

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE FIRST BUDGET HEARING HELD February 27, 2013

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The second budget hearing of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at the Narragansett Town Hall – Assembly Area, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE: Ms. Tammy McNeiece, Chairperson; Ms. Diane Nobles, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Frank White, Clerk; Mr. Guy deWardener; and Mr. Keith Ranaldi (all present).

SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine E. Sipala, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance; Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services; Mr. Daniel Warner, Narragansett High School Principal; Dr. Marie Ahern, Narragansett Pier School Principal; Ms. Gail Dandurand, Narragansett Elementary School Principal; and Mr. Rich Adham, Athletic Director at NHS.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

FISCAL 2014 BUDGET: Ms. Sipala began the Budget discussion. As part of the discussion, she reviewed the Budget Power Point Presentation updates and distributed an edited version.

Ms. Gail Dandurand explained her request for changes in staffing. The overall budget for NES will decrease, and an increase will be realized at the Pier School as the Special Education students transition from NES to NPS.

Ms. Leslie Brow explained the current decrease in out-of-district tuitions, and a line item for Consultation services, through Creative Options, which provides programming solutions for students on a case-by-case basis.

Ms. Hagan answered questions about the savings in the RICOH copiers, maintenance fees and leases.

Mr. Warner gave a presentation and discussed his request to change the High School's Administrative model by replacing the vacant Assistant Principal's position with 2 Deans/Associate Principals.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND QUESTION: Ms. Sipala answered questions from School Committee members throughout the presentation, enlisting the assistance of all administrators present as appropriate to the discussion. The Committee thanked Ms. Sipala for presenting a carefully planned and well-explained budget that will continue to provide a quality education for the children of Narragansett.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

D. Nobles/ K.Ranaldi (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk