

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD November 20, 2013

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings. The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, November 20, 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; David Correia, Director of Transportation and Grounds & Mr. Rich Adham, Athletic Director, Narragansett High School.

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

SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE November 20, 2013 EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES.

Vote to deny a tuition request. 5/0

Vote to deny the extension of the NEA Support Staff contract for one year. 5/0

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke.

ORAL REPORTS:

I. School Reports

Ms. Gail Dandurand, principal of the Narragansett Elementary School, reported that they are collaborating with URI's Harrington School of Communication & Media around digital literacy and how it aligns with the Common Core. PD is provided at no cost for staff and is tailored to our needs. In other news: walking path has been mapped out at NES and a walking program has begun with students earning prizes with a "punch card" for walking during recess; Technology Director Roland Lambert and Data Manager Lori Noonan have coordinated the electronic report card at NES which is currently being used by staff.

Ms. Marianne Kirby, principal of the Narragansett Pier School, reported that the Narragansett Pier Middle School's 2013 production of *THE WIZ*, received the Moss Hart Award for the best Youth and Children production in New England 2013. Director Jimmy Calitri, Producer Vanessa Miller, choreographer Chelsea Cook, Musical Director Jonathon Audette, Superintendent Katherine Sipala and School Committee member Frank White attended the New England Theatre Conference's Awards dinner on October 26th where the production was honored. On November 16th the Pier School hosted the FIRST LEGO League state qualifying competition. The grade 6 team "Sandy Solvers" (Brooke Minty, Billy Ashworth, Ali McCadden, Nicole Dougherty, Madi Coli, and Brian Vaganek) won the 2nd place Champion's Award for their overall performance in the research project, robot design and execution, and teamwork and the "Mariner's Fury" (Aiden Saulnier, Nick Niles, Alex Boutin, and William Corson), our independent team earned the 2nd place robot performance award. Both teams will compete in the Rhode Island State Lego League Championship at Roger Williams University on January 11, 2014. This past Monday the NPS & NHS PTO's hosted a talk by digital media expert and parent Diane S. Thieke to discuss practical ideas for parenting Generation Live. In other news: the first trimester at the Pier School closes on November 22nd; the NPS Boosters will be hosting the 15th Annual Middle School Pre-Season Basketball Tournament on November 22nd & 23rd; the first quarter honor roll will be posted early next week. "Academic Achievement" will be introduced in addition to the Honor Roll. Students will be recognized for "Academic

Achievement” with grades of 80 or above allowing one grade in the 70s. This incentive is meant to encourage students to achieve Honor Roll status. On December 4th the 7/8 Chorus will be performing at the State House; parent conferences will be held on December 4th and 5th and parents should be looking for a letter home sent home with their student indicating if a parent conference is requested; on December 6th is a grade 7/8 dance; the Winter Concert will take place on December 12th; and on December 16th the 7th grade students will see performances by the Chamber Theater at RIC.

Mr. Daniel Warner, principal of the Narragansett High School, and Athletic Director Rich Adham, introduced the NHS Girls Volleyball and their coach, Abby Hummel. The Volleyball Team was undefeated through their season until their loss in the playoffs. The Girl’s Division II State Championship Tennis Team was also introduced along with their coach, Mr. Peter Barlow.

Mr. Warner and Mr. John O’Brien reported on Math Interventions for the Class of 2014. From March 2012 through June 2013 work started on this beginning with meetings in March and April with parents/guardians regarding Student Progress Plans. Students met with the Math Interventionist and/or Study Skills teacher for 1.5 hours weekly with 19 Students participating. Students met with the Math Interventionist and/or Study Skills teacher depending on the need. This past summer the Math Interventionist met with 11 students from July 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th from 8-11AM to practice Arithmetic and Elementary Algebra. The AccuPlacer was offered on July 8, 2013 at North Kingstown High School with 17 students participating. Math sessions were offered from August 13th through August 23rd for a total of 12 hours. Students utilized the IXL Math preparation website and the Virtual Learning Math Modules provided by RIDE with 9 seniors and 3 current juniors participating. For those seniors who have not passed state assessment, math remediation was offered through October 18th for individualized instruction in algebra or geometry. There are also opportunities offered to attend after school academic hours and to work during study skills throughout the school year. Study Skills teachers are using materials provided by the Math Interventionist. The NECAP test was re-administered to all students in October 2013. The ASVAB test will be given at South Kingstown High School on November 25, 2013 and 10 students are expected to participate.

