

# **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PAWTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 6:00 PM**

**School Administration Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

**286 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860**

## **Minutes**

### **I. Meeting will come to order**

**The Chairman, Mr. Tenreiro, called the special meeting to order at 6:02 PM.**

#### **a. Roll Call**

**Mr. Araujo-here; Ms. Bonollo-here; Ms. Cano-here; Mr. Coughlin-here; Mr. Spooner-here; Mr. Tenreiro-here;**

**Also in attendance were Mrs. Deborah Cylke, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Patti DiCenso, Secondary School Performance Officer and Ms. Kathleen Suriani, Elementary School Performance Officer.**

**Ms. Nordquist, Ms. Devine, Chief Financial Officer, and Legal Counsel were not in attendance.**

#### **b. Pledge of Allegiance**

**The Chairman, Mr. Tenreiro, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

### **II. Public Participation**

**Comments from the public are invited at this time. Citizens wishing to speak should sign in with the Committee Chair before speaking.**

**The Committee is precluded from discussing or acting on items raised by Public Comment, which are not already on the agenda. Public comment will be included in the minutes of the meeting.**

**There was no public participation.**

### **III. New Business-Action Items**

#### **a. Approval of Recall of Certified Teachers(s)**

**Mrs. Cylke commented that this evening they were asking the committee's approval for the following recalls:**

**Gary Magnotta Technology Teacher, Step 10 to Goff**

**Emilie Mendillo Business Teacher, Step 10 to Shea**

**Mr. Spooner moved to approve the recall of Certified Teachers as recommended by Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke. Mr. Coughlin seconded.**

**Voice vote carried six in favor.**

#### **b. Approval of Certified Teacher(s)/Administrator**

**Mrs. Cylke commented that they had conducted interviews for the JMW principal. She and the committee recommended Liz Fasteson, another home grown girl. Ms. Fasteson has earned the respect of the staff and students and is very deserving of this position.**

**Mr. Spooner moved to approve the appointment of Mrs. Liz Fasteson as Principal of Jenks/JMW Complex for the Performing and Visual Arts School, with pleasure. Mr. Araujo seconded.**

**Voice vote carried six in favor.**

**Mrs. Fasteson introduced her family members that were in the**

audience.

Mrs. Cylke commented that being a principal is a 24/7 job and must know how to lead a school and how important family support is. Mrs. Cylke congratulated Mrs. Fasteson and further commented that Mrs. Fasteson had earned it.

Ms. Bonollo commented that Ms. Fasteson has earned the respect of the teachers and she has earned the respect of the students. Ms. Bonollo further commented that she has seen her children there at the school and congratulated Mrs. Fasteson.

#### **c. Approval of Certified Coaches**

Mrs. Cylke recommended the approval of two assistant football coaches at Tolman High School:

Kevin Matos and Brandon Dupont.

Mr. Spooner moved to approve the appointment of the two assistant football coaches at Tolman High School as recommended by Superintendent, Mrs. Cylke. Mr. Coughlin seconded.

Voice vote carried six in favor.

#### **d. Approval of Bid Award for Ceiling Repair/Replacement at Several Public Schools**

Mrs. Cylke commented that we asked Rowse to inspect those schools with ceiling issues. Steve Tucker has the bids documents. Those rooms with issues were closed. Those bids were opened today and Steve has the results from the low bidder. Steve has some cost savings and will introduce some suggestion of closing off some closets and would like to start the work as soon as tomorrow morning at 7:30 AM.

**Mr. Spooner moved to approve the award of the Ceiling Bid to the low bid, J. J. Cardosi in the base amount of \$742,400. Mr. Coughlin seconded.**

**Ms. Bonollo: When there is a later bid opening, will it give us the top three?**

**Mr. Tucker: We received five bids and the low bid was J. J. Cardosi, the second was Ahlborg and the third was Freeport General Contracting.**

**We are currently working with J. J. Cardosi on a \$4M project. They came in at \$742,400.**

**Ms. Bonollo: If they are currently working on a \$4M project, do they have the time to work on ours?**

**Mr. Tucker: Yes, they would be subcontracting.**

**Ms. Bonollo: If things are going out for subcontracting, why can't we just go out for contracting?**

**Mrs. Cylke: There is a variety of things that have to be done.**

**Mr. Tucker: You have a lot of things that have to be done. They are the general contractor.**

**Mr. Coughlin: We start out with identifying need for repairs. The RFP goes out for bid. Who generates the RFP? Us or the purchasing department?**

**Mr. Tucker: We did. The same people who did the investigation. The first project was the stabilization project. This project was to address stabilization projects that closed spaces. This is a permanent fix for these spaces that were fixed temporarily.**

**Mrs. Cylke: They're two different jobs. One is permanent repairs.**

**One is stabilization.**

**Ms. Bonollo: If we go through the facility plan, we'll be working in Greene and Potter, Tolman, Shea, Goff and Slater? What you're saying is permanent and were going in another year and ripping down what we're doing as permanent?**

**Mr. Tucker: It's just to re-open the spaces that were stabilized. Most of them were at Slater. We need to get those spaces opened.**

**Mr. Araujo: This figure would be taken off the top and the contractor is aware of this?**

**Mr. Tucker: We ask to award to the low bid.**

**Mr. Araujo: This number won't increase, but could decrease?**

**Mrs. Cylke: Absolutely.**

**Mr. Coughlin: What is the amount?**

**Mr. Tucker: \$742,400.**

**Mrs. Cylke: At the August 13th meeting the Chief Financial Officer will address the budget amendment.**

**Mr. Coughlin: What have we spent now?**

**Mr. Rebelo: \$270,000.**

**Mr. Tenreiro: We have to worry about \$742,400 going forward.**

**Ms. Bonollo: Can we get a copy of the bid tabulation and a copy of the Cardosi bid at the next meeting?**

**Mr. Tucker: We are going to institute an inspection program from this point forward. It will be based on an hourly basis monthly taking six schools narrowed down to three. We are trying to reduce exposure.**

**Voice vote carried six in favor.**

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

**Mrs. Cylke commented that the Facilities Subcommittee met last evening and The Times news reporter, Donna Kirwan was there. Discussion included renovations of a long range master plan including a unified high school and a plan to solve elementary overcrowding.**

**Once a plan is approved by the School Committee, it goes to the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE). Once approved at RIDE, it goes to the Board of Regents and then to the voters for bond approval. We are already ahead of schedule.**

**Tidewater has plans of putting a new building on an old site near Varieur and we will be working with them to test the soil. Since 1990 the levels have changed. The threshold is naturally lower. We should move forward and have the testing. It's going to take place in August. We will come back to you with a full report.**

**Mrs. Cylke commented she would like to codify the budget policy with Melissa Devine.**

#### **V. Special Report of School Committee Members**

**Mr. Araujo: Congratulations to Mrs. Fasteson.**

**Ms. Bonollo: I hope all the teachers and administrators are ready to go back to school. Enjoy the rest of your summer.**

**Ms. Cano: Enjoy the rest of your summer. Good night.**

**Mr. Coughlin: I had an hour and a half speech planned, but after hearing Mr. Spooner...**

**Mr. Spooner: None**

**Mr. Tenreiro: None**

## **VI. Adjournment**

**Mr. Spooner moved to adjourn. Mr. Coughlin seconded.**

**Voice vote carried six in favor.**

**The Chairman, Mr. Tenreiro, adjourned the special meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, August 6, 2013.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Clerk**

**Approved 9/10/13**