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**The Pawtucket School Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, December 8, 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-absent Ms. Amy Zolt-absent Mr. Gordon Gould The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Chellel 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. Coughlin seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Mr. Gould-yes The motion carried with five in favor. The committee recessed to executive session at 6:10 PM and returned from executive session at 7:00 PM. Mr. Baxter moved to seal the minutes of the executive session; Mr. Chellel seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Mr. Gould-yes The motion carried with five in favor.**

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**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2008: Mr. Coughlin moved to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting; Mr. Baxter seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Mr. Gould-yes The motion carried unanimously. NEW BUSINESS: #1 – APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Dellith recommended the appointment of the following certified individual:**

**Facilitator of School Improvement @ Fallon Elementary School: Ms. Gina Grossi, 176 Shore Road, Westerly, RI 02891 Effective: 1/5/09 Salary: \$87,431 includes Masters' (Asst. Principal Salary) Mr. Baxter moved to approve; Ms. Bonollo seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with five in favor. Dr. Dellith recommended the appointment of the following certified individuals: Goff Junior High School/Social Studies (1 Year – P. Charpentier) Amy Peck – 2221 Boston Neck Road, Saunderstown, RI 02874 Salary: Step 1 - \$36,212 Effective: 1/5/09 Tolman Senior High School/Math (1 year – F. Ahern) Lynn Sheedy, 193 Seacannet Blvd., Portsmouth, RI 02871 Salary: Step 7 - \$53,912 + M's Effective: 1/5/09**

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**Mr. Baxter moved to approve: Mr. Coughlin and Ms. Bonollo seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-no Mr. Coughlin-no Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with three in favor; two opposed. Dr. Dellith recommended the appointment of the following coaching individuals: Tolman Senior High School/Assistant Hockey Coach - \$2,609 Paul Goulet, 47 Bloomfield Street, Pawtucket, RI 02861 Shea Senior High School/Assistant Boys' Track Coach - \$2,609 Maurice Jackson, 9 Beech Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 Ms. Bonollo moved to approve; Mr. Chellel seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with five in favor. NEW BUSINESS: #2 – ADOPTION OF 403(B) PLAN: Mr. Conlon stated that this plan states, in official language, the policies and procedures that have been followed informally for the**

past ten years or so. It's adoption is required so as to maintain the pre-tax status the 403(b) contributions enjoy. With a motion to approve this plan, it will officially adopt the 403(b) plan and investment policy as required by IRS regulations. Mr. Baxter moved to approve the certification of adoption for the 403(b) plan, as presented; Ms. Bonollo seconded.

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Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with five in favor. **NEW BUSINESS: #3 – CONTINUANCE OF BUSINESS:** Mr. Coughlin stated that in order to ensure business continuity between the outgoing School Committee and its successor School Committee, it is requested the following motion and this explanation be placed on the agenda of all School Committee meetings from now until the organizational meeting of the new School Committee. It is further requested this motion be moved, hopefully seconded and voted at each meeting immediately preceding the motion to adjourn. Mr. Coughlin moved to approve; Mr. Baxter seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with five in favor. **NEW BUSINESS: #4 – TRAVEL & BUSINESS EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY:** Dr. Dellith recommended that this policy be approved to make sure that everyone is in compliance with Travel & Business Expense Reimbursement. Dr. Dellith stated that this was established by himself and Ms. Mercer. Ms. Bonollo moved to approve; Mr. Baxter seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes

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**Mr. Coughlin-no Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with four in favor; one opposed. NEW BUSINESS: #5 – APPROVAL OF THE POSITION OF READY-TO-WORK COORDINATOR: Dr. Dellith recommended the approval of this position stating that it was a half time position/ninety days. Funding is by the Rhode Island Foundation. Mr. Baxter moved to approve; Ms. Bonollo seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-no Mr. Coughlin-no Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with five in favor. NEW BUSINESS: #6 – RECOGNITION OF SERVICE: Mr. Gould and Mr. Baxter were recognized for their years of dedication to the students of the Pawtucket School Committee. Their School Committee terms would expire on December 31, 2008. Plaques were given to each of them for their service. There being no further business, Mr. Baxter moved to adjourn; Mr. Chellel seconded. Roll call: Mr. Baxter-yes Ms. Bonollo-yes Mr. Chellel-yes Mr. Coughlin-yes Mr. Gould-yes Motion carried with five in favor.**

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**The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM. Respectfully submitted, Clerk**