2. School Committee Reports:

Mr. White reported that he attended the New England Theatre Conference’s Awards dinner on October 26th where the Middle School play was acknowledged as the best Middle School play in New England. He noted that there are over 1000 middle schools in New England. Mr. White also reported on the recent Parks & Recreation meeting he attended at which they discussed the replacement of those cabanas that were demolished after super storm Sandy. He indicated that the beach proceeds will fund the costs to rebuild.

Ms. McNeiece thanked Steve Wright, Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike DeLuca, Director of Community Development and Nancy Dinuccio for their work on the DEM Grant for the Athletic Field Project which is now in its final stages.

3. Superintendent’s Report:

The Superintendent directed the Committee’s attention to the letter from Todd Meleney regarding the O’B Surf Group donation which outlined information about Chad O’Brien in whose memory the gift was given. This information will be shared with students. The Superintendent also reported that the first basketball game to be played in the new gymnasium at Narragansett High School will take place on January 4th, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes:

- A. October 16, 2013 Executive Session
- B. October 16, 2013 Regular Business Meeting
- C. October 23, 2013 Special Meeting
- D. November 4, 2013 Special Meeting

2. Routine Personnel Actions: CA-2

Resignation – Classified

Aguirre, Jose, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective November 01, 2013.

Retirement – Classified

Pelland, Paula, Teacher Assistant, NPS, effective February 14, 2014.

Maruska, Linda, Clerk, NES, effective March 13, 2014.

Appointments – Classified

Sweeney, Emily, Bus Driver, Transportation, compensation: \$16.88/hr, 30hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, effective 11/4/13.

Appointments – Winter Coaches NHS

Pellegrino, Risha	JV Girls Basketball	Stipend: \$2,373.68
Cross, Ray	JV Boys Basketball Coach	Stipend: \$2,373.68
McGreen, John	Volunteer Girls Co-Op Ice Hockey	N/A
Kyle, Keith	Volunteer Girls Co-Op Ice Hockey	N/A
DiCicco, Melissa	Volunteer Cheerleading Stipend:	N/A
Paliotti, Kristen	Volunteer Cheerleading Stipend:	N/A

Appointments – Winter Coaches NPS

Defalco, Raymond	Girls Basketball Coach	Stipend: \$1,400.76
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Resignation – Winter Coaches NPS

Lapham, Mark, Girls Basketball Coach, effective September 30, 2013.

Defalco, Raymond, Boys Volunteer Basketball Coach, effective immediately

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-1D, CA-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C). D. Nobles /F. White (5-0)

BUDGET REPORT Mr. White reported that as of October 31, 2013, \$6,128,036.05 of the FY14 Budget of \$27,380,216.00 has been expended. \$24,124,172.69 (88.11%) has been expended and encumbered.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. 1st Reading of a Revision to High School Graduation Policy IV.C.2

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 1st Reading of revisions to the High School Graduation Policy IV.C.2 F. White /K. Ranaldi (5/0)

2. Approval of NHS Field Trip – Italy April 2015.

MOTION: to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the April 2015 student trip to Italy. D. Nobles/K. Ranaldi (5/0)

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

December 2, 2013	Town Council Meeting -7:30 PM
December 16, 2013	Joint Town Council, School Committee, and Finance Committee Meeting on FY15 Budget 6:00 PM, Narragansett Town Hall
December 18, 2013	Regular Business Meeting –7:00 PM, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. K. Ranaldi/ F. White (5/0)

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk