

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD January 16, 2013.

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 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. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance & Administration; Mr. Daniel Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School Principal; & 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.

SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE January 16, 2013 MEETING.

MOTION: to seal the minutes of the January 16, 2013 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

1. School Committee

Mr. Frank White attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting where they discussed the storm damage to the beach and surrounding area. Insurance will cover much of the damage. 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 “125th Anniversary Celebration of Narragansett” meeting he attended. The celebration will be held on Friday, March 22nd. The Towers will be open all day and there will be a postage stamp in honor of the Anniversary. Schools are participating with music and memorabilia.

Mr. Keith Ranaldi attended the recent Parent Advisory Committee Meeting. He reported on the PACE program at Middle School, and discussion on instituting better communication between parents and teachers. Mr. Ranaldi would like to see more mentoring within the schools. He reported that a parent with knowledge about pottery volunteered to donate her time towards the pottery program. He commended Ms. Leslie Brow on her leadership at the meeting. The next Parent Advisory meeting will be held on March 12, 2013 at 7PM to discuss transitioning to the High School. Challenge Day was held last week at the High school involving student team building activities. It seemed to be a great outlet for students to learn and share with other students.

Mr. Guy deWardener attended the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting on January 3rd. The Committee is waiting for reports on NHS gym floor regarding wood vs rubber, and also on a proposal for the Greenhouse and adjoining buildings. The next meeting will be held on January 31st at 4PM.

Ms. Tammy McNeiece added that the Building Committee has spent a lot of time, research and thought discussing the High School Stadium Project. Co-chairs were announced for the Athletic Fields Fundraising Capital Campaign. Dan Barry & Associates and the co-chairs have been doing a lot of work recruiting people to sit on the Leadership and Honorary Committees for this project. Representatives Don Lally and Teresa Tanzi will meet with the co-chairs on Friday to learn more about the project and hopefully lend their support.

2. School Reports

Mrs. Dandurand's report on happenings at NES: Students recently earned a school wide reward through PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) and were treated to a science presentation which tied into the science standards. The PTO completed a very successful book fair and also the Fall Enrichment Session. Teachers spent the entire PD day in December learning about the new Common Core State Standards. The 4th graders started their popcorn Fridays. Classes take turns planning, preparing, and selling the popcorn. Proceeds were donated to the Sandy Hook Fund. Upcoming Events at NES include NAEP testing for grade 4, *Surveyworks*, and midyear writing assessment.

Dr. Ahern's report on happenings at NPS: On Saturday, January 19th - 31 students will be competing for the Lego League State Championship, at Roger Williams University in Bristol. On Friday, January 4th the NPS Wrestling Team won its first match against Middletown. On Tuesday, January 15th NPS recognized the boys' State Championship track & field teams. The "Raising of the Banners" occurred during half time at the boys' basketball game. Students began MAP testing in reading and mathematics last week.

Ms. Leslie Brow was present at the meeting and in her report shared that the Parent Advisory Meeting was held on January 8th. Student Services is developing behavioral programming for classrooms with the support of Creative Options to increase support to all students. The next Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 12th.

Mr. Warner was present at the meeting and reported that Parent Conferences were held on December 5th and 6th. The course selection process starts in January for the 2013-2014 school year. NHS has begun teaching and reinforcing positive behaviors that make a big difference to the school environment, especially being on-time to class and to school. PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is a school-wide approach to discipline and a process for creating safer and more effective schools. The process focuses on improving NHS's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. At Narragansett High School our behavior expectations fall under the acronym REPS: R.E.P.S. Respectful, Engaged, Prepared & Safe. The National Honor Society is sponsoring an enhanced clothing drive for the Big Brothers & Big Sisters collecting clothes, books, and toys. This year denim donations are being requested to help the Narragansett Centerville Bank with the Blue to Green program. Upcoming events: the PTO will meet on January 17th at 7PM in the Media Center and 8th Grade Parent Night will be held on January 22nd at 7PM in the Auditorium.

Mr. Warner Reported that NHS is starting their course selection process and that there are very few changes to the NHS Program of Studies for the 2012-13 school year. Ms. McNeiece and the Committee preferred to review the Program page by page. Mr. Warner indicated that it is always a challenge to be comprehensive with such a small student body. There is a proposal to change the schedule due to the RIDE requirement for RTI.

Mr. Warner answered questions for the Committee as they reviewed the draft. The Committee requested that they be able to review the Program of Studies prior to the January the request for approval in 2014.

3. Superintendent

The Superintendent Sipala was not in attendance due to illness.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes:

- A. December 17, 2012 Joint Meeting with Town Council CA-1A
- B. December 19, 2012 Executive Session CA-1B
- C. December 19, 2012 Regular Business Meeting CA-1C

2. Routine Personnel Actions— Resignation; Winter Coach; Appointments, Winter Coaches CA-2.

Resignation – Coach NPS

Bianco, Charlene, Cheerleading Coach, NPS, Effective December 31, 2012

Appointments – Coach NPS

DiCicco, Melissa	Cheerleading Coach	Stipend: \$902.19
DiCicco, Donna	Volunteer Cheerleading Coach	Stipend: N/A

Appointment – Coach NHS

DiCicco, Melissa	Volunteer Cheerleading Coach	Stipend: N/A
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1. 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-1C, CA-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C).

BUDGET REPORT

Karen Hagan reported that as of December 31, 2012, \$10,194,917.47 (37.46%) of the FY13 Budget of \$27,217,146.00 has been expended. \$24,266,276.86 (89.16%) has been expended and encumbered.

F. White/G. deWardener (5/0)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. NHS Program of Studies

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the NHS Program of Studies.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

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| February 13, 2013 | School Committee Business Meeting–7:00 pm Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area. |
| February 27, 2013 | First Budget Workshop - 7:00 pm Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area |

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Frank White
Clerk

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