

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD March 20, 2013

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, March 20, 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; & Mr. Keith Ranaldi.

OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine E. Sipala, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance & Administration; Mr. Daniel Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School; Mr. Gary Minett, Director of Maintenance; & Mr. David Correira, Director of Transportation.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2013 MEETING

MOTION: to seal the Minutes of the March 20, 2013 Executive Session. F. White / D Nobles (5/0)

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES: An extension of the Superintendent's contract through June 30, 2015 was approved (5/0), and one home school request was approved (5/0).

OPEN FORUM:

SHOWCASE: NHS ATHLETICS. The School Committee recognized the following NHS student athletes: the Wrestling Team; Leia Mistowski, All-American weight thrower; Adam Betts, State Champion swimmer; the Girls' Basketball State Championship team; and the Competition Cheerleading State Championship team.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. **School Committee.** Tammy McNeiece reported that the Capital Reserve Committee met and discussed capital expenditures and the best way to use the capital money. It was a very good exercise in open communication with the Town Council.

Keith Ranaldi reported that he went to Bryant University for a conference for new school committee members.

Mr. deWardener attended the Technology Committee meeting regarding IT expansion in the schools. He also reported that he attended a Fields Committee meeting.

Frank White reminded the public about the "125th Anniversary Celebration of Narragansett" to be held this Friday, March 22nd. The Towers will be open all day. Student artwork will be on display, and the band will perform. There will also be lectures from historians and there will be commemorative postage stamps for sale.

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: the NES PTO After School Enrichment Program started last week, and their Annual Pizza Pig Out will be held this Friday, March 22nd; NES celebrates Reading Week with a dress as your favorite storybook character day and a daily question of the day over the intercom. The class with the correct answer receives a prize. There will also be guest readers, and a story with a Yogurt Parfait compliments for our school nurse who wrote a grant to pay for the parfaits for the entire school. NES will enjoy Wear Green Day with the Feinstein Grant donating 25 cents for each

child who wears green to the Narragansett Team Autism Walk. NES continues to roll out the Common Core State Standards with continuing Professional Development for teachers provided during embedded PD days with the coaches.

Dr. Marie Ahern, Principal at Narragansett Pier School reports the following NPS Highlights for March: The Theater Program performed this year's theatrical production of The Wiz on February 28th, March 2nd & March 3rd with 87 Pier School students, 2 NES students, 3 NHS students and 1 NHS alumni participating. The Theater Production team includes Vanessa Miller, Jimmy Calitri, as well as a choreographer, musical director, and an orchestra. A wireless sound system was recently purchased in collaboration with NHS. Next year, we are looking to foster and highlight the comedic skills with either Shrek: The Musical or Seussical: The Musical. 7th and 8th grade students have been preparing for participation in this year's National History Day theme "Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events" and will showcase their work on March 14th. Once scored by guest judges the top finishers will compete in a state-wide contest on April 6th at Providence College; and on March 22nd the NPS chorus will perform several songs at Narragansett's 125th Anniversary Celebration. In addition, they will perform a couple of numbers from The Wiz.

Mr. Daniel Warner, Principal at Narragansett High School reports the following NHS happenings: The NHS Girls' Cheerleading & Basketball Teams took home the State Champion titles; Leia Mistowski became an All American by competing in the weight throw at the New Balance National Championship. She threw an astounding 53 ft 7 1/2 inches; Grace Castro competed in the Junior Olympic Fencing championships in Baltimore, MD end of February; NHS swimmer Adam Betts qualified and competed in the Junior Nationals in Florida the weekend of March 16th; the NHS Academic Decathlon competed in the 30th annual all day competition placing 6th out of 17 teams; and Dillon Sheridan was named Mr. Narragansett

In her report, Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services, reports the following: A team will be attending the two day training, Rhode Island Statewide Transition Capacity Building Institute. The goal is to expand our transition assessment data and transition goal writing for students; RIDE will be putting out the Special Education Statewide Parent Survey (SEPPS) in April. This survey measures the schools facilitation of special education parent involvement; planning continues for Extended School Year Services; on Tuesday May 14th the Parent Advisory Committee will hold its last meeting of the year at 7PM in the Pier School Library.

3. **Superintendent's Report.** The Superintendent reported on the purchase of the reach-in freezer for the Narragansett Pier School. There was a change in the purchase as it was purchased from Kittredge for \$3,275.39, instead of from TriMark for \$3,385.00. The change in purchase also included removal of the old freezer, which was not included in the cost of the TriMark purchase.

The Superintendent also reported on the energy audit done by Washington County Regional Planning Council Energy. Johnson Controls recently presented the full report and the School Department, on Gary Minett's recommendation, will not do the work recommended by the audit at this time. The cost of the audit is covered by a grant from the Town.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. February 13, 2013 Executive Session CA-1A (Limited Distribution)
 - B. February 13, 2013 Regular Business Meeting CA-1B
 - C. February 27, 2013 Executive Session CA-1C (Limited Distribution)
 - D. February 27, 2013 Budget Hearing CA-1D
 - E. March 6, 2013 Budget Hearing CA-1E
 - F. March 13, 2013 Budget Hearing CA-1F
2. **Routine Personnel Actions - Appointments - Classified, Coaches, Other; Resignation - Classified. CA-2**
Appointments - Classified
Tessier, Danielle, Cafeteria Assistant, NPS, Compensation: \$10.00/hr., 10 hrs. /wk., effective February 25, 2013.

Smith, Darren, Custodian, NPS, Compensation: \$15.75/hr., 40 hrs. /wk., temporarily, effective March 4, 2013.

Appointments – Other

O'Connell, Thomas, Assistant Principal, NHS, Salary Step 10 masters plus Stipend, \$2,000, effective March 01, 2013

Appointments – Coaches NPS

Chris Dolos Assistant Track Coach Stipend: \$ 690.00

Resignation – Classified

Doorley, Joseph, Maintenance Mechanic, District, effective February 22, 2013.

2. 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-1D; CA-1E; CA-1F; CA-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C)

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

BUDGET REPORT: Mr. White reported that as of February 28, 2013, \$15,397,529.37 (56.57%) of the FY13 Budget of \$27,217,146.00 has been expended. \$24,845,936.40 (91.29%) has been expended and encumbered.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of 2014 FY Budget.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the 2014 FY Budget in the amount of \$27,380,216.00.

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

2. Approval of School Calendar for 2013-14 SY.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the School Calendar for 2013-14 SY. K. Ranaldi/F. White (5/0)

3. Approval of School Committee meeting schedule for 2013-14 SY.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the School Committee meeting schedule for 2013-14 SY D. Nobles/F. White (5/0)

4. Approval of contract extension of the planning/consulting services of Torrado Architects for the greenhouse needs assessment.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the contract extension for the planning/consulting services of Torrado Architects for the greenhouse needs assessment in the amount of \$3,000.00. K. Ranaldi/D. Nobles (5/0)

5. Approval of contract extension of the planning/consulting services of Daniel R. Barry & Associates for the Narragansett Athletic Complex.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Phase II of the contract extension of the planning/consulting services of Barry Associates from March 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013 in the amount of \$33,750.00. K. Ranaldi/F. White (5/0)

6. Bid Award – Skylights

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, Director of Finance and Administration, and the Director of Facilities and Maintenance, to approve the Bid Award for Skylights for Central Office to Martone Service Company in the amount of \$23,900.00.

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

7. **Approval of Spain Trip, April 2014**
MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the April 2014 Spain Trip.
G. deWardener /F. White (5/0)
8. **Approval of FFA National Convention -Louisville, Kentucky, October 2013.**
MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the October 2013 trip to the FFA National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. K. Ranaldi/F. White (5/0)

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

- April 10, 2013 School Committee Business Meeting –7:00 pm Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area.
- April 22, 2013 Presentation to Town Council- Hearing on proposed School Department Budget 7:30 PM
- April 29, 2013 Joint Meeting with Town Council on School Department Budget 6:30 PM

COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:45PM. F.White/D Nobles (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White
Clerk