

**NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 24, 2011**

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, 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, Clerk; Mr. Guy DeWardener; and Dr. Douglas Pierson

**SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE:**

Ms. Katherine E. Sipala, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance & Administration  
Ms. Elizabeth Pinto, Director of Student Services  
Mr. Daniel Warner, Narragansett High School Principal  
Ms. Marianne Kirby, Narragansett Pier School Assistant Principal  
Ms. Gail Dandurand, Narragansett Elementary School Principal  
Mr. David Correira, Supervisor of Transportation and Grounds

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

**SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE 08/24/11 MEETING.**

**MOTION:** to seal the minutes of the 08/24/11 Executive Session. D. Pierson / F. White. (5-0)

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES.** Jamestown tuition figure was discussed. School Committee voted to approve 7 home schooling requests.

**OPEN FORUM**

**ORAL REPORTS:**

1. School Committee.

Ms. McNeiece – Gale Associates presented the needs assessment report to the Town Council and public during a joint meeting held August 22, 2011. After the public presentation Ms. McNeiece had a discussion with Bill Seymour from Gale Associates and he suggested looking at our policy regarding naming buildings and fields. We will be looking at getting corporate sponsors so we need to make adjustments to our policy in order to do this.

## 2. School Reports

Ms. Dandurand – This evening NES had Kindergarten orientation with parents and teachers. On Tuesday August 30, 2011 they will have another orientation with the children. On August 25, 2011 NES is offering a tour of the building for any new students to the district. The NES building is ready to go for the first day of school. There is a new Math Interventionist/Coach and a new Kindergarten teacher at NES this year.

Ms. Kirby – Today NPS had new student orientation. NPS had 24 new students this year. There is a new Librarian and two new Special Education teachers. Beginning this year NPS will be returning to a 5 day schedule. A sports night will be held August 29, 2011 from 4:00 – 6:00. The building is ready to go and the new Library looks great.

Mr. Warner – This evening the High School held their yearly mandatory sports meeting for athletes. Lauren Ianucci, a former Narragansett High School Student, spoke at the meeting about the use of drugs and alcohol. She currently works for Mothers Against Drunk Drivers in CT. Tomorrow the High School will have freshman orientation. The buildings are ready to go and the new Library looks great.

Ms. Pinto – This is an exciting time of year and we have some terrific new hires. David Correira has been fabulous setting up busing for all our SPED students.

Mr. Correira – Bus routes were in the Narragansett Times today. The changes to the bus routes are as follows: Bus #1 will now be Bus #4 and Bus #4 will be Bus #2.

## 3. Superintendent

School Calendars have been mailed out and families should be getting them shortly. This was a collaborative effort between the School Committee and the Narragansett Preventive Partnership. Each month part of our strategic plan is highlighted. Every staff member and parent will receive the calendar,

We were anticipating a drop of 30 students this year in the enrollment but we are not seeing that much now. October is the official month the state uses for student enrollment numbers. We did have to add a Kindergarten teacher because K enrollment is at 93 students, Two weeks ago we saw a big jump in enrollment and Ms. Dandurand and Ms. Sipala have been watching the numbers. We use Labor Day as another point to update the enrollment numbers. This year's senior class is the largest since 2006.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. 7/20/2011 School Committee Executive Session – Limited Distribution CA-1A
  - B. 7/20/2011 School Committee Regular Business Meeting CA-1B
  - C. 7/27/2011 School Committee Executive Session – Limited Distribution CA-1C
  - D. 7/27/2011 School Committee Regular Business Meeting CA-1D

2. Routine Personnel Actions: Appointment – Extra-Curricular CA-2

Summer School Staff – Certified

Hickey, Kristen, Summer School Teacher, NHS, Math Bootcamp, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective August 9, 2011.

Podaski, Margeaux, Summer School Teacher, NPS, Literacy, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective August 9, 2011.

Appointments – Other

Behrends, William, Attendance Officer, District, Salary \$19,000, effective for the 2011-12 school year.

Sullivan, Debra, Professional Issues Coordinator, Stipend \$2100.00, effective for the 2011-12 school year.

Appointments – Certified

Fenster, Zachary, 0.9 Technology Education Teacher, NHS, Compensation: Step 1: \$37,079.35, effective August 29, 2011

Corbeil, Lauren, 1.0 Special Ed. Mild/Moderate Teacher, NES, Compensation: Step 2 plus M: \$46,698.79, effective August 29, 2011

Livsey, Kelley, 0.5 Special Ed. Mild/Moderate Teacher, NPS, Compensation: Step 1 plus M: \$22,501.49, effective August 29, 2011

McGonagle, Nancy, 1.0 Math Interventionist/Math Coach, NES, Compensation: Step 10 plus M: \$80,323.16, effective August 29, 2011

O'Brien, Sandra, 0.5 Guidance, NHS, Compensation: Step 10: \$38,259.73, effective August 29, 2011

George, Victoria, 1.0 K, NES, Compensation: Step 1: \$41,199.28, effective August 29, 2011

Resignations – Certified

Pezzullo, Nicole, 0.5 Special Ed. Mild/Moderate Teacher, NPS, Compensation: Step 2 Masters: \$23,349.40, effective August 29, 2011

### Appointments – Classified

Minson, Mae, Bus Aide, Transportation, 27.5 hrs/wk, 52 wks/yr effective August 29, 2011.

