

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD October 16, 2013

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, October 16, 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; 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; Mr. Daniel Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School; Ms. Marianne Kirby, Principal, Narragansett Pier School; Ms. Gail Dandurand, Principal, Narragansett Elementary School; & Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE October 16, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: to seal the minutes of the October 16, 2013 Executive Session. G. deWardener/ F. White (5-0)

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES. No votes were taken.

OPEN FORUM: Ms. Meredith Ashworth, a Science teacher from Narragansett High School, introduced students Steve Walsh & Connor Lally, two of the sixteen students that will be traveling to FFA Convention. They informed the Committee about their “Hall of States” Exhibit which will be interactive and set-up like a Farmer’s Market selling oysters, fruits and vegetables all from Rhode Island. This year at the High School they are building a new chicken coop and will be selling fresh eggs. Students have participated in the Big E and Swamp Yankee Days and just finished their fall plant sales. The Committee requested that the FFA come back in May to report back on their experiences and successes throughout the school year.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. **Showcase:** Mr. Warner started off the presentation with an explanation about RIDE’s Accountability System Classifications categories which include: Commended, Leading, Typical, Warning, Focus, Priority. Ms. Kirby explained the scores as relative to: how many students have attained proficiency or better; how many students have attained distinction; is the school serving all students, including those with disabilities and English Learners; is the school approaching its 2017 targets; are all students making progress; is the school improving annually; and is the school meeting its graduation-rate goals. Ms. Dandurand explained the increase in the Elementary School’s Index Score with a total of 65.00 points compared to last year with 63.33. Ms. Kirby explained the scores at the Pier School and how she gave the students a pep talk and she talked about the score with a total of 61.50 points which is significantly lower than last year’s score of 72.83. Ms. McNeiece wondered whether the students who attend out- of -district schools have scores that count for our district. Ms. Brow informed the Committee that those out- of -district students are counted in our scores and that this may affect the gap closing part of the scoring process. Mr. Warner reviewed the scores at the High School as they took a slight dip to 65.97 points this year compared to last year’s score of 68.67. Mrs. Sipala indicated that the NECAP testing will soon come to an end and the new PARCC test will be administered in its place. Staff is getting ready for this transition using interim assessments with students and they will have PARCC pilot testing as well this year.
2. **School Committee Reports:** Mr. White informed the Committee about the Recreation Advisory Board that he attended Tuesday evening. He reported that there are no plans to increase beach fees next year, and there has been no progress on the Canonchet Farm bike path.

3. **Superintendent's Report:** The Superintendent reminded the Committee that there will be a Special Meeting next Wednesday evening and packets will go out on Friday for their review. The wood floor at the High School has been completely installed and the Logo is painted in the middle. She reports that it looks absolutely beautiful and is moving along at a great pace. The bleachers will be installed sometime in December. We are waiting for a date for the formal acknowledgement of the O'Brien Surf Group donation.

CONSENT AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes:

- A. September 18, 2013 Executive Session
- B. September 18, 2013 Regular Business Meeting
- C. September 25, 2013 Joint Meeting with Town Council

2. Routine Personnel Actions: CA-2

Appointments – Classified

DeFlorian, Mary, Late Bus Monitor, NPS, Compensation: \$10.20/hr, 6hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, effective September 23, 2013.

Appointments - Extra Curricular Positions - NPS - School Year 2013-14

Stone, Janet 5th/6th Grade Homework Club, Co-Advisor Stipend: \$39.00/hr
 Flaherty, Karla 5th/6th Grade Homework Club, Co-Advisor Stipend: \$39.00/hr

Appointments—Extra Curricular Positions – NHS - School Year 2013-14

Ditusa, Lynn, Academic Hours, English Stipend: \$39.00/hr
 Kutcher, Joseph Academic Hours, Science Stipend: \$39.00/hr
 Davia, Amanda Nat'l Honor Society Co-Advisor Stipend: \$326.00

Resignation—Extra Curricular Positions – NHS - School Year 2013-14

Davia, Amanda Academic Hours - English
 Couchon, Kathleen Academic Hours - Science

Appointments – Fall Coaches NHS

Goglia, Catherine Volunteer Assistant Tennis Coach N/A

Appointments – Fall Coaches NPS

Tetzlaff, Andrew Boys Soccer Coach Stipend: \$1400.76
 Gargaro, Robert Vol. Assistant Boys Soccer Coach N/A

Appointments – Winter Coaches NHS

Lussier, Christopher Boys Hockey Coach Stipend: \$5364.28
 Sterling, Steven JV Boys Hockey Coach Stipend: \$3218.57
 Westcott, Matthew Volunteer Boys Hockey Coach N/A
 Cannon, David Girls Co-Op Hockey Coach N/A
 Columbo, Anthony Wrestling Coach Stipend: \$5364.28
 Forte, Mario JV Wrestling Coach Stipend: \$3218.57
 Millen Sr., Michael Volunteer Wrestling Coach N/A
 Koehler, Vera Swim Coach Stipend: \$4611.15
 Koehler, Kevin Volunteer Swim Coach N/A
 McNeiece, Brian Indoor Track Coach Stipend: \$4057.97
 Gunnarrson, Liv Assistant Indoor Track Stipend: \$1873.89
 Razza, Kristen Competitive Cheerleading Coach Stipend: \$3400.25
 Mahoney, Kathryn Girls Basketball Coach Stipend: \$5364.28
 Mahoney, John Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach N/A
 Bodington, Kyle Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Stipend: \$3468.00

Appointments – Winter Coaches NPS

Millen, Michael Volunteer Head Wrestling Coach N/A
 Millen Jr., Michael Asst. Volunteer Wrestling Coach N/A
 DiCicco, Melissa Cheerleading Coach Stipend: \$1831.45
 Tessitore, Thomas Boys Basketball Coach Stipend: \$2191.39
 Defalco, Raymond Asst. Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach N/A

Appointments – Other

Dr. Donna Haggerty, School Dentist, \$1.00 per student examined, effective September 2013.

Dr. Robert D. Maltz, School Physician \$5000.00 per year plus \$2.00 for every physical exam administered, effective September 2013.

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-1C, CA-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C). F. White/K. Ranaldi (4-0)
(Mrs. McNeiece recused.)

Mr. deWardener asked about the work order summary for mold removal at the Elementary School. Ms. Sipala indicated that she would speak with Mr. Minett about it and get back to him.

BUDGET REPORT Mr. White reported that as of September 30, 2013, \$3,928,036.05 of the FY14 Budget of \$27,380,216.00 has been expended. \$23,758,572.88 (86.77%) has been expended and encumbered.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

I. Purchase of Rechargeable Graphing Calculators

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the purchase of Rechargeable Graphing Calculators to School Mart, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,825.00. G.deWardener/D. Nobles (5/0)

MOTION RETRACTED: G. deWardener/ D. Nobles (5/0)

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the purchase of Rechargeable Graphing Calculators from School Savers in an amount not to exceed \$3,746.70. G. deWardener/F. White (5/0)

2. Approval of Daniel R. Barry & Associates Contract Extension from December 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 for the Narragansett Community Athletic Complex Fundraising.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a Contract Extension from December 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 for Daniel R. Barry & Associates in the amount of \$15,000. K. Ranaldi/F. White (5/0)

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

- October 23, 2013 Special Meeting –5:30 pm- Narragansett Town Hall, Third Floor, Central Administrative Offices
- November 4, 2013 Town Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area
- November 20, 2013 Regular Business Meeting –7:00 pm, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area

ADJOURNMENT : MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. F. White / G. deWardener (5/0)

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk