

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD May 15, 2013

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, May 15, 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.

OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine E. Sipala, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance & Administration; Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services; Mr. Gary Minett, Director of Maintenance; & Mr. David Correira, Director of Transportation.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: to seal the minutes of the May 15, 2013 Executive Session. D. Nobles/ F. White (5-0).

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES. No votes were taken.

OPEN FORUM: No one wished to speak.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. School Committee.

Mr. White did not attend the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting this month but reported that the discussion at the meeting was on the progress of the beach opening and conditions of the parking lots.

Ms. McNeiece reported that on April 29th the School Committee and Town Council had a productive Joint Meeting with regard to the School Department budget. There was conversation around the portion of the budget to be covered by funds from the WB.

Ms. Sipala gave an update on the budget request based on her recent conversation with Mr. Kerbel, the Town Manager. It appears that the Town Council will approve a slight increase in the School Department's budget for the first time in four years.

Mr. Ranaldi attended the Employee of the Year banquet at the Village Inn in Narragansett. He reported that the event was very well attended and a good time was had by all. Mr. Ranaldi also reported that the Pier School Girls Track Team placed 2nd overall and Boys won their first consecutive Divisional Championship. He also attended the NHS Production *You Can't Take It With You* produced by Jim Calitri.

2. School Reports.

Showcase

Vanessa Miller, NPS Teacher, introduced Amanda Carberry & Elizabeth Santa, who won first place at the National History Day held at Providence College with their documentary on the *Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990*. They will be heading to Maryland in June representing Rhode Island in the National Competition.

3. Superintendent's Report.

Ms. Sipala announced that Narragansett High School was ranked #1 among Rhode Island High Schools by GoLocalProv. The High School, and the community, is very excited about this announcement. Narragansett High School has consistently ranked among the top 3 high schools, but this is the first time we were ranked as #1.

Ms. Sipala informed the Committee that the Assistant Principal's position at Narragansett High School has been posted and we are currently accepting applications online, via SchoolSpring, and hopes to have the position filled by the start of summer.

Also, the Narragansett School Department received an invitation from the Board of Education to host a meeting here in Narragansett. Ms. McNeiece would welcome the opportunity and Mr. Ranaldi suggested that they might host the meeting at the Towers.

Ms. Sipala also reported that Kindergarten registration is ongoing. We currently have 55 Kindergarteners registered.

Ms. Sipala asked Mr. Minett to speak about the NHS Gymnasium Project. She noted that upon inspection of the floor for renovations, there was mercury found in the floor which will need to be abated. The renovation may take a little longer but will be done right. Ms. Sipala would like the Committee to have an opportunity to meet with Mr. Minett and Torrado Associates before the matter is voted on, in order to have the most updated information before moving forward with this project.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. March 20, 2013 Executive Session
 - B. April 10, 2013 Regular Business Meeting
 - C. April 29, 2013 Joint Meeting Town Council
2. Routine Personnel Actions – Routine Personnel Actions –Retirements, Certified and Classified CA-2

Retirements – Classified

Steere, Anthony, Bus Aide, Transportation Effective June 30, 2013

Retirements – Teachers – Effective last day of school

Thompson, Barbara, 1.0 gr. 7/8 Social Studies, NPS

3. Reports –
 - A. Enrollment Report
 - B. Budget Transfers
 - C. Maintenance Report

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). K. Ranadi/F White (5-0)

Mr. Ranaldi had questions about the transfer for software at NPS. Ms. Hagan explained that it was a purchase for Special Education students. Mr. Ranaldi requested that Ms. Brow provide information with regard to the number of students who will be using this software.

BUDGET REPORT Mr. White reported that as of April 30, 2013, \$19,381,927.55 (71.21%) of the FY13 Budget of \$27,217,146.00 has been expended. \$25,226,659.15 (92.69%) has been expended and encumbered

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Bid Award – Annual Gym Safety Inspections

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Director of Finance and Administration, and the Director of Maintenance, to approve the Bid Award for Annual Gym Safety Inspections to Hussey Seating Company in the amount of \$1,640.00. K. Ranaldi/D. Nobles (5)

2. Bid Award – Waste Management Services

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Director of Finance and Administration, and the Director of Maintenance, to approve the Bid Award for Waste Management Services to Republic Services for a 3-year contract as follows: 2013-14 in the amount of \$5,400.00; 2014-15 in the amount of \$5,567.01; and 2015-16 in the amount of \$5,739.18. F. White/K. Ranaldi (5/0)

3. Bid Award – Hall Locker Renovations

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Director of Finance and Administration, and the Director of Maintenance, to approve the Bid Award for Hall Locker Renovations to G.J. Sales Company in the amount of \$15,080.00. F. White/G. deWardener (5/0)

4. Bid Award – Heating Plant Renovations

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Director of Finance and Administration, and the Director of Maintenance, to approve the Bid Award for Heating Plant Renovations to Industrial Burner Service, Inc. in the amount of \$169,945.00. D. Nobles/ K. Ranaldi (5-0)

COMMUNICATIONS

The Superintendent noted that there is a bundle in the packets from NES regarding transitioning from one grade to another at NES.

Tammy McNeiece reported that there will be an upcoming Guidance Informational Night at Narragansett High School. She also reported that the Narragansett PTOs will be holding their Beach Blanket Bidding on May 31st at the Dunes Club.

Ryan Fields reported that the FFA is celebrating their plant sale on the next two Saturdays at NHS from 8-3PM. They will have perennials, annuals, etc.

Friday, May 31st is the Senior Project Presentations at Narragansett High School.

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

June 19, 2013 School Committee Business Meeting –7:00 pm Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area.

Tentative Meetings not yet confirmed:

June 12, 2013 Executive Session-Administrator's Contracts (time TBD)

June 18, 2013 Workshop on Narragansett High School gymnasium project (4PM)

June 24, 2013 (Workshop Meeting to discuss NHS Flooring- Minett-public-Torrado)

June 27, 2013 Bid Award- Narragansett High School gymnasium project (4PM)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White
Clerk