

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PAWTUCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 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. Araujo, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

a. Roll call

Mr. Charbonneau-here; Ms. Dube-here; Ms. Grant-here; Mr. Knight-here; Ms. McQuade-here; Mr. Araujo-here

Ms. Bonollo was not present.

Also in attendance was the Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Patricia DiCenso.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Public Participation

Comments from the public are invited at this time. Persons 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.

None

III. New Business/Action Item

a. Approval to Rescind Non Renewals/Teacher Terminations of February 26, 2015

Mrs. DiCenso: We are going to rescind four non renewals/terminations that were previously approved. They are Susan Hall, Daniel Casey, Miriam Gamache and James Reynolds.

Mr. Knight moved to approve to rescind the teacher terminations of Susan Hall, Daniel Casey, Miriam Gamache and James Reynolds. Ms. McQuade seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes.

Motion carries with six members present.

b. Approval to Recall Non Renewals/Teacher Terminations of February 26, 2015

Mrs. DiCenso: Two of the four non renewals are being called back to their original position or another position. They are Susan Hall to Shea Science/ESL and Daniel Casey is a guidance counselor at the Pawtucket Learning Academy (ALP) and will be involuntarily transferred and offered a position at the teacher assignment process.

Ms. McQuade moved to approve the two recalls of non renewed teachers, Susan Hall to Shea Science/ESL and Daniel Casey, Involuntarily Transferred and offered a position at the teacher assignment process. Mr. Knight seconded.

Roll call

Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes; Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries with six members present.

c. Approval of Certified Non-Renewals

Mrs. DiCenso: Each year teachers have to be notified by June 1st. I try to minimalize the impact. It's a painful process for teachers and their families. This year we have fifty nine (59) layoff letters. Hopefully all will return. We will be mostly re-assigning those recalled.

Kasey Murray

Melinda Stachelek

Elizabeth Metfooney

Jodi Beth Mokillo

Nicole Dupont

Christina Banville

Rita Rancourt

Kayla Fleming

Corey Martin

Katie Pezold

Shannon Mulcahey

Kristen Giroux

Elizabeth Keough

Renee Brannigan

Andrea Rhault

Jenna Caccia

Andrew Bevilacqua

Lisa Greenhalgh

Mauria Serio

Kaitlyn Potts

David Girard

Bianca Cafaro

Michelle Bucacci

Benjamin Masse

Anabela Olsen

Brianne Burbank

Ashlee Whitehead

Elizabeth Dubois

Kevin Koehler

Renee Rodrigues

Jessica Hookway

Cassandra Lucena

Michelle Gorman

Krystle Greenhalgh

Amanda Klaiber

Leigh Murphy

Donna Stone

Katelyn Desjarlais

Clarissa Gaspar

Ashley Bouthillier

Andrew Maigret

Samantha Stringfellow

Sonia Sirois

Kelly Barone

Alyssa Ann Mello

Jessica Lyons

Nathan Rebello

Spencer Foote

Marilyn Nelson

Kristen Marchetti

Alyssa Marzilli

Elizabeth McLellan

Samantha McBurney

Melissa Taurisano

Nicole Nolin

Kyle Turcotte

Tina Jancef

Stacey Anter

Jennifer Sweet

Mr. Knight moved to approve the fifty nine (59) non renewals as recommended by the Superintendent, Mrs. DiCenso. Mr. Charbonneau seconded.

Mr. Knight: As painful as this is, I have some questions. The two music teachers; are we reducing the music program or is it a seniority issue?

Mrs. DiCenso: One was hired after the teacher assignment process and by contract that position must be offered at this year's assignment process. The other is by seniority.

Mr. Knight: I thought we could no longer do it by seniority.

Mrs. DiCenso: It's a very complicated process and if on a plan with evaluation they are unable to participate. If someone applies that I feel cannot do the job, I have that right not to assign. It is in the contract language.

Mr. Knight: They changed original RIDE ruling. The ruling stated when they came out with the second; we couldn't use seniority to do layoffs.

Mrs. DiCenso: We layoff according to date of hire. We recall according to assignment process.

Ms. Grant: What happens from here?

Mrs. DiCenso: The teachers were already noticed. What happens next is we have a glut of recalls and you will see this at the June meeting. The schedules are already complete. The tricky part this year is the flux of numbers at the high school. I am confident most of them will be recalled. We will come back to you in June.

Roll call

**Mr. Charbonneau-yes; Ms. Dube-yes; Ms. Grant-yes; Mr. Knight-yes;
Ms. McQuade-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes**

Motion carries with six members present.

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Grant moved to adjourn. Mr. Charbonneau seconded.

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, adjourned the special meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk