

# **NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD March 15, 2017**

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings. The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on March 15, 2017, at the Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:** Ms. Tammy McNeiece, Chairperson; Dr. Diane Nobles, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Frank White; Mr. Justin Skenyon; and Ms. Rebecca Durkin.

**OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Peter Cummings, Superintendent; Ms. Karen Hagen, Director of Finance and Administration; Mr. Mike Convery, Director of Curriculum; Ms. Leslie Brown, Director of Student Services; Mr. Dan Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School; Ms. Marianne Kirby, Principal, Narragansett Pier School; Mr. Brian Teatreault, Assistant Principal, Narragansett Pier School, Mr. Dick Fossa, NHS Athletic Director; and Mr. Mike Millen, NPS Athletic Director.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**OPEN FORUM:** No one spoke.

**SHOWCASE:** Ms. Kirby updated the School Committee about the good things happening at NPS. The campus was recently abuzz with excitement for National History Day activities; the Boys basketball team made it to the quarter finals and had a great season; the student production of the Little Mermaid was spectacular; and Narragansett Pier Middle School Girls Basketball team won the State Championship. Mrs. Kirby was stated that the entire team is a wonderful role model for the entire student body. Ms. Kirby introduced Mr. Mike Millen, NPS Athletic Director, who gave some background about the girls' basketball team and then introduced the coach, Ms. A.J. Boone who coached the team to 16-3 record and the State Title. Coach Boone introduced the team and credited them entirely for their tenacity and hard work in winning their Championship.

### **ORAL REPORTS:**

#### 1. School Report

NHS Principals Mr. Dan Warner introduced Abby & Holly Hummel, coaches of the NHS Girls Volleyball Team. Coach Hummel presented information to the Committee in support of their request for a Field Trip which will be voted on at the April meeting. Coach Hummel explained to the School Committee that the girls have been recognized by Varsity Brands Superior Sportsmanship Award and would like to ask permission for the 6 seniors to travel to Orlando, Florida in May 2017 to receive this Award. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> they received notice that the team would be recognized.

#### 2. School Committee Reports

Mr. White reported on the recent Narragansett Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting held on March 13, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the Parks & Recreation Facility. The Board did not meet the quorum so it was cancelled. Mr. White updated the Committee on his work regarding a resolution to endorse a bill to reduce payments for Charter School tuition. Mr. White reported that he heard great reviews about the Little Mermaid Production but that the lighting in the auditorium needs some improvement.

Ms. Nobles reported that she attended the RIASC Collective Bargaining I & II Workshops on March 4 and March 11 at the Orms Street Marriott in Providence.

Mr. Skenyon reported that attended his first Capital Reserve meeting on March 6, 2017 which he found to be informative and well attended.

Ms. Durkin reported that she saw the Little Mermaid Production and shared that some of the NHS students were so excited after seeing the production that they went to audition for the upcoming high school play. She also reported that the Student Advisory met on March 9<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Sarah Laidler presented information about what is offered at NPS and NHS for students who have difficulty with substance abuse.

Ms. McNeiece reported on the Budget Workshops which took place on March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> that she received great feedback about the recent professional development day for the Narragansett staff. She also reported on the Two Budget Workshops that were held on March 1 and March 8<sup>th</sup> they were very informative and there was some lively discussion from tax payers who came to participate in the discussions. The full Administrative team attended the meetings as well and gave some useful input. The result of the meetings produced the budget that is being voted on tonight.

### 3. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent congratulated the Narragansett student athletes on some tremendous success this season including the girl's co-op Hockey team, the South County Storm, who won the State Championship. The NPS production of the Little Mermaid was a great success. There was a district wide professional development day to begin to lay the foundation for strategic planning and there was some identification of the district's core values which will be shared with the Committee as a starting point for their work. A full faculty read was introduced entitled *Mindset* by Carol Dweck which focuses on growth mindset and how to help students recognize their own capacity to grow and push themselves to achieve.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### 1. Approval of Minutes:

- A. February 13, 2017 Special Meeting (CA-1A)
- B. February 13, 2017 Executive Session – Limited Distribution (CA-1B)
- C. February 15, 2017 Regular Committee Meeting (CA-1C)
- D. March 1, 2017 First Budget Workshop (CA-1D)
- E. March 8, 2017 Second Budget Workshop (CA-1E)

#### 2. Routine Personnel Actions: CA-2

#### **Retirement - Certified**

Barr, Susan, Grade K, NES, effective last day of school  
Coppa, Michele, Resource, NES, effective last day of school  
Menke, Sandra, Grade 3, NES, effective last day of school

#### **Appointment – Certified**

Mahoney, Kathryn, 1.0 Behavior Specialist, NHS, Compensation Step 7 Masters: effective 3/6/17.

#### **Appointments – Coaches NPS**

Landy, Linda	Assistant Track Coach	Stipend: \$952.83
Laurie, Jason	Baseball Coach	Stipend: \$1457.53
Smith, John	Softball Coach	Stipend: \$1569.57
Lavoie, Robert	Unified Basketball	Stipend: N/A

#### **Appointments – Coaches NHS**

Tarasevich, Joseph	Assistant Track Coach	Stipend: \$2397.22
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#### **Resignation – Coach NHS**

Lopes, Jennalee, Assistant Track, NHS, effective February 27, 2017  
Afonso, Elizabeth, Softball, NHS, effective March 08, 2017  
Paliotti, Mark, JV Softball, NHS, effective March 09, 2017

3. Reports:

- A. Enrollment Report CA-3A
- B. Budget Transfers CA-3B
- C. Maintenance Report CA-3C

**MOTION:** moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Consent Agenda items CA-1A, CA-1B, CA-1C, CA-1D, CA-1E, CA-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Tammy McNeiece-Aye	Diane Nobles-Aye
Rebecca Durkin -Aye	Justin Skenyon - Aye
Frank White-Aye	

**BUDGET REPORT:** Mr. White reported that as of February 28, 2017, \$16,880,291.87 (58.00%) of the FY17 Budget of \$29,103,490.00 has been expended, and \$27,082,925.36 (93.06%) has been expended and encumbered.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

1. Approval of FY18 Budget

**MOTION:** moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Ms. Durkin, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the FY18 Budget in the amount of \$29,559,824.00

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Tammy McNeiece-Aye	Diane Nobles-Aye
Rebecca Durkin -Aye	Justin Skenyon - Aye
Frank White-Aye	

2. Approval of School Committee Meeting Schedule for the 2017-18 SY

**MOTION:** moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the School Committee Meeting Schedule for the 2017-18 SY.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Tammy McNeiece-Aye	Diane Nobles-Aye
Rebecca Durkin -Aye	Justin Skenyon - Aye
Frank White-Aye	

3. Approval of FFA National Convention Trip October 2017

**MOTION:** moved by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Durkin, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the FFA National Convention Trip October 2017.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Tammy McNeiece-Aye	Diane Nobles-Aye
Rebecca Durkin -Aye	Justin Skenyon - Aye
Frank White-Aye	

4. Approval of Purchase of NCAC Athletic Safety Equipment

**MOTION:** moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the Purchase of NCAC Athletic Safety Equipment.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Tammy McNeiece-Aye	Diane Nobles-Aye
Rebecca Durkin -Aye	Justin Skenyon - Aye
Frank White-Aye	

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

March 27, 2017	Presentation of Budget to Town Council, 7:30PM, Town Hall
April 10, 2017	Joint Budget Workshop with Town Council, 6:60 pm, Narragansett Town Hall, Large Board Room.
April 12, 2017	School Committee Regular Business Meeting 7:00 pm, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area

**MOTION:** to adjourn at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk