

**NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD February 13, 2013**

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at the Narragansett Town Hall – Assembly Area, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE: Ms. Tammy McNeiece, Chairperson; Mr. Frank White, Clerk; Mr. Guy deWardener; and Mr. Keith Ranaldi.

ABSENT: Dr. Diane Nobles, Vice Chairperson.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine E. Sipala, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance & Administration; Mr. Gary Minett, Director of Maintenance; & Mr. David Correia, Director of Transportation.

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

SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE February 13, 2013 MEETING.

MOTION: to seal the minutes of the February 13, 2013 Executive Session

G. deWardener/K. Ranaldi (4/0)

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES Ms. McNeiece reported that there was one vote to approve a home school request.

OPEN FORUM

ORAL REPORTS

I. School Committee

Mr. Frank White 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. They hope to have the schools participating with music and memorabilia.

Mr. Keith Ranaldi acknowledged the Narragansett High School wrestling team. They recently won the Division II title. Wrestling Coach Mario Forte was present at the meeting and reported that the title came down to the last 2 matches against Barrington. Friday, February 15, 2013 is the sectionals in Smithfield. The top ten wrestlers will compete in this event. At the meet on February 2nd in Smithfield; at 132lbs Robert Peterson placed 2nd; at 145 lbs Reed Nelson placed 4th; at 170 lbs Mike Gallagher placed 1st; at 220 lbs Alex Millen placed 2nd. He also recognized the team for their hard work and determination.

Mr. Ranaldi also acknowledged Ms. Elizabeth Abbott, adjunct URI professor, who was present at the meeting with her students.

Ms. Tammy McNeiece reported that she has had several meetings with Dan Barry. The Fundraising Campaign is rolling ahead in a positive direction.

Mr. Guy deWardener attended the recent Building and Grounds Committee Meetings held on January 31st & February 11th. The Committee continued to discuss Narragansett High School gym renovations as well as the Greenhouse and adjoining buildings.

2. School Reports

Mrs. Gail Dandurand, Principal, & Mrs. Lisa Monahan, Assistant Principal at Narragansett Elementary School report the following events that are of interest to NES families for the months of February and March: on February 13th the School Improvement Team Meets from 3:45-5:00 pm in the NES Conference Room; on February 13th and 14th the *Jump Rope for Heart* Event will take place at NES; Schools are closed for Winter Break from February 18th through 22nd; and on March 1st the Survey Works Parent Survey ends.

Ms. Marianne Kirby, Assistant Principal at Narragansett Pier School reports the following upcoming events: NPS Spelling Bee on Tuesday, Feb. 26 – 6:30pm – NPS Café; 7th & 8th Grade – Hoops for Heart on Tuesday, March 5th from 2:30pm -4pm; 5th & 6th Grade Hoops for Heart on Thursday, March 7th from 2:30 pm -4pm; NPS PTO Meeting Monday, March 11 from 7pm-8:30pm in the NPS Library; National History Day will be observed with a School Contest Thursday, March 14 in the NPS Gym throughout the day & on Friday, March 15th March Madness will be held with school-wide Activities from 7-9pm.

Mr. Daniel Warner, Principal at Narragansett High School reports the following upcoming events: February 11th is the Guidance Advisory Committee meeting at 7:00pm; February 12th is Graduation Portfolio Night at 7:00pm; February 12th is DNA Day; on February 17th NHS will host the Cheerleading Invitational; and on February 28th there will be an Athletic Fields Committee Meeting.

In her report, Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services, reports the following: Planning is beginning for Extended School Year Services; Transition meetings continue and are focusing on a full continuum of services for students for the 2013-2014 school year; and the next Special Education Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be on March 12th from 7-8:30 Topic of discussion is Transition from High School. A panel of students from the Southern RI Transition Center will present.

3. Superintendent

A. Presentation of Fiscal 2014 School Department Budget

Superintendent Sipala explained that she will give the Committee an over view of the Narragansett School Department Fiscal 2014 Budget proposal and give them information to assist them decipher the information. She indicates that the schedule for the Fiscal Budget meetings will be available on the District website, and will go out via parent and teacher email list serve notifications.

The Superintendent thanked staff for their assistance and diligence in their work on the budget. She especially wanted to recognize Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance and Administration for the many hours spent in her thoughtful preparation of this budget; Ms. Beth Pinto and Ms. Leslie Brow, former and present Directors of Student Services; Administrators and secretaries for their work on preparing the budget.

The Superintendent explained how the Committee should use the information and also explained the set-up and contents of the book. Ms. Sipala reviewed the Budget by sections and gave an overview of how the Budget was determined along with a brief overview of the areas where the budget was decreased and increased.

B. School Calendar for 2013-14 SY

The Superintendent and Committee discussed the options of starting before or after Labor Day. The 2013-14 Calendar will be discussed and voted on at the March 20th meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes:

A. January 16, 2013 Executive Session CA-1A

B. January 16, 2013 Regular Business Meeting CA-1B

2. Routine Personnel Actions-Increase(s); Appointments -Mentor, Athletic Coaches CA-2

Appointments – Mentors -School Year 2012-13

McDonough, Christine – Mentor, NPS

Stipend: \$400.00

Increase – Certified

Griffin, Katherine, .15, Resource Teacher, NPS, Compensation: Step 1, temp., effect. January 28, 2013.

Appointments – Classified

Ashworth, Kyle, Teacher Assistant, NES, Compensation: \$15.63/hr, 32.5 hrs/wk, temporarily, effective January 15, 2013.

Increase – Classified

Marsh, Jeannine, Teacher Assistant, NES, 40 minutes/wk temporarily, effective January 28, 2013.

Appointments – Coaches NHS

Smith, David	Volunteer JV Baseball Coach	N/A
Moore, Caitlyn	Volunteer JV Tennis Coach	N/A
Fossa, Richard	JV Baseball Coach	Stipend: \$3462.00
Vellone, Keith	Varsity Baseball Coach	Stipend: \$4796.00
Salamone, Michael	Varsity Softball Coach	Stipend: \$3998.00
Behrends, William	Golf Coach	Stipend: \$3973.00
Chafee, Mark	Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Stipend: \$4796.00
Scott, Glenn	JV Boys Lacrosse	Stipend: \$2558.40
Wyatt, Russell	Varsity Tennis Coach	Stipend: \$3350.00
McNeiece, Brian	Varsity Boys Track	Stipend: \$4264.00
Shields, Robert	Varsity Girls Track	Stipend: \$4796.00
Cannon, David	Assistant Track	Stipend: \$2269.80
Lubic, Mark	Co - Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Stipend: \$2132.00
Andronowitz, Ken	Co - Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Stipend: \$2132.00
Lubic, Mark	Co - JV Girls Lacrosse	Stipend: \$1279.20
Andronowitz, Ken	Co - JV Girls Lacrosse	Stipend: \$1279.20

Appointments – Coaches NPS

Mark Lapham	Softball Coach	Stipend: \$2602.02
Ranaldi, Deborah	Track Coach	Stipend: \$2602.02
Machado, Derick	Baseball Coach	Stipend: \$1804.38
Ranaldi, Keith	Volunteer Track Coach	N/A

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).

K. Ranaldi/F. White (4/0)

BUDGET REPORT

Frank White reported to the Committee on the year to date budget report. As of January 31, 2013, \$13,457,608.92 (49.45%) of the FY13 Budget of \$27,217,146.00 has been expended. \$24,715,845.19 (90.81%) has been expended and encumbered.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Bid Award: Design & Consulting Services NHS Gymnasium

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the Bid Award for Design & Consulting Services for the Narragansett High School Gymnasium Project to Torrado Architects in the amount of \$15,000.00.

F. White/K. Ranaldi (4/0)

2. Approval of the purchase of a freezer at Narragansett Pier School.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the purchase of a freezer at the Narragansett Pier School.

K. Ranaldi /F. White (4/0)

3. Non-Renewal of Staff

Non-Tenured Teachers

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for non-renewal of the following non-tenured teachers based upon one of the following reasons:

- o Due to uncertainty in funding levels, it is anticipated that it may be necessary to eliminate or consolidate positions or programs which might result in the lack of a position for a teacher with your seniority level or certification.
 - o It is anticipated that there will be fewer teaching positions in the area in which you are teaching and you are one of the least senior teachers in that area.
 - o A teacher whose position you are now filling will be returning from leave.
 - o It is believed that there are better teachers available to fill your position.
- Seniority Nos. 13-134, 13-137, 13-140, 13-142, 13-144, 13-147, 13-148, 13-149, 13-150, 13-155, 13-158.

K. Ranaldi /F. White (4/0)

Tenured Teachers

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for non-renewal of the following tenured teachers based upon one of the following reasons:

- o Due to uncertainty in funding levels, it is anticipated that it may be necessary to eliminate or consolidate positions or programs which might result in the lack of a position for a teacher with your seniority level or certification.
- o It is anticipated that there will be fewer teaching positions in the area in which you are teaching and you are one of the least senior teachers in that area.
Seniority Nos. 13-27, 13-96, 13-114, 13-120 & 13-128.

K. Ranaldi /F. White (4/0)

Retired Teachers

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for non-renewal of the following retired teachers based upon one of the following reasons:

- o Employment as retired teachers is strictly regulated by retirement regulations.
Retirees 13-RET-01, 13-RET-02, 13-RET-03, 13-RET-04, 13-RET-05, 13-RET-06

K. Ranaldi/ F. White (4/0)

Displaced Teacher

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for displacement of the following teacher based upon the following reason:

- o Due to the number of students projected to require services in your area it is anticipated that it will be necessary to restructure positions or programs.
Seniority No. 13-146

K. Ranaldi/ F. White (4/0)

4. Resolution to Change Teacher Notification Date.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Resolution to Change Teacher Notification Date

G. deWardener/F.White (4/0)

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

February 27, 2013	First Budget Workshop 7:00 PM Narragansett Town Hall
March 4, 2013	Capital Reserve Preparation Meeting 5:30 PM Narragansett Town Hall School Department Offices, 3 rd floor.
March 6, 2013	Second Budget Workshop 7:00 PM Narragansett Town Hall
March 11, 2013	Capital Reserve Meeting 6:30 PM Narragansett Town Hall

March 13, 2013

Third Budget Workshop 7:00PM Narragansett Town Hall

March 20, 2013

School Committee Business Meeting 7:00 pm Narragansett Town Hall,
Assembly area.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 8:55PM.

F. White/K. Ranaldi (4/0)

Respectfully submitted by,

Frank White
Clerk

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