

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD April 16, 2014

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 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. Keith Ranaldi. Mr. Guy DeWardener was not in attendance.

OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine E. Sipala, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance & Administration; Mr. Brian Tetreault, Assistant Principal, Narragansett Pier School; Ms. Gail Dandurand, Principal, Narragansett Elementary School