tellier to request proposals for legal counsel, seconded by Mrs. Rossi. Discussion: The Superintendent requested that more specific information be provided such as rate, transition issues, qualifications and advertising timeline in order to write the RFP. Discussion took place. Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola,

aye; Mr. Furtado, aye; Mrs. Rossi, aye; Mr. Tellier, aye; Mr. Tsonos, aye.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rossi to request proposals for a Financial Audit, seconded by Mr. Furtado. Discussion: Mrs. Abatecola asked about the scope of work, what is included and the timeline. The Superintendent requested that more specific information be provided regarding the scope of the work the School Committee is requesting in order to write the RFP. Discussion took place. After discussion, it was decided to table the motion until the issue is researched further.

Motion to table by Mrs. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Furtado. Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mr. Furtado, aye; Mrs. Rossi, aye; Mr. Tellier, aye; Mr. Tsonos, aye.

Subcommittee Appointments

The Chairman, Mr. Tsonos, made the following sub-committee appointments:

Committee 2 Members Appointed to each committee

Budget/Facilities Stephen Furtado and Chrissy Rossi

Personnel/Contracts Luisa Abatecola and Chrissy Rossi

Community/Policy Charles Tsonos and Ryan Tellier

Health and Wellness Luisa Abatecola and Ryan Tellier

After discussion and at the request of Mrs. Rossi, she was appointed by Dr. Cirillo as School Committee representative to the Carousel Commission.

Proposal for Two School Committee Meetings per Month

A motion was made by Mrs. Abatecola to approve the proposal to hold two meetings per month, seconded by Mr. Furtado, who explained that the purpose of the second meeting would be to travel to schools and to highlight the great work going on in the schools. Dr. Cirillo asked for clarification of the agenda for the additional meeting and explained some of the issues involved in holding meetings in school buildings rather than at City Hall; there could be issues with the video streaming, extra costs for audio and custodians, change in the order of the agenda and additional costs for advertising. The School Committee decided to hold meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and will set the dates for 2011 meetings at the next regular meeting on December 14, 2010. Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mr. Furtado, aye; Mrs. Rossi, aye; Mr. Tellier, aye; Mr. Tsonos, aye.

Public Comment II – Mrs. Rossi introduced herself as a new School Committee member providing a summary of her background; she is looking forward to advocating for kids and she is approachable and accessible for any great ideas.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rossi to adjourn at 8:10PM, seconded by Mr. Tellier. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant

Stephen Furtado, Clerk of the Committee