

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence School Committee

East Providence City Hall Council Chamber

145 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

August 29, 2016

Open Session

Mr. Tsonos, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Nathan Cahoon, Anthony Ferreira, Joel Monteiro, Charles Tsonos (Jessica Beauchaine arrived later). Also present: Kathryn Crowley, Superintendent of Schools, Sandra Forand, and Assistant Superintendent.

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

Public Comment I – Agenda Items - None

Action Items:

Personnel Appointments Effective 2016-2017 School Year

Vote to Approve Appointment of .5 Speech Pathologist – High School/Riverside Middle School -

Maria Schulze Motion to approve by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr.

Monteiro. Vote 4-0

Vote to Approve School/Nurse Teacher - .5 Pre-K @ Martin Middle School and .5 at High School

Alison Rosario

Motion to approve by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Monteiro. Vote 4-0

Vote to Approve Math Teacher at Career/Technical Center - Heidi Banville

Motion to approve by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Monteiro. Vote 4-0

Vote to Approve Appointment of (4) Para Professionals (2) Sara Pereira and Cassidy Maciel at Martin Middle School (1) Courtney Mendance at Francis Elementary, (1) Elizabeth Najas at Whiteknact Elementary Motion to approve by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Monteiro. Vote 4-0

Vote to Approve Appointment of Supervisory Assistant at Waddington Elementary - Maria Rego

Motion to approve by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Monteiro. Vote 4-0

Vote to Approve Appointment of Head Teacher at Hennessey Elementary (One Year) Jennifer Sweeney

Motion to approve by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Monteiro. Vote 4-0

Resignations (2) Melissa Provencial-Special Education Teacher-High School-Effective 8/19/16 and Jennifer Grant – Librarian-Kent Heights/Hennessey-Effective 8/22/16

Motion to approve by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Monteiro. Vote 4-0

Rescinded Appointment – Laurie Costello – Para Professional – Whiteknact Effective 8/22/16

Motion to approve by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Monteiro. Vote 4-0

Additional Appointments – Effective 2016-2017 school year:

Stacy Azevedo Title I Technology Interventionist

Michelle Tamburino – 5th Grade Teacher – Orlo

Patrick McGuirl – Self-Contained Behavior Teacher – High School

Christopher Dame – Head Coach Freshman Football – High School

Raymond Dame – Assistant Coach Freshman Football – High School

Robert Delgado – Assistant Coach Varsity Football – High School

James Lanier – Assistant Coach Varsity Football – High School

Motion to approve by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Monteiro. Vote 4-0

Requisitions – Bill List

Warrant #1654 8/10/16 \$94.00

Warrant #1658 8/25/16 \$868,269.09

Motion to approve by Mr. Cahoon, seconded by Mr. Monteiro. Vote 4-0

Budget Workshop II – Lucy Maddock, Finance Director – PowerPoint Presentation of Part II of the budget; second Discussion of 2016-2017 School Department Budget.

Discussion:

Kathryn Crowley stated that in some instances, information was incomplete or disclassified; this has been an excellent attempt to right the ship of finances; next year will be better able to make comparisons; this has been done to the best of our ability.

Lucy Maddock, Finance Director, presented second part of the budget; pointed out there are five more payrolls this fiscal year; step increases 9/1/16; added to what was already expended.

Kathryn Crowley – next we will put in school related items, facilities, transportation, schools, last step; will schedule another workshop on Tuesday, 9/6/16.

Mr. Ferreira said he has confidence in staff and the Superintendent to work with the city; he prefers getting the city in the loop as soon as

possible and to let the public know sooner what is needed; he will defend where School Department is and where it is going.

Ms. Beauchaine – give to whole City Council to see if questions so they can ask the Superintendent and School Committee.

Kathryn Crowley – if we meet Tuesday, she will meet with Mr. Luba and Mr. Chapman following that meeting and the School Committee will adopt this budget on September 12, 2016; we would like to have a joint meeting after that. Note meeting dates and times: 9/6/16 Tuesday 7:00PM Budget Meeting and 9/12/16 at 7:00PM.

Mr. Ferreira would like copies for the public to view it.

Kathryn Crowley – after next meeting, with complete document for School Committee; we will have copies available.

Mr. Cahoon – key take away is that the city and the public need to understand the budget; discussion regarding teacher salaries in East Providence versus Barrington; range is \$67K-80K; we should expect to pay professionals what they are worth.

Kathryn Crowley – we have lost staff because of that.

Mr. Cahoon –this proposal will take them from \$67 to about \$70.

Mr. Ferreira – will support this and the public can come to question.

Motion by Mr. Cahoon to adjourn at 8:48PM, seconded by Mr.

Monteiro. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Ferreira requested PC II on next meeting agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant Nathan Cahoon, Clerk of
the Committee**