

Regular Meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee

Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 6:00 PM

Jenks/JMW Complex for the Performing and Visual Arts Media Center

350 Division Street, Pawtucket RI 02860

Minutes

I Meeting will come to order

The Deputy Chairperson, Ms. Nordquist, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

a. Roll call

Mr. Araujo-here; Ms. Bonollo-here; Mr. Coughlin-here; Mr. Noonan-here; Mr. Spooner-here; Ms. Nordquist-here

Also in attendance were Mrs. Deborah Cylke, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Kimberly Mercer, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment; Mr. Thomas Conlon, Business Administrator; Ms. Patti Di Censo, Secondary School Performance Officer; Dr. Timothy Ryan and Mr. David Frieder, Symmes, Maini and McKee Associates.

The Chairman, Mr. Tenreiro, and Mr. Stephen Robinson, Legal Counsel for the School Committee, were not in attendance.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

The Deputy Chairperson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II Celebration/Recognition

The Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke, acknowledged School Committee Member, Mr. Spooner, for successful completion of the Rhode Island Association of School Committee's Leadership Development Academy Program.

III Student Representatives

a. Charles E. Shea

Seth L. was introduced by Guidance Counselor, Roberta King, as the new voice representing Shea High School. Seth is the Senior Class President and a member of the Key Club. Seth is also a member of the football, track and baseball teams.

Anton and Liana graduated and were not available this evening.

b. William E. Tolman

None

c. Jacqueline M. Walsh

None

IV Public Participation

None

The Deputy Chairperson asked if there was no objection they would like to move item IX New Business a. Recall of Teachers before executive session.

IX New Business-Action Items

a. Recall of Teachers

Ms. Mercer: This evening I'd like to recall the following 19 teachers to the 2012-2013 school year:

Judith Naftygiel, Art/Goff to Tolman

Sharon Bowen, Business/Goff

Christopher Kane, Art/JMW

Craig Giarrusso, Physical Education/Health-Varieur

Mayra Tavares, Spanish/Shea

Wade Briggs, Physical Education/Health-Goff

Kelly Ann Savickas, Special Education/Teacher Pool

Stephanie Baxter, Grade 3/Teacher Pool

Mary Botelho, Special Education-Self Contained/Baldwin

Taryn Hume, Grade 1/Teacher Pool

Kellyn Cordeiro, Pre-School/Teacher Pool

Melissa Smaldone, Grade 1/Teacher Pool

Catherine Howard, Grade 2/Teacher Pool

Gregory Clark, Physical Education/Health-Baldwin

Kathryn Vellucci, Special Education (Autism)/Curtis

James Dotzler, Special Education-Self Contained/Curvin-McCabe

Meghan Mania, Social Studies/Goff to Shea

Celestano Simao, Special Education/ALP-Social Studies@Tolman

Leigh Sutherland, Librarian/Teacher Pool

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the recall of 19 teachers as recommended by the Deputy Superintendent, Ms. Mercer. Mr. Araujo seconded.

Roll call

**Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Mr. Noonan-yes;
Mr. Spooner-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes**

Motion passed unanimously.

V Executive Session

The Deputy Chairperson commented that the Committee would possibly recess to executive session in accordance with provisions of Title 42, Chapter 46, Subsection 5 (a) (1) job performance, character, or physical/mental health of the General Laws of the state of R. I. for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon school

committee interview of Shea High School Principal finalist; school committee interview of Varieur Principal finalist and to seal the executive session minutes.

Mr. Noonan moved to recess to executive session. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Mr. Noonan-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes

Motion passed unanimously.

The Committee recessed to executive session at 6:12 PM to 6:46 PM.

VI Reconvene to open session

The Deputy Chairperson reconvened the open session at 6:51 PM.

a. Roll call

Mr. Araujo-here; Ms. Bonollo-here; Mr. Coughlin-here; Mr. Noonan-here; Ms. Nordquist-here; Mr. Spooner-here

VII Report out vote(s) of 6/12/12 executive session if applicable

The Deputy Chairperson asked the Clerk if there were any votes to report out of executive session.

The Clerk reported that the Committee voted unanimously to seal the executive session minutes and to adjourn the executive session.

VIII Acceptance of previous meetings' minutes: 4/26/12 and 5/15/12

Mr. Spooner moved to approve and accept the previous meetings' minutes of 4/25/12 and 5/15/12. Mr. Noonan seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

IX New Business—Action Items

b. Certified Appointments

Mrs. Cylke: We just had the opportunity to interview Mr. Don Miller for the Principal position at Shea High School and Dr. Edna Coia for the Varieur Elementary School. By policy it's the School Committee's appointment.

