

**NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD July 25, 2012**

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, 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; Dr. Douglas Pierson & Mr. Guy DeWardener.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine E. Sipala, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance & Administration; and Mr. David Correira, Director of Transportation.

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF 07/25/2012 MEETING

D. Nobles /D. Pierson (5/0)

IV. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

Homeschooling for 5 Students (5/0)

V. OPEN FORUM

Chad Parks who is a parent of a 3rd grader had questions regarding the determination of either the 3rd or 4th grade teacher. He indicated that the “word at the beach is that retired teachers were not being replaced.” He also spoke about adopting, and implementing, the common core standards, from his perspective as a middle school Guidance counselor in Connecticut.

VI. ORAL REPORTS

1. School Committee report.

The Committee had nothing to report on this evening.

2. Superintendent ‘s Report.

The Superintendent indicated that schools will continue to be classified by the RIDE report cards and that one of the goals is to close gaps between students receiving specialized instruction and regular ed. students. Ms. McNeiece reminded the Committee that Narragansett’s SAT scores are among the highest in the state and that while we also had 3 merit scholars, the rating is “typical” which seems to under state our accomplishments.

Superintendent Sipala explained to the committee that the focus is now centered more on growth and gaps. She also indicated that we met all the targets at Pier and the Elementary Schools. It appears that the only areas in need of improvement are in math and special education at the High School. We need to continue to get the message out that we are proficient so that the parents continue to have confidence in our school system. Ms. Nobles has some concerns about RIDE changing midstream.

Ms. Sipala assured the committee, and the audience, that there is no intention to cut teaching positions. There was a question about the numbers of 3rd and 4th graders at the elementary school, which is the reason that one teacher’s placement was TBD. The NES principal subscribes to the notion that the younger the students the smaller the teacher/student ratio should be. Based on the teachers’ union contract and teacher agreements, it was

determined that a teacher be added to one of the grades (3 or 4) based on enrollment numbers. As of this date, there are 97 students enrolled in grade 3, and 99 students enrolled in grade 4. A decision on this will be made next week. Ms. McNeiece is an advocate of small class size and would defer to the principal to make that decision. Dr. Pierson offered that he has worked with both grades, and considering preparations for NECAP testing in 3rd grade, feels that the younger students could probably use more support.

There were only two positions, the social worker and behavior specialist, that have not been posted as formerly described. These positions are not being eliminated, just reorganized to better suit student needs. To answer Mr. Parks' questions, Ms. Sipala noted that the Pier School has one of the only Middle School enrichment teachers in the state of Rhode Island, and that the inclusion classrooms have two full-time teachers, as well as a teaching assistant. Narragansett is a model school for RTI and the classroom teacher is not burdened with the responsibility for implementing the common core standards.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes:

A. June 20, 2012 Regular Business Meeting CA-1A

B. June 27, 2012 Special Meeting CA-1B

2. Routine Personnel Actions: Appointments- staff, Summer School, Fall Coaches; Retirements; Resignations.

Appointments – Classified

Pratley, Joan, Secretary – Guidance, NHS, Compensation: \$17.05/hr, 35hrs/wk, 200days/yr, effective July 01, 2012.

Johnson, Tammy, Bus Driver, Transportation, Compensation: \$15.63/hr, 30hrs/wk, 36wks/yr, effective August 27, 2012.

McPhillips, Bridgette, Teacher Assistant, NPS, Compensation: \$16.49/hr, 30hrs/wk, 36wks/yr, effective August 27, 2012.

Taylor, Cheryl, Teacher Assistant, NES, Compensation: \$16.49/hr, 17.5hrs/wk, 36wks/yr, effective August 27, 2012.

Cavanaugh, Theresa, Teacher Assistant, NHS, Compensation \$15.63/hr, 32.5hrs/wk, 36wks/yr, effective August 27, 2012.

Hummel, Abby, Teacher Assistant, NPS, Compensation \$16.49/hr, 32.5hrs/wk, 36wks/yr, effective August 27, 2012.

Whalen, Robin, Teacher Assistant, NES, Compensation, \$19.95/hr, 32.5hrs/wk, 36wks/yr, effective August 27, 2012.

Increase – Classified

Marsh, Jeannine, Teacher Assistant, NES, 6.25hrs/wk, effective August 27, 2012.

Appointments – Certified

Majeika, Caitlyn, 1.0 Special Education Resource, NES, Compensation: Step 1 plus M: effective August 27, 2012.

O'Neil, Melissa, 1.0 Literacy Coach, NPS/NHS, Compensation: Step 10 plus M: effective August 27, 2012.

McCoombs, Kathleen, 1.0 Special Ed. Resource, NHS, Compensation: Step 1 plus M: effective August 27, 2012, 1 yr only.

Patty, Mary, .75 Speech & Language, NES, Compensation: Step 1 plus M: effective August 27, 2012.

Contois, Karen, 1.0 Special Education Severe/Profound/ Mild/Mod, NPS, Compensation: Step 2: effective August 27, 2012.

Santucci, Aria, 1.0 Special Ed. Resource, NPS, Compensation: Step 1 plus M: effective August 27, 2012.

Griffin, Katherine, .5 Special Education Resource, NPS, Compensation: Step 1: effective August 27, 2012.

Transfers – Certified

Sullivan, Melanie, .5 LEA Representative, NPS, effective August 27, 2012.

Cagnon, Krystal 1.0 Severe & Profound/ Mild/Mod, NHS, effective August 27, 2012.

Increase – Certified

Tomlinson, Andrea, .2 Foreign Language, NPS, effective August 27, 2012.

Appointments – Summer School Staff – Classified

Tudino, Carolyn, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NES, Preschool, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 9, 2012.

Pucci, Alicia, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NES, Preschool, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 9, 2012.

Parkinson, Nancy, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NPS, Severe & Profound, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 9, 2012.

Appointments – Summer School Staff – Certified

Buonaccorsi, Jennifer-Summer School Teacher, NPS, Severe & Profound, Compensation: \$39/hr, effective July 9, 2012.
Contois, Karen-Summer School Teacher, NPS, Severe & Profound, Compensation:\$39/hr, effective July 16, 2012.
Santucci, Aria- Summer School Teacher, NPS, Severe & Profound, Compensation: \$39/hr, effective August 7, 2012.
Deslaurier, Meghann-Summer School Teacher, NES, Severe & Profound, Compensation: \$39/hr, effective July 9, 2012.
Cochran, Christopher-Summer School Teacher, NES, Severe & Profound, Compensation: \$39/hr, effective July 9, 2012.
Hickey, Kristen- Summer School Teacher, NHS, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective August 14, 2012.

Appointments – Coaches NHS

Ellis, Thomas-Assistant Football Coach	Stipend: \$3,814.80
Deighan, Brian -Volunteer Assistant Football Coach	Stipend: N/A
Garcia, Daniel-Volunteer Assistant Football Coach	Stipend: N/A
Smith, David-Volunteer Assistant Football Coach	Stipend: N/A
Fossa, Richard-Football Coach	Stipend: \$7,528.00
Healey, Dean -Assistant Football Coach	Stipend: \$4,516.80
Kanaczet, Ryan -Boys' Soccer Coach	Stipend: \$5,770.00
Mahoney, Kathryn- Girls' Soccer Coach	Stipend: \$4,796.00
Razza, Kristen- Cheerleading Coach	Stipend: \$3,350.00
Reis, Adam- Assistant JV Boys' Soccer Coach	Stipend: \$3,462.00
Salamone, Michael- Assistant Football Coach	Stipend: \$3,814.80
Sayles, Jennifer- Assistant JV Girls' Soccer Coach	Stipend: \$2,721.00
Shields, Robert- Cross Country Coach	Stipend: \$2,984.00
Stern – Lonczak, Jon- Volleyball Coach	Stipend: \$3,976.00
Bassett, Rachel -Volunteer Volleyball Coach	Stipend: N/A
Barlow, Peter-Girl's Tennis	Stipend: \$3,184.00

Retirements – Teachers – Effective last day of school

Soltysiak, Richard, I.0 Social Worker, District
Sullivan, Debra, I.0 Behavior Specialist, SPED, NES

Retirements – Classified

Wood, Barry, Maintenance, District, Effective August 15, 2012

Resignations– Classified

Roberts, Luann, Teacher Assistant, NPS Effective July 25, 2012
Pierson, Victoria, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective July 17, 2012

Resignations– Certified

Quilitzisch, Tara, Librarian, NPS Effective June 22, 2012
Martin, Sharon, Grade 2, NES, Effective July 25, 2012

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

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Consent Agenda items (CA-1A, CA-1B, CA-2, CA-3A, CA-3B).

D.Nobles/G.deWardener (5/0)

VIII. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. White reported that as of June 30, 2012, \$25,286,254.65(95.50%) of the FY12 Budget of \$26,478,944.00 has been expended. \$25,500,251.96 (96.30%) has been expended and encumbered.

IX. SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approval of substitute and part time work pay schedule 2012-13.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the substitute and part time work pay schedule 2012-13.

D.Pierson/D. Nobles (5/0)

2. Approval of Lease of copiers.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Lease of copiers with RICHOH for a 48 month lease for \$41,494.

D.Pierson/D. Nobles (5/0)

3. Approval of School Bus Routes for School Year 2012-13.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the School Bus Routes for School Year '12-'13.

D.Pierson/D. Nobles (5/0)

4. Approval of NHS Field Trip – FFA National Convention.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the NHS Field Trip for the FFA National Convention.

D. Nobles/D.Pierson (5/0)

5. Approval of School Handbooks.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Narragansett Elementary School's 2012-13 School Handbook.

D. Nobles/D.Pierson (5/0)

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Narragansett Pier School's 2012-2013 School Handbook.

D. Nobles/D.Pierson (5/0)

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Narragansett High School's 2012-2013 School Handbook.

D.Pierson /G. deWardener (5/0)

6. Discussion of the Naming of a School Facility proposed by the O'B Surf Group

Ms. McNeiece questioned some of the stipulations in the proposal including wood floor proposal vs. rubber floors. Ms. Sipala indicated that this was addressed during the meeting with the family. All of the items will have to be reviewed and approved by NHS, the Building Committee, and Gary Minett. Further, the naming of the facility will come under the advisement of the Town Council. There was a First reading for the town policy for Naming Properties.

The School Committee policy recommends appointment of a committee to oversee the process. The family is available to present their proposal and can discuss concerns about the conditions including approval of all design and installation procedures; that the gym will be available to Recreation Department on rainy days; and the naming of the entire gymnasium – rather than a portion. The Chair directed the Superintendent to move forward in naming a committee. Ms. McNeiece and Mr. DeWardener volunteered to sit on this committee. The Superintendent also recommended including Mr. Adham, Mr. Warner, Mr. Minett, a coach, and a parent as well. The Superintendent asked Ms. McKnight to contact the town manager's office to request getting the Facility Naming Policy back on the Town Council Agenda for review.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

XI. FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

August 22, 2012 School Committee August Business Meeting –7:00 pm Narragansett Town Hall –
Assembly Area

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

D.Pierson/F.White (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White
Clerk