Johnson, Shiloh, Bus Monitor, Transportation, 20 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr effective August 29, 2011

### Appointments—Dept Heads/Extra Curricular Positions – NHS - School Year 2011-12

Schroeter, Marcus	Sophomore Class Advisor	Stipend: \$1304.00
Giramma, Gina	Junior Class Advisor	Stipend: \$1956.00
Goudreau, Michael	Senior Class Advisor	Stipend: \$1956.00
Izzi, Christina	World Language Club Advisor	Stipend: \$652.00
Johnson, Daniela	World Language Honor Society Advisor	Stipend: \$652.00
Krous, Sarah	Ocean Science Bowl	Stipend: \$978.00
Calitri, James	Theater Advisor	Stipend: \$4564.00
Anderson, Ruth	Tolerance Team Co-Advisor	Stipend: \$326.00
Laidler, Sarah	Tolerance Team Co-Advisor	Stipend: \$326.00
Breene, Gregory	FFA	Stipend: \$1304.00
Giramma, Gina	Academic Decathlon	Stipend: \$1304.00
Zabel, Eric	Envirothon	Stipend: \$1630.00
Good, Donna	National Honor Society Advisor	Stipend: \$652.00
Davia, Amanda	Dance Team Advisor	Stipend: \$978.00
Gartner, Eric	Math Team Advisor	Stipend: \$1304.00
Healey, Daniel	Band Advisor	Stipend: \$1630.00
Healey, Daniel	Chorus Advisor	Stipend: \$1304.00
Shields, Robert	Yearbook Advisor	Stipend: \$2282.00
McNamara, Gabriela	World Language Department Chair	Stipend: \$5000.00
Pinch, Steven	Guidance Department Chair	Stipend: \$5000.00
Gabrilowitz, Lauren	Unified Arts Department Chair	Stipend: \$5000.00
Nardone, Jean	English Department Chair	Stipend: \$5000.00
Manchette, Andrea	Math Department Co-Chair	Stipend: \$2500.00
Lapointe, Elizabeth	Math Department Co-Chair	Stipend: \$2500.00
Krous, Sarah	Science Department Chair	Stipend: \$5000.00
Zaborski, AnnMarie	Social Studies Department Chair	Stipend: \$5000.00

### Appointments—Teacher Leaders – NES - School Year 2011-12

Batchelder, Carol	Program Leader Unified Arts	Stipend: \$2000.00
Barr, Susan	Program Leader K	Stipend: \$2000.00
Coppa, Michele	Co-Program Leader Grade 1	Stipend: \$1000.00
Mulvey, Kimberly	Co-Program Leader Grade 1	Stipend: \$1000.00
Blumenbaum, Cheryl	Program Leader Grade 2	Stipend: \$2000.00
Westkott, Pamela	Program Leader Grade 3	Stipend: \$2000.00
Prest, Carol	Program Leader Grade 4	Stipend: \$2000.00

Appointments—Teacher Leaders – NPS - School Year 2011-12

Pesante, Nancy	Co-Program Leader Grade 5	Stipend: \$1000.00
Franco, Kristen	Co-Program Leader Grade 5	Stipend: \$1000.00
McPartlin, Sheila	Program Leader Grade 6	Stipend: \$2000.00
Jones, Lauren	Program Leader Grade 7	Stipend: \$2000.00
Thompson, Barbara	Program Leader Grade 8	Stipend: \$2000.00

3. Reports—
  - A. Budget Transfers CA-3A
  - B. Maintenance Report CA-3B

Three of our new teachers were introduced at the meeting. Lauren Corbeil, SPED Resource Teacher; Victoria George, K Teacher; and Nancy McGonagle, Math Interventionist/Math Coach.

**MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Consent Agenda items [CA-1A, CA-1B, CA-1C, CA-1D, CA-2, CA-3A, CA-3B].  
D. Pierson / F. White (5-0)

**BUDGET REPORT.** Mr. White reported that for the first month ending July 31, 2011, \$532,407.06 (2.01%) of the FY11 Budget of \$26,478,944.00 has been expended [\$22,105,146.67 (83.48%) has been expended and encumbered].

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

1. Request of Proposal: Purchase of Litegait Equipment

Ms. Pinto explained what the equipment was and how it is used to support the child's weight so the therapist can use their hands and arms to maneuver the child.

**MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance & Administration to award the Litegait equipment Request for Proposal to Rehab Dimensions in the amount of \$4260.00 D. Pierson / F. White (5-0)

2. Approval to Purchase ERO-SCAN equipment

This is a hearing screening instrument to allow us to identify children with hearing loss. This is a one time purchase because we are doing our own child outreach screenings starting this year. With the closing of SORICO, Narragansett needed to take this on. Our target is to screen 80% of our 3-5 year olds.

**MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance & Administration to purchase ERO-SCAN equipment D. Pierson / F. White (5-0).

3. Discussion of posting of School Committee Meetings - RIGL § 42-46-6

Rhode Island law is allowing School Committees to not have to print their agenda in the newspaper. We are required to post on the Secretary of State website and 2 public locations. We discussed whether we want to continue advertising in the paper. Everyone is in agreement that we continue to advertise in the paper. This new legislation will allow us some relief if we need to call an emergency meeting, however.

**MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to continue to advertise public meetings. D. Pierson / F. White (5-0)

4. Approval of School Handbooks

Students & families get handbooks and have to sign off that they agree to the policies.

**MOTION:** to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the handbooks for the Narragansett Elementary, Pier, and High School for School Year 2011-12. D. Nobles / D. Pierson. (5-0)

**COMMUNICATIONS.**

A copy of the "Welcome Day" flyer to invite new families to tour NES was shared with the committee along with a copy of the letter from Chief Hoxsie approving the bus routes.

**FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS:** The upcoming meetings were announced:

09/21/2011 School Committee Business Meeting at 7:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** to adjourn the meeting 8:15 D. Pierson / F. White (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White  
Clerk