

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD August 21, 2013

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, August 21, 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; Dr. Diane Nobles, Vice Chairperson; and Mr. Guy deWardener. Mr. Keith Ranaldi was absent.

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; and Mr. Roland Lambert, Director of Technology.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE August 21, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: to seal the minutes of the August 21, 2013 Executive Session. D. Nobles/F. White (4-0)

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES. The Committee voted to approve eight (8) homeschool requests.

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. Showcase: Mr. Warner introduced Mr. Bill Bianchi of the RI Student Loan Authority who presented Ms. Ann Marie Zaborski with the 2013 Financial Literacy Award for her work with the Financial Literacy Program. Ms. Zaborski explained that the program is incorporated into the Government class and is an interactive personal finance software program that covers personal finance topics. Ms. Zaborski reports that while it is not an easy program, students have had great success with it.

2. School Committee Reports: Ms. McNeiece reported that she attended the NCAC meeting last night and will share more information about upcoming plans for fundraising and goals at the School Committee's September 11, 2013 workshop.

3. Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent informed the Committee that school officially begins for students on August 28th and the schools are ready. At NHS the former Tech Ed room has been converted back to a classroom and it looks spectacular. Work continues on the floor in the gymnasium at NHS. At NPS there is a new oil burner; 130 new full size lockers have been installed; the gymnasium floor has been refinished; and 2 new showcases will soon be installed. At NES the gymnasium floor has been refinished. All schools are clean and ready for the start of school. System wide, all of the white boards and smart boards that were purchased with the generosity and support of the Committee have been installed. Staff is ready to start with one last opening to fill due to a late resignation. Teachers will report on August 27th for a Professional Day which will begin with a presentation in the auditorium at NHS. The Committee is welcome to attend. The enrollment report indicates that the Kindergarten class number is low and 4 classes have been approved for this year. There are low numbers at the High School as well, but students are still registering. The bus schedules have been posted on our website and in today's Narragansett Times. The calendar of events that is published in cooperation with Prevention Partnership is scheduled to be mailed out to the households of the Narragansett School Community in early September.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. July 17, 2013 Executive Session
 - B. July 17, 2013 Regular Business Meeting
 - C. August 13, 2013 Executive Session
 - D. August 13, 2013 Special Meeting
2. Routine Personnel Actions: CA-2
Resignation, Certified-George, Victoria, 1.0 Grade 2, NES
Appointment, Certified-Thomas, Allison, 1.0 Behavior Specialist, NPS, compensation: Step 4 plus M: effective October 15, 2013.
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-1D, CA-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C).

D. Nobles/G. deWardner (4-0)

BUDGET REPORT Mr. White reported that as of July 31, 2013, \$408,810.51 (1.49%) of the FY14 Budget of the \$27,380,216.00 has been expended. \$21,999,701.69 (80.35%) has been expended and encumbered

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approval of Technology Plan for the 2014-17 school year.
MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Technology Plan for 2014-17 school years.
G. deWardner/D. Nobles (4-0)
2. Approval of Tuition Rate for the 2013-14 school year.
MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Tuition Rate for the 2013-14 SY.
F. White/D. Nobles (4-0)
3. Approval of Substitute Pay and Part-time Work Pay Schedule 2013-14 school year.
MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Substitute Pay and Part-time Work Pay Schedule for the 2013-14 school year.
G. deWardner/F. White (4-0)
4. Approval of Memorial Bench in Honor of James Feeney.
MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Memorial Bench in Honor of James Feeney.
D. Nobles/G. deWardner (4-0)
5. Approval of the MOA between the Narragansett School Department and the Chad O'Brien Memorial Scholarship Fund (O'B Surf Group) for the NHS wood floor.
MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the MOA between the Narragansett School Department and the Chad O'Brien Memorial Scholarship Fund (O'B Surf Group) for the NHS wood floor.
G. deWardner /F. White (5-0)
(Keith Ranaldi voted by proxy)

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

September 11, 2013 Workshop –5:30PM Narragansett Town Hall, Third Floor, Central Administrative Offices.

September 18, 2013 Regular Business Meeting –7:00PM Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area

ADJOURNMENT

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

F. White/D. Nobles (4/0)

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White
Clerk