

# **EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**East Providence School Committee**

**East Providence City Hall**

**145 Taunton Avenue, Council Chamber**

**East Providence, Rhode Island 02914**

**September 23, 2013**

## **Open Session**

**Mr. Monteiro, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.**

**Members present: Elizabeth Clupny, Timothy Conley, Anthony Ferreira, Richard Pimentel, Joel Monteiro. Also present: Kim Mercer, Superintendent of Schools, Andrew Thomas, Esq.**

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

**Presentation and Discussion of the 2013-2014 Budget – Superintendent Kim Mercer presented the proposed 2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$72,858,459.00 to the School Committee, noting the following items:**

- Capital budget significant this year; focused on the needs of the district, such as repairs at the high school and included funds to resolve problems with plumbing and fixtures; capital expenses**

**budgeted at \$615,000;**

- **Technology addresses the need to be ready for the PARCC tests immediately, as testing will begin next year and students need to have the technology in their hands now;**
- **All elementary schools will have RI Link (libraries);**
- **Middle School sports; Superintendent would like to reinstate; added \$75,000 for transportation; will be meeting with the Athletic Director to determine how line items will be disbursed;**
- **Professional development – most lines have stayed the same;**
- **Legal – still have some contingencies open/pending;**
- **Pool Rental – new line rental; still working on privatizing the pool;**
- **Food reimbursement for guests - \$3,000;**
- **Instructional Supplies increased – not enough to meet students' needs;**
- **Textbooks – zero last year; still needed in classrooms.**

**Mr. Monteiro stated that he hoped that next year's budget history will be better. Mr. Conley noted that the legal expense line was high at \$400,000. Mr. Monteiro expressed thanks to the Superintendent for supporting Middle School sports, textbooks, and capital expenditures in this budget.**

**Personnel Appointments – The following were recommended by the Superintendent:**

**Appointment**

**Anthony Carroll HVAC Maintenance Mechanic – Effective 10/21/13**

**Paul Santos Plumber-District – Effective 10/14/13**

**Richard Pacheco Custodian – High School – Effective 9/24/13**

**Robert Duarte Athletic Director – High School – Effective 9/25/13**

**Barbara McIntosh Reading Specialist – Riverside M/S – Effective 9/9/13**

**Robert Anastasi Yearbook Advisor – High School – Effective 2013/14 school year**

**Laura Laviano NECAP Coordinator – Francis – Effective 2013/14 school year**

**Kim Forrest Head Teacher – Whiteknact – Effective 2013/14 school year**

**Deborah D'Arezzo Safety Patrol Coordinator – Silver Spring – Effective 2013/14 school year**

**Kelly Vasey Head Teacher – Kent Heights – Effective 2013/14 school year**

**Discussion: Mr. Ferreira requested information regarding qualifications, licensing and job responsibilities for HVAC and plumbing personnel and the work to be accomplished; he would like those jobs quantified to know what work they can do and what they are doing over the next six months; there should be less work subbed out now. Mr. Monteiro requested that Mr. Catelli provide the information to the School Committee. Mr. Catelli stated they are two well qualified people and will have a customary probationary period; he has taken them around to view the buildings and the projects.**

**Motion to approve appointments by Ms. Clupny, seconded by Mr.**

**Ferreira. Vote 5-0.**

**Public Comment – June Coan, Sunset Avenue, asked for confirmation that the budget does not cover salaries for coaches in union contract.**

**Motion by Ms. Clupny to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pimentel. Vote 5-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant**

**Elizabeth Clupny, Clerk of the Committee**