

**NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD October 17, 2012**

**ENCLOSURE  
November 21, 2012  
No. CA- 1B**

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, October 17, 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; Ms. Elizabeth Pinto, Director of Student Services; Ms. Gail Dandurand , Principal, Narragansett Elementary School; Ms. Marianne Kirby, Assistant Principal, Narragansett Pier School; Mr. Daniel Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School Principal; & Ms. Nancy Daley, Director of Curriculum.

I. **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 OCTOBER 17, 2012 MEETING**

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

IV. **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES**

V. **OPEN FORUM**

VI. **ORAL REPORTS**

I. **School Committee Report**

Frank White reported on the Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Parks and Recreation may look into plan to possibly raise money to fix the property on Clarke Road and the Gazebo by the Post Office.

**School Reports**

Ms. Kirby began the presentation reporting on School Classifications. This information is always part of the RIDE report to District and Communities. Classification is based on: proficiency; distinction; gap-closing; progress; growth in K-8; improvement; and graduation rate. RIDE assigns point values to measures of performance.

There are school classification categories that include: Commended – those schools who have the highest index scores in the state; Leading - those schools who have an index score of 70-76; and Typical – those schools who have an index score 50-70; Warning; Focus – those schools who have the lowest point totals in the state for Proficiency or Gap-closing, regardless of index score; and Priority –lowest Composite Index Scores in R.I. Currently, the three Narragansett schools are classified as follows: NPS: 72.83(Leading); NES: 63.33(Typical); and NHS: 68.67 (Typical). Ms. Daley reported on the breakdown of the distinction graph and proficiency scores based on the results given in the Power Point presentation.

The Superintendent explained that this is a temporary response to NCLB, prior to PARCC so this will eventually change. We have data of our own (NWEA)that indicates shows good growth from the Fall 2011 to Spring 2012.

Mr. Warner addressed the Math scores in grade II. Mr. deWardener asked what steps are being taken to increase achievement scores. Mr. Warner indicated that he has increased the teaching FTE with the common core unit for Freshman and Sophomores who need a “double dose” of math. Also, RTI will be introduced in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. A Graduation target of 89% is a goal for Narragansett. PARCC testing will include 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Ms. Daley indicates that there is a strong correlation between reading and writing with SATs.

2. Superintendent ‘s Report- The Superintendent acknowledged Dr. Doug Pierson on his last meeting on the School Committee, having served on the Committee since 2010. She thanked him for his work on many committees including: the Negotiating Committee for the support contract; the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee; and the Athletic field sub-committee. She also thanked him for his countless hours volunteering and tutoring in our schools.

The Superintendent also acknowledged the resignation of Ms. Elizabeth Pinto, Director of Student Services, and thanked her for all of her hard work and endless hours she has devoted to the Narragansett School System and it’s students. The Superintendent, and the School Committee, wished Ms. Pinto well in her future endeavor working for the State as she takes her career in another direction.

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. September 19, 2012 Executive Session CA-1A
  - B. September 19, 2012 Regular Business Meeting CA-1B
2. Routine Personnel Actions- Appointments- Classified; Certified; Other; Teacher Leaders, Mentors, Department Heads, Extra Curricular, New Hires, Fall Athletic Coaches; Transfers, Increases, Decreases & Resignations.

### Appointments – Classified

Brodeur, Christine, Teacher Assistant, NES, Compensation: \$15.63/hr, 16 hrs/wk, temporarily, effective September 20, 2012.

### Appointments – Other

Noonan, Lori, Data Manager, District, Salary \$33,000, effective October 23, 2012

### Appointments - Extra Curr. Positions - NPS - School Year 2012-13

Holden, Kevin	After School Detention	Stipend: \$25.00/hr
Boynton, Patricia	After School Detention	Stipend: \$25.00/hr
Flaherty, Karla	Homework Club	Stipend: \$39.00/hr
Mellors, Carolyn	Homework Club	Stipend: \$39.00/hr

### Appointments - Extra Curr. Positions - NHS - School Year 2012-13

Reis, Adam	Freshman Class Advisor	Stipend: \$1304.00
McNamara, Gabrielle	After School Detention	Stipend: \$25.00/hr

### Increase – Certified

Hickey, Kristen, .2 Math, NHS, effective August 28, 2012 – January 25, 2013, Compensation: Step 3. (Correction from September Consent Agenda)

Greenan, Holly, .05, NHS, effective October 9, 2012, Compensation: Step 8: effective for the 2012-13 school year.

### Resignation – Certified

Fenster, Zachary, Tech Ed, NHS, Effective September 28, 2012

Pinto, Elizabeth, Director of Student Services, Effective January 1, 2013.

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

MOTION: 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).

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

#### VIII. BUDGET REPORT

Mr. White reported that as of September 30, 2012, \$4,057,540.25 (14.91%) of the FY13 Budget of \$ 27,217,146.00 has been expended. \$23,965,801.52 (88.05%) has been expended and encumbered.

#### IX. SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approval of Contract Extension for Phase I for the Planning/ Consulting Services of Daniel R. Barry Associates in the amount of \$15,000.00.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Contract Extension for Phase I for the Planning/ Consulting Services of Daniel R Barry Associates in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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

#### X. COMMUNICATIONS

#### XI. FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

November 19, 2012      Town Council Regular Business Meeting -swearing in of new School Committee members at 7:30PM

November 21, 2012      School Committee Business Meeting -7:00 pm Narragansett Town Hall- Assembly Area

#### XII. COMMUNICATIONS

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White  
Clerk