Mr. Noonan moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Donald Miller as the Principal of the Charles E. Shea Senior High School. Mr. Coughlin seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Mr. Noonan-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller introduced his family and welcomed the opportunity for this leadership position and working with central leadership in his role. He also thanked those responsible for the positive affirmation.

Ms. Di Censo acknowledged that Principal Savastano from Tolman was in the audience to offer his show of support specifically for Mr. Miller, the new Principal at Shea and that Transformation is truly going to be a true team effort between the two schools and the two leaders. They are going to be called our "young transformers."

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Edna Coia as the Principal of the Francis J. Varieur Elementary School. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-most definitely, yes; Mr. Noonan-yes; Mr. Spooner-with pleasure, yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes

Motion carries unanimously.

Dr. Coia thanked everyone including the School Committee, Superintendent, the audience, the teachers who came here tonight to support her and most especially, her husband. She is here to serve the teachers, the students, the parents of the City of Pawtucket. Dr. Coia is very grateful for this position and the opportunity that comes with it.

c. Lunch Price Increase

Mr. Conlon: The Federal Government has promulgated new regulation that which they want to ensure that the free and reduced rates that we get for lunch on a regular basis is not being used to subsidize the paid lunches. They want to make sure the paid price is fair and reasonable so they created a formula by which we are forced by law to raise the elementary lunch by \$.10 and the secondary lunch by \$.15. That is only the third increase since 1996. We ask for your approval to raise those lunch prices.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the increase of the elementary school lunch price by \$.10 (from \$1.40 to \$1.50) and the secondary school lunch price by \$.15 (from \$1.50 to \$1.65). Mr. Spooner seconded.

Roll call

**Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Mr. Noonan-yes;
Mr. Spooner-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes**

Motion carries unanimously.

d. Sodexo Contract Renewal-One Year

Mr. Conlon: The Federal Government allows a one year contract for the lunch contract and four one-year renewals. This would be the

third such renewal if you so such approve the award to Sodexo. The changes to the contract itself are very minimal. The rates we pay Sodexo per meal are absorbed by the lunch program. We do charge the program for custodial services and electricity and that has increased by just fewer than three percent as well. Given their superior service, in my opinion, they've shown in the last several years, I ask for your approval of this. This has been approved by the Rhode Island Department of Education which is another Federal Regulation.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the award of the Sodexo Contract Renewal. Mr. Araujo seconded.

Ms. Bonollo requested that the meal guidelines be published on our website so that our parents can be aware of what is being consumed by their children.

Mr. Noonan will be abstaining from this vote to avoid the appearance of impropriety, not because he has to. It is based solely on his status as an attorney and not a member of the Committee. He spoke with his professional counsel and it was determined that it would be in his best interest to abstain. He hopes that his abstaining would not reflect badly on anyone else who will not be abstaining from this matter. He further hopes that the public would not draw any conclusions from anyone else not abstaining from this matter.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-no; Mr. Noonan-abstain; Mr. Spooner-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes

Motion passes four in favor; one opposed; one abstention.

e. School Committee Policies Update 1st Reading

1000 Mission, Legal Structure, and System of Governance

1500 Adoption of the Rhode Island Basic Education Program

2100 Policy for the Adoption of the Rhode Island Standards for Educational Leadership

3520 Energy Management

3521 Energy Management School Bus Idling

3522 Energy Management CFC, H-CFC Use

4100 Adoption of the Rhode Island Professional Teaching Standards

4200 Policy for the Adoption of the Rhode Island Code of Professional Responsibility

Dr. Ryan: I put together a prototype of the policies before you in preparation of a first reading. These are policies that we have talked about with the exception of the three hundred series. One other thing I wanted to illustrate is your former policy book was based on a model from the National School Boards Association. Tom called me and asked me to look at requirements that had to do with EPA requirements and that's what the three hundred series are in there for. I've tried to keep the same format with the reason why we have the policy and what the policy is and what the legal precedence is for those.

I'd like to look at your Anti-Bullying policy, specifically cyber-bullying policy. I'd like to come back with several more for your review. Tonight these are for your first reading.

Mr. Spooner moved to table new business item e. school committee

policies updates 1st reading. Mr. Coughlin seconded.

Mr. Spooner requested that this item be placed on the agenda scheduled for the special meeting the committee has been polled for at the end of the month.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Mr. Noonan-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes

Motion carries unanimously.

The special meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2012.

