

**NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD May 17, 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 May 17, 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; Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services; Mr. Steve Gormley, Director of Operations; and Mr. Michael Convery, Director of Curriculum.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES** of May 17, 2017.

**MOTION:** moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session.  
**MOTION PASSED:** (5-0)

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES:** There was one vote taken to approve a Homeschool request.  
**MOTION PASSED:** (5-0)

**OPEN FORUM:** No one spoke.

**ORAL REPORTS:**

1. School Committee Reports

Ms. Durkin asked Ms. Brow to speak about the recent Parent Advisory Committee meeting.

Ms. Brow indicated that it was the final Parent Advisory Committee meeting for the school year at which Gloria Fontaine (NSS Occupational Therapist) and Jane Flood (NSS Speech Pathologist) gave a presentation based on a recent conference they attended regarding the use language skills for self-regulation and ways of engaging students.

Dr. Nobles reported on the May 2<sup>nd</sup> the Policy Subcommittee met and discussed a timetable and process for developing and instituting a district Transgender Policy.

Mr. Skenyon reported on the RIASC Meeting that he recently attended and he also testified at the RI State House regarding Charter Schools.

Ms. McNeiece reported on a planning meeting that she attended regarding the district's hosting of the Middle School State track meet to be held on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> the events will begin at 4PM. The planning for the event involved NPS Track Coach Deb Ranaldi, NHS Athletic Director Dick Fossa, NPS Athletic Director Mike Millen, Narragansett Parks and Recreation staff member Tom Tessitore, and NSS Director of Operations Steve Gormley. There will be over 250 athletes participating from all over the state. It will be a very busy weekend in Narragansett on Friday which will also include an Art Show at NHS followed by the opening night of *Grease* at 7:30PM.

2. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cummings reported that NHS just successfully completed their 10 year Annual NEASC Evaluation and received glowing feedback in which they indicated that they rarely see this kind of exceptional team work being done for the benefit of children in such a dedicated way. Dr. Cummings recognized the hard work of faculty, administration, parents and students and that this is the type of dedication and teamwork that is reflective of what happens throughout our District at all three schools.

The NSS athletic teams have been very busy and there have been lots of rescheduling due to rain. The opening night of Grease will take place on Friday at 7:30PM.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

- A. April 12, 2017 Regular Business Meeting CA-1A
- B. April 12, 2017 Executive Session – Limited Distribution CA-1B

2. Routine Personnel Actions: CA-2

Resignation– Certified

Sabella, Susan, Grade 1, NES, effective June 23, 2017.

Retirement– Certified

Stone, Janet, Grade 6, NPS, effective June 23, 2017.

Appointment– Other

Lugini, Giulio, Interim Director of Technology, effective July 01, 2017.

LeValley, Matthew, Accountant, effective May 22, 2017

Leave Request

Zaborski, Ann Marie, Social Studies, NHS, for the 2017-18 School Year

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. White, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Consent Agenda items CA-1A, CA-1B, CA-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C.

The Superintendent recognized Mr. Giulio Lugini who was appointed as the Interim Technology Director.

**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 April 30, 2017, \$21,010,481.90 (72.19%) of the FY17 Budget of \$29,103,490.00 has been expended, and \$27,317,129.75 (93.86%) has been expended and encumbered.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

1. Approval of Purchase of Science Materials NHS

**MOTION:** moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the purchase of science materials for the science department from Pearson Publishing for \$7,595.91.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

2. Approval of Resolution - Fund Balance Transfer (OPEB)

**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 Resolution authorizing participation in the Rhode Island Inter-local Risk Management Trust OPEB Funding Program, appointing the Director of Finance and Administration as the Plan Administrator, and authorizing the Director of Finance and Administration to execute the documents to implement the Program.

Ms. Hagan, Ms. Colleen Bodziony (of the Trust) and Kate Kearney answered questions from the Committee about the transfer of funds which covers post-employment benefits.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

3. Approval of the Transfer of Funds (OPEB)

**MOTION:** moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and the Director of Finance and Administration, to authorize the Director of Finance and Administration to transfer funds designated for other post-employment benefits in the amount of \$1,122,787.59 to the OPEB Trust account.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

4. Mr. Stephen Gormley, Director of Operations, reported on the condition of HVAC System and recommendations for improvements. The matter will be heard at a later date for approval of requests based on the final determinations.

5. Approval of Locker Renovation Bid Award - NHS

**MOTION:** moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Ms. Durkin, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration, to Award the Bid for the Locker Renovation to GJ Sales Company in the amount of \$47,250.00.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

6. Approval of Purchase of Treadmill - NHS

**MOTION:** moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration, to approve the purchase of a rehabilitation treadmill from Performance Plus, Inc. in the amount of \$3,925.00.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

7. Approval of the Purchase of a Medical Information Data Base Software

**MOTION:** moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Ms. Durkin, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration, to purchase of school nurse software from Professional Software for Nurses, Inc. in the amount of \$2,640.00

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

8. Approval of Non-Renewal of Staff

**MOTION:** moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration, to approve the nonrenewal of certified positions #17-150 #17-124 and an accounts payable position.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS**

June 21, 2017

Regular Business Meeting 7:00 pm, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area

**MOTION:** moved by Ms. Durkin, seconded by Mr. White, to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk