

**NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD December 19, 2012**

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, December 19, 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; Mr. Guy deWardener; and Mr. Keith Ranaldi.

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, Principal, Narragansett High School Principal; Ms. Leslie Brow, newly appointed Director of Student Services; & Mr. David Correia, Director of Transportation.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy.

SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE December 19, 2012 MEETING.

MOTION: to seal the minutes of the December 19, 2012 Executive Session

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES Ms. McNeiece reported that there were no votes.

OPEN FORUM

ORAL REPORTS

I. School Committee

Dr. Nobles recently attended the School Committee 101 Professional Development Opportunity. The highlight was a presentation by newly returned RIDE Commissioner Debra Gist and her staff who briefed attendees on PARC testing & the new graduation requirements.

Mr. Guy deWardener attended the Building and Grounds Sub- Committee Meeting and reported on the discussion about building improvements including repairs to the NHS Greenhouse. There will be another meeting to follow-up on suggestions and to review the needs for 2013-14.

Mr. Frank White attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting where they discussed the storm damage to the beach and surrounding area. Mr. White reports that there was a very good summary recently in the paper with regard to this.

Mr. White also reported on the recent meeting he attended regarding the organizing of a 125th Anniversary celebration of Narragansett in March.

Ms. Tammy McNeiece reported that the first Joint Budget Meeting of the Town Council and School Department was held on Monday Night. This was the first meeting of the two newly appointed bodies.

Ms. McNeiece also reported on her recent Athletic Fields Committee meetings with Dan Barry & Associates working with a Leadership group to plan the rollout and start identifying fundraising resources.

2. School Reports

Mr. Warner introduced the NHS Social Studies Department Chair, Ann Marie Zaborsky, and credited her hard work leading to NHS receiving an award for integrating the Junior Achievement/Financial Literacy Program in Civics class. Next year they use a new program with financial literacy topics and more applied learning and interactive topics. This program is sponsored by the Westerly Credit Union. RI Treasurer Gina Raimondo may be a guest at the high school this year.

Mr. Warner introduced Mr. John O'Brien and they spoke with regard to the new High School Graduation Requirements for the class of 2014 including: 26 credits of coursework; a Senior Project; a Graduation Portfolio; a score of "Level 2"/ Partially Proficient on Reading and Math State assessments (NECAP); and 30 hours of community service.

Mr. O'Brien discussed the supports that are in place, such as Grade 8-9 transition planning; Mathematics "boot camp" for incoming freshmen; NovaNet (summer online instruction) for all students who failed math or English in Grade 9 and/or 10; Academic hours in english, math, science, and social studies; and Extended School Day.

NHS Administration Recommendation.

Mr. Warner and his Leadership team are looking at ways to accommodate the student body and the changing needs at the high school. Possibly two "houses" to include grades 9 and 10; and grades 11 & 12. They are looking at different models that may fit the High School especially for the personalization requirement maybe by the "Dean" model or "Teacher Leaders". Ms. McNeiece has concerns about time management and completing all the other responsibilities and demands, especially the demands regarding the new teacher evaluation system, including safety concerns, and other relative issues in the building. Ms. Sipala indicated to the Committee that they can dedicate an entire budget workshop to a discussion on this.

3. Superintendent

Superintendent Sipala welcomed the newly appointed Director of Student Services, Leslie Brow. She also congratulated Ms. Charlene Paskowski on her retirement and invited her to come back in June, with her peers, in a more formal recognition of her retirement.

The Superintendent also referred the Committee to a letter received by the Department of Education granting the waiver for the October storm day at NES.

The Superintendent informed the Committee about actions around the aftermath of the shootings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. There was a crisis team meeting and discussion with the Narragansett Police Department. There is a resource officer assigned to cover all three schools.

The High School talked about student empowerment “you have to help us to keep this school safe”. All schools took a good reflective look at their safety plans. Our schools are quite practiced in this. Ms. McNeiece thanked the Superintendent for her thoughtfulness and expedient handling of the safety and well-being of our students and our schools.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. November 21, 2012 Regular Business Meeting CA-1A
2. Routine Personnel Actions— Appointments- Director of Student Services; Winter Coaches; Classified; Resignation, Certified; Recall, Certified. CA-2

Appointments – Administrator

Brow, Leslie, 1.0 Director of Student Services, District, Compensation: \$110,000, effective January 02, 2013

Recall – Certified

Dolos, Christopher, 1.0 Science Teacher, NPS, Compensation: Step 3, effective January 02, 2013

Retirement – Certified

Paskoski, Charlene, Science Teacher, NPS, Effective December 31, 2012

Appointments – Classified

Shea, Brittany, Teacher Assistant, NHS, Compensation: \$15.63/hr, 30 hrs/wk, temporarily, effective December 03, 2012.

Appointments – Coaches NHS

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| Millen, Michael | Volunteer Wrestling Coach | N/A |
| August, Jason | Co- Assistant Boys Basketball Coach | Stipend: \$2683.15 |
| Berardi, Joseph | Co- Assistant Boys Basketball Coach | Stipend: \$487.85 |

Appointments – Coaches NPS

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| Hummel, Abby | Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball | N/A |
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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-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C).

BUDGET REPORT

Karen Hagan reported that as of November 30, 2012, \$8,052,003.66 (29.58%) of the FY13 Budget of \$27,217,146.00 has been expended. \$24,151,303.90 (88.74%) has been expended and encumbered.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

I. Remaining Committee Assignments

Knights of the Rockingham Arch – Frank White

Negotiations Subcommittee Frank White and Guy deWardener

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

January 3, 2013 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting – 4:00 PM

January 16, 2013 School Committee Business Meeting –7:00 PM Narragansett Town Hall,
Assembly Area.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM.

F. White/K. Ranaldi (5/0)

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