

# **EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**East Providence School Committee**

**East Providence City Hall**

**145 Taunton Avenue**

**East Providence, Rhode Island 02914**

**July 9, 2012**

**Mr. Tsonos, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. School Committee members present: Luisa Abatecola, Stephen Furtado, Chrissy Rossi, Ryan Tellier, Charles Tsonos. Also present: Mr. Edward M. Daft, Interim Superintendent and Mr. Robert M. Silva, Esq.**

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

**Golf Coach, Bill McEnery, spoke regarding an initiative by a group to raise money to fund the golf team since the funding for the team was eliminated from the budget; golf was the only varsity sport cut and the goal of the group is to keep team alive; he asked for blessing of School Committee. His contact is [billmcenery@yahoo.com](mailto:billmcenery@yahoo.com). In response to a question from Mr. Furtado, last year \$4200; coach waived stipend for next year; getting free golf balls; big cost is transportation and he and Athletic Director are looking at other ways to save money. He will run the program for about \$2500; no charge for use of Metacomet. Mr. Tsonos commented that the Budget**

**Commission makes all decisions regarding the budget. Mr. McEnery asked for support of a golf tournament in October.**

### **Action Items**

**Personnel Appointments/Recalls/Layoffs and & Retirements/Resignations/Leaves of Absence presented by Mr. Edward Daft, Interim Superintendent as follows:**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**Stephen Prew, Principal - RMS (1 yr) Effective 2012/2013 School Year**

**Danielle Beaudoin-Parsons Speech Pathologist - Effective 2012/2013 School Year**

**Motion to approve by Mrs. Rossi, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 5-0.**

**Recall – (Budget Commission Meeting June 14, 2012)**

**Cheri Guerra**

**Motion to approve by Mrs. Rossi, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 5-0.**

### **Retirements**

**Patricia Hawksley (33 yrs) Business Department Head – EPHS - Effective 06/30/2012**

**Maureen Spaight (27 yrs) Social Studies Department Head – EPHS Effective 06/20/2012**

**Motion to approve by Mrs. Rossi, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote**

**5-0.**

**Resignations**

**Faith Paradis - Occupational Therapist Effective 06/20/2012**

**Alan Svendsen - Business Teacher – EPHS, Effective 06/20/2012**

**William Poland - Plumber-District, Effective 06/22/2012**

**Julie Denis - Occupational Therapist – Effective 7/01/2012**

**Eric Laffey - Network Administrator – Effective 7/17/2012**

**Gretchen Houde - Special Education Teacher – EPHS - Effective 06/20/2012**

**Leave of Absence**

**Robin Silveira (yr 2) Band Director – RMS - 2012/2013 School Year**

**Bradley Wilson (yr 2) Special Ed Dept Head – MMS- 2012/2013 School Year**

**Joanne Hall (yr 2) Grade 2 Teacher – Kent Heights - 2012/2013 School**

**Santo DiGati (yr 2) Art Teacher – EPHS - Effective 2012/2013 School Year**

**Karin Patton (yr 1) Grade 2 Teacher-Waddington - Effective 2012/2013 School Year**

**Robert Currier (yr 1) Summer School English Teacher-MMS - Effective Summer 2012**

**Sandra Forand (yr 2) Principal- RMS - Effective 2012/2013 School Year**

**Stephen Prew (yr 2) Assistant Principal-MMS - Effective 2012/2013 School Year**

## **Family Medical Leave**

**Allison Battis Science Teacher – EPHS - Approximately 10/09/2012-13 weeks**

**Mr. Furtado asked about calling back the 180 day custodians for summer work. Mr. Daft will meet with Ms. Martino, Human Resources, regarding minimum staffing requirement.**

## **Requisitions - Bill Lists**

### **Warrant #**

**1231 6/25/12 \$364,072.43 Motion to approve by M. Tellier, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 5-0.**

**1233 6/26/12 \$505,608.98 Motion to approve by M. Tellier, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 5-0.**

**1234 6/26/12 \$902,789.69 Motion to approve by Mrs. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Furtado. Vote 5-0.**

**1235 6/26/12 \$333,131.03 Motion to approve by Mrs. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Furtado. Vote 5-0.**

**1236 6/26/12 \$ 57,401.06 Motion to approve by Mrs. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Tellier. Vote 5-0.**

**1237 7/9/12 \$843,151.30 Motion to approve by Mrs. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Tellier. Vote 5-0.**

**1238 7/9/12 \$4,328,292.00 Motion to approve by Mrs. Rossi, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 5-0.**

**(Discussion: Mr. Furtado noted that with Bradley payment, deficit**

**paid off. Vote 5-0).**

**Motion to approve by Mrs. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Furtado. Vote 5-0.**

### **Public Comment**

**Valarie Lawson, 122 Hoyt, asked about a retainer for Kinder's Law firm and the amount. Mr. Daft advised that the Budget Commission approved \$32,000 for a retainer.**

**Fred Ripka, 9 Cousins, thanked the coach for all his work with the golf team and pledged support.**

**Motion by Mr. Furtado that the Committee convene in Executive Session for purposes of discussing:**

**Personnel - R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a) (1), Collective Bargaining R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a) (2), Litigation/Pending Litigation -R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a)(2), seconded by Mr. Tellier. Vote 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Furtado to return to public session, seconded by Mr. Tellier. Vote 5-0. Motion by Mr. Furtado to seal the minutes of the executive session, seconded by Mr. Tellier. Vote 5-0.**

**Report Executive Session Votes – No votes taken**

**Motion by Mr. Furtado to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tellier. Vote 5-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant**

**Stephen Furtado, Clerk of the Committee**