

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD April 12, 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 April 12, 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. Justin Skenyon; and Ms. Rebecca Durkin. Excused: Mr. Frank White.

OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Dr. Peter Cummings, Superintendent; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance and Administration; Mr. Steve Gormley, Director of Operations; Ms. Gail Dandurand, Principal, Narragansett Elementary School; and Ms. Ann Marie Zaborski, Assistant Principal, Narragansett Elementary School.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:10PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES of April 12, 2017.

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session.

Motion passed: (4-0)

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES: There was one vote taken on a personnel matter.

Motion passed: (3-0)

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke.

SHOWCASE: Narragansett Elementary School

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and Ms. Zaborski recognized Lt. Pelopida and Officer James Fitzgerald of the Narragansett Police Department. They volunteer one hour a week working one-on-one with students developing positive relationship.

The Odyssey of the Mind Enrichment Program competed on March 18th in the Massachusetts State tournament and earned first place and were invited to participate in the World's Tournament. Students are presented with a problem in which they are required to work as a team to solve. The students develop all components of the solution. This year, the children were required to incorporate the concept of time travel in the skit. They had to travel to the past twice and the future once. During their travels they had to visit two classical artists from the past and invent an artist from the future. Students and their coach spoke at the meeting about their experience.

School Nurse Teacher Ms. Lisa Iafraite Ruscito reported on the *Pennies for Patients* fundraising campaign. Students were raised over \$2,499.00 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). Friends and family contributed to the classroom and school totals. NES' participation in this program will make a difference in the lives of patients with blood cancers as funds will be used to find cures and therapies for diseases like leukemia and lymphoma. "Stick a Band-Aid on the Nurse Day" raised \$393.00. Mrs. Pezza's 3rd grade class came in 1st place raising \$313.40; Ms. Carter's 2nd grade class in 2nd place with \$285.96 raised; and in a tie for a 3rd place were Mrs. McCallig's 2nd grade class and Mrs. Corbeil's Kindergarten class.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. School Committee Reports

Ms. Durkin reported on the recent Health and Wellness Committee meeting at which they began to review the Health and Wellness Policy. The NPS PTO gave a presentation on school recess to the Committee.

Ms. McNeiece reported on the Workshop with the Town Council and is very appreciative of the support on the 2018 FY Budget Mrs. McNeiece thanked the Narragansett parents for their continued support of the School System, as well as the Town Council for their hard work throughout the process. Ms. McNeiece also thanked Superintendent Cummings, Karen Hagan, and all the Principals and Department Heads for their thoughtful work on the budget.

2. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent thanked the Town Council, the Town Manager (Jim Manni), the Town Finance Director (Laura Kenyon) and the parents of the Narragansett School Community for their work and support during the FY18 Budget process.

The Superintendent reported that the Greenhouse at NHS is operating and encouraged the community, parents and Committee members to go see it. They are currently preparing for their spring flower sale. The FFA recently represented Narragansett High School at the Home Show in Providence lead by Mr. Breene and Ms. Ashworth.

The Superintendent reported that the Computer Science Program has formed a partnership with Epic Games who are the developers of the Unreal Engine platform. They are an industry leader in game design and development. Many thanks to Chris Hertz, the Program Leader of Computer Science at the High School.

The Superintendent congratulated the team of 9th grade teachers who were awarded the Fuse Architect Grant which is a substantial grant and will be used to rethink the 9th grade experience.

The Superintendent informed the Committee that the "Employees of the Year" have been named and they are Emily Chartier, Kathy Couchon, Gaby McNamara, and Dan Warner.

Also being recognized this year are employees with 30 or more years of service in Narragansett, and they are: Michael Andrea (Music Teacher, 1976), Martha LaBelle (PE Health Teacher, 1987), Susan Barr (Kindergarten Teacher, 1987), Beth Ann Correira (Custodian, 1986), Mary Beth Bennett (Pre-K Teacher, 1985), Suzanne Moniz (Grade 2 Teacher, 1987), Greg Breene (Science Teacher, 1987), Joanne Morrissey (Grade 3 Teacher, 1982), Michele Coppa (Resource Teacher, 1979), Nancy Pesante (Grade 5/6 Writing, 1987), Stephen Costello (English Teacher, 1985), Deborah Ranaldi (PE/Health Teacher, 1983), Lori Dubuc (School Psychologist, 1983), and Craig Sherman (Custodian, 1985).

The Superintendent also reported that: SATs have been taken; PARCC Testing is underway or moving forward; congratulations to the Music Department, they had a fabulous concert last week; and Narragansett is hosting a forum on Every Student Succeeds Act at NHS and the community is invited to attend. Information on the forum is on the RIDE website.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- A. March 15, 2017 Regular Committee Meeting (CA-1A)
- B. March 27, 2017 Executive Session – Limited Distribution (CA-1B)
- C. March 27, 2017 Special Meeting (CA-1C)

2. Routine Personnel Actions: CA-2

Appointments– Classified

Duffin, Kiara, Cafeteria Assistant, NES, Compensation: \$10.00/hr, 2 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, effective March 17, 2017.

Leave Request

Philips, Lindsay, Intensive Resource, NES, for the 2017-18 School Year

Appointments—Extra Curricular Positions – Other - NHS - School Year 2016-17

Ashworth, Meredith FFA Co- Advisor Stipend: \$1,304.00

Herz, Christopher Computer Science Program Leader Stipend: \$2,000.00

Appointments – Coaches NPS

Jones, Nate Assistant Track Coach Stipend: \$728.77

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-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye

Diane Nobles-Aye

Rebecca Durkin -Aye

Justin Skenyon - Aye

BUDGET REPORT: Ms. Hagan reported that as of March 31, 2017, \$18,978,036.87 (65.21%) of the FY17 Budget of \$29,103,490.00 has been expended, and \$27,188,982.98 (93.41%) has been expended and encumbered.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Discussion of RI Department of Health (RIDOH) Water Testing Results

Mr. Gormley, Director of Operations, reported that we had good results with the water testing and that the results were emailed out to parents via list serve.

2. Presentation by the Narragansett Education Foundation

Mr. Phil Capaldi and Mr. Chris Catanzaro gave a presentation on the Narragansett Education Foundation. They had a very successful fundraiser in April of 2016 at Spain Restaurant where Mr. Rich Colardo as the Key Note speaker. Mr. Capaldi informed the Committee about Teacherfest, the Spark Grant, the Martin Family Scholarship, and the Terry Ashworth Memorial Scholarship.

3. Approval of NHS Girls Volleyball Field Trip to Orlando, Florida

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Girls Volleyball trip to the Varsity Brands School Spirit Awards Ceremony in Orlando, Florida from May 10-14, 2017.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye

Diane Nobles-Aye

Rebecca Durkin -Aye

Justin Skenyon - Aye

4. Discussion of Transgender Policy

Superintendent Cummings discussed the process and timeline for reviewing and instituting a Transgender Policy.

5. Approval of Resolution Concerning Charter School Governance

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Resolution Concerning Charter School Governance.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

6. Approval of Non-Renewal and Displacement of Certified Staff

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Non-Renewal and Displacement of Certified Staff.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

May 17, 2017 7PM School Committee Regular Business Meeting, Narragansett Town
Hall, Assembly Area

MOTION: to adjourn at 8:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk