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The Pawtucket School Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at the School Administration Building, 286 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI, First Floor Atrium, at 6:00 PM. Members in attendance: Mr. John Baxter Ms. Joanne Bonollo Mr. James Chellel, Jr. Mr. David Coughlin Ms. Nicole Nordquist Ms. Amy Zolt Mr. Gordon Gould The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Coughlin moved to recess to executive session in accordance with provisions under Title 42, Chapter 46, Subsection 5.A1 and 5A.2 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing legal advice/litigation (personnel; budget matters; union contract arbitration); Mr. Chellel seconded. Mr. Baxter moved that Mr. Knight, in confidentiality, be allowed to attend executive session; Mr. Coughlin seconded. There was a lengthy conversation regarding Mr. Knight not yet being officially sworn in as a school committee member; that this was a confidential closed session and if they let a member of the public in what would stop other members of the public to request to attend; there may be a breach of legal attorney client privilege; that this has never been done before; why can't it wait. The Chairperson decided that Mr. Knight could be allowed to attend executive session as long as he would leave during a discussion and vote of the members of the committee. He had no qualms as long as he just sat and listened. There He asked that the motion be amended. The motion to recess to excessive session, allowing Mr. Knight to attend was amended and a roll call vote was taken: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-no

Ms. Zolt-no Mr. Gould-yes

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The motion carried with five in favor; two opposed. The committee recessed to executive session at 6:20 PM and returned from executive session at 7:00 PM. Mr. Chellel moved to seal the minutes of the executive session; Mr. Baxter seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Ms. Zolt-no Mr. Gould-yes The motion carried with six in favor; one opposed. The Clerk stated the School Committee unanimously voted in executive session to send a letter to the City Council requesting funding for the \$4.1 million deficit. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2008: Ms. Bonollo moved to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2008 meeting; Mr. Chellel seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Ms. Zolt-yes Mr. Gould-yes The motion carried unanimously. NEW BUSINESS: #1 – APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Dellith recommended the appointment of the following certified individual: Goff/Math/ New – 1 yr – Marie Arbelaez, 1096 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk, Ma Step 1 - \$36,212 – Effective: 10/19/08

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Ms. Nordquist moved to approve; Ms. Bonollo seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-no Ms. Nordquist-yes Ms. Zolt – not present during vote Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with five in favor; one opposed. Dr. Dellith recommended the appointment of the following coaching individual: Goff/Boys' Head Basketball Coach – Kevin Ellis, 70 Courtney Ave,

Pawtucket, RI Ms. Nordquist moved to approve; Mr. Coughlin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Ms. Zolt-not present during vote Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with six in favor. NEW BUSINESS: #2 – ADMINISTRATORS’ CONTRACT – MOA: Dr. Dellith stated that they were going to PASS on this item. NEW BUSINESS: #3 – APPROVAL OF FY09 TUITION-IN RATES: Mr. Conlon recommended that the officially established rates reflect the latest per pupil expenditures provided by RIDE be approved for the FY09 school year. Mr. Baxter moved to approve; Mr. Chellel and Ms. Bonollo seconded.

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Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Ms. Zolt-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried unanimously. NEW BUSINESS: #4 – APPROVAL OF STUDENT HANDBOOK POLICY CHANGES: Dr. Dellith commented that these were the last revisions to the student handbook – they are Grade 7 and 8 refined. I recommend these policy changes for your approval. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Ms. Zolt-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried unanimously. NEW BUSINESS: #5 – RATIFICATION OF FY08 EXPENDITURES: Mr. Conlon recommended that the school committee ratify the district expenditure report. This is done on an annual basis. Ms. Bonollo moved to approve; Mr. Chellel seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes

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Ms. Zolt-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried unanimously. NEW BUSINESS: #6 – APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITATOR FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT – FALLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Dr. Dellith commented that this is a one year position pending funding. The person would be housed at Fallon. Fallon has been low performing for years. The funds are from Title I. This individual's salary would be the same as an elementary assistant principal. Mr. Baxter moved to approve; Ms. Nordquist seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-no Ms. Nordquist-yes Ms. Zolt-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with six in favor; one opposed. SPECIAL REPORTS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ms. Bonollo requested that the e-mail she sent regarding materials to be sent to new members be placed on the December Agenda. There being no further business, Ms. Bonollo moved to adjourn; Mr. Chellel seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Ms. Nordquist-yes Ms. Zolt-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried unanimously.

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The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM. Respectfully submitted, Clerk