

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE PAWTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 6:00 PM**

**JENKS/JMW COMPLEX FOR THE PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS MEDIA CENTER**

**350 DIVISION STREET, PAWTUCKET, RI 02860**

**Minutes**

**I The meeting will come to order**

**Mr. Tenreiro called the 2014 organizational meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**

**a. Roll call**

**Mr. Araujo-here; Ms. Bonollo-here; Ms. Nordquist-here; Mr. Spooner-here; Mr. Tenreiro-here**

**Also in attendance was the Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Melissa Devine.**

**Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Deborah Cylke was not in attendance.**

**School Committee Members, Mr. David Coughlin and Ms. Sandra**

**Cano were not attendance.**

**Mr. Tenreiro commented that both Mr. Coughlin and Ms. Cano sent their regrets that they could not attend the meeting, however, they had previous commitments.**

**b. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mr. Tenreiro led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**II Approval of 2014 Regular Meeting Dates**

**The following notice is given in accordance with section 42-46-5 of the RI General**

**Laws, as needed:**

**In accordance with the bylaws of the School Committee, regularly scheduled**

**meetings of the Committee will be held on the following dates during the calendar**

**year 2014:**

**Regular Meetings are scheduled as follows:**

**January 7 (Organizational)**

**January 14**

**February 11**

**March 11**

**April 15**

**May 13**

**June 10**

**September 10\***

**October 14**

**November 12\***

**December 9**

**\*September 9, 2014 is primary day and November 11, 2014 is Veterans' Day and in accordance with the bylaws of the Pawtucket School Committee the regular meeting will be held on the next day.**

**All regular meetings are held at the Jenks/JMW Complex for the Performing and Visual Arts Media Center, 350 Division Street, Pawtucket, RI at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted.**

**The Jenks/JMW Complex for the Performing and Visual Arts Media Center is accessible to the disabled. Assistive listening devices are available for use. Those individuals requiring assistance due to a disability should notify the Superintendent's office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The TDD telephone number is 401-729-6338.**

**Mr. Spooner commented that the June 10th meeting date needed to be changed due to the fact that one of the high school graduations was being held on that date. The members discussed the next**

available date to meet and it was suggested that the June meeting be changed to Tuesday, June 17, 2014. June 11 and June 12 are also scheduled for graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Araujo moved to approve the 2014 meeting schedule to include the change of the regular schedule meeting from Tuesday, June 10, 2014 to Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Voice vote carried five in favor.

Mr. Tenreiro asked the Committee if there was no objection, public participation would be moved up on the agenda.

With no objection from the members, public participation was moved up before the approval of the election of officers.

#### **IV 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.

**Mr. Rodney Barber, Pawtucket resident: I was here before to speak about school safety and went to all the schools again and all the cameras are there and were repaired. I would like to see more cameras. They are inexpensive, I saw some on the Today show for \$9.00 that you can put on your outside door.**

**Let's bring back the school patrol to stop the painting on the schools. We use to have "rent a cop" and Debbie said it was stopped because the park police started to carry guns. It's very cost effective and they are the ears and eyes of the Police. Retired police are very interested in working with this program and the cost would be about \$10,000-12,000. I went to the City Council and they said they had nothing to do with it. I put more calls into Chief King and they have to sell two unmarked cars and we could use those. The City Council said it's your vote, your call.**

**I recently married three years ago. I went to Cape Verde for a t-shirt and came back with a family. My wife is in her thirties and has very little education. She attends the adult education classes at St. Paul's Church. These are really social classes. My wife is coming out of Park Place and feels dumb. I ask that you have some type of class that you have for these people for skills in grades K through 6 to help these people learn properly.**

**Thank you.**

### **III Election of Officers**

#### **1. Election of Clerk**

**Mr. Araujo moved to nominate Ms. Dianna Liss as the Clerk for the Pawtucket School Committee for the year 2014. Ms. Bonollo seconded.**

**Ms. Nordquist moved to close the nominations for Clerk. Mr. Araujo seconded.**

**Voice vote carried four in favor, one abstention, (Mr. Spooner) for closing nominations for Clerk.**

#### **Roll call for election of Clerk**

**Mr. Araujo-Dianna Liss; Ms. Bonollo-Dianna Liss; Ms. Nordquist-Dianna Liss; Mr. Spooner-Abstain; Mr. Tenreiro-Dianna Liss**

**Motion carries four votes in favor for Dianna Liss; one abstention (Mr. Spooner)**

#### **2. Election of Chairperson**

**Mr. Tenreiro moved to nominate Mr. Michael Araujo as Chairman of the Pawtucket School Committee for the year 2014. Mr. Spooner seconded.**

**Mr. Tenreiro commented that Mr. Araujo is very professional and abides by all the guidelines set forth and is a leader concerned about the students of the City of Pawtucket.**

**Ms. Bonollo moved to close the nominations for Chairman. Ms. Nordquist seconded.**

**Voice vote carries five in favor to close nominations for Chairman.**

**Roll call on election of chairman:**

**Mr. Araujo-Mr. Araujo; Ms. Bonollo-Mr. Araujo; Ms. Nordquist-Mr. Araujo; Mr. Spooner-Mr. Araujo; Mr. Tenreiro-Mr. Araujo**

**Motion carries five in favor for Mr. Araujo as Chairman.**

**Mr. Araujo thanked everyone for their faith and support. Mr. Araujo added that we are seven individuals putting children first.**

**Mr. Araujo thanked Mr. Tenreiro for his leadership and will take the professionalism he has learned to heart.**

### **3. Election of Deputy Chairperson**

**Ms. Nordquist moved to nominate Ms. Bonollo as the Deputy Chairperson for the year 2014 for a number of reasons. She has served on this Committee with me for many years and has a big heart and does everything for the kids. Even though we haven't always agreed, Joanne does great work with her Wellness Committee and the Backpackers Program. Mr. Spooner seconded.**

**Mr. Tenreiro moved to close the nominations for Deputy Chairperson. Mr. Spooner seconded.**

**Voice vote carried five in favor to close nominations for Deputy Chairperson.**

**Roll call for election of Deputy Chairperson:**

**Mr. Araujo-Joanne Bonollo; Ms. Bonollo-Joanne Bonollo; Ms. Nordquist-Ms. Bonollo; Mr. Spooner-Ms. Bonollo; Mr. Tenreiro-Joanne Bonollo**

**Motion carries five in favor for Ms. Bonollo as Deputy Chairperson.**

**V Adjournment**

**Mr. Spooner moved to adjourn. Ms. Bonollo seconded.**

**Voice vote carries five in favor.**

**The Chairman, Mr. Araujo adjourned the Organizational meeting of Tuesday, January 7, 2014 of the Pawtucket School Committee at 6:13 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Clerk**

**Approved 1/14/14**