Mrs. Cylke: Three of the policies we were asking for approval this evening have to do with the necessity of construction submission to RIDE. RIDE won't approve our plan unless they know that the School Committee has policies on bus idling, certain materials that we don't use in the schools on refrigeration and energy management. They want to ensure that you move forward with Energy Star policies in place.

So if it is okay with the Committee, if you could take a look at those and again this is just for a first reading so it is not final.

Mr. Spooner rescinded his motion to table new business item e. school committee policies updates 1st reading.

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the first reading of the school committee policies updates

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Mr. Noonan seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Mr. Noonan-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes

Motion carried unanimously.

f. Approval of RIDE Necessity of Construction Stage II Submission and Project Certification Immediate Health & Safety

Mr. Conlon: The only thing that has changed is the amount of money and the projects that are being planned for Shea High School. We were advised by RIDE recently that there were certain ADA issues that we had to comply with relative to Federal Grants, particularly the Perkins Grant. So SMMA had to scramble and revise the document that is in front of you. Your approval of the document that is in front of you the Necessity of Construction Stage II Submission is a requirement by RIDE. After RIDE has completely vetted the project it goes to the Board of Regents in July for approval.

Mrs. Cylke: We receive Carl Perkins money for those schools that hold vocational programs and it requires that they meet ADA, America's Disability Act guidelines. Shea High School did not. The

SMMA team went over to Shea and determined what needed to be done and that included health and safety work. When we met with Mr. da Silva from RIDE he made it very clear that we cannot submit for more than we asked for and that is why the total is \$8M, even though we identified additional needs. We had to prioritize.

Mr. Noonan moved to approve the RIDE Necessity of Construction Stage II Submission and Project Certification Immediate Health & Safety. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Araujo-yes; Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Mr. Noonan-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes

Motion carries unanimously.

X Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Cylke: I just want to recognize someone in the audience and give a shout out and thank you. Sue Lozy is one of our administrative assistants and the last several Saturdays and she has been extremely helpful as we have welcomed over 100 teachers for our PLC training. So Sue, thank you. I'm grateful for the teachers' participation.

I wanted to let the Committee know that we previously presented the Transformation plan and part of that plan is to create leadership teachers, especially teachers who have certain expertise. So as part of that transformation plan we will be asking for teachers with expertise in literacy, a teacher leader for the advisory program, a teacher leader for technology, a student support dean to support with behavior and a systems manager who will be looking at all the different data systems. Only the systems manager will not be a

position in the teachers union. The jobs were posted this week.

It's always a pleasure to attend all three graduations and they went very smoothly. It's great to see happy parents. My goal is to have to move them somewhere else, because we are going to have 400 freshmen starting and 400 seniors graduating and we are not going to have everyone fit into those schools. That's going to be a great problem to have and I look forward to it.

XII Special Reports of School Committee Members

Mr. Araujo: I'd like to congratulate all the fine young men and women of this district who graduated last week. Also to the parents and teachers who helped navigate them through the last thirteen years. Thank you for your efforts. A shout out to my nephew, Corey N., who graduated from St. Raphael Academy and is going to be attending Rhode Island College and to my daughter, Bethany, who was accepted to the nursing program at Rhode Island College.

Ms. Bonollo: As the year winds down I just want to say thank you to all of our administrators, teachers and support staff for all of their being willing to make the changes that are being asked of you with the smile on your faces and to go the extra effort for the kids in this district.

Mr. Coughlin: I want to commend our Tolman High School Boys' Volleyball team. They did get beat last night in the State Semi-Finals considering that was a team of mostly underclassmen playing to fill the shoes of last year's State Champions. That was quite an accomplishment and they should be commended for it.

Mr. Noonan: I'd like to ditto Mr. Araujo and Ms. Bonollo's comments

and I'd like to thank the janitorial staff for keeping the overhead low by keeping the air conditioning off in the room.

Ms. Nordquist: Thank you. I just want to say the same thing about the graduations. They were so great and really well run this year. I meant to say it was really great to see the Varieur staff here tonight to support Dr. Coia. I look forward to the teachers' pool at the end of the month. I hope you all have a great summer. Have a great night.

Mr. Spooner: It was another successful year in Pawtucket. We got through a difficult one, but we got through it like we always do. For the students who did not graduate this year I saw that summer reading list on the wall when I walked in, please hit it and hit it hard. That's it and good night.

XII Adjournment

Ms. Bonollo moved to adjourn. Mr. Coughlin seconded.

Voice vote carried all in favor.

The Deputy Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee on June 12, 2012 at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Approved 9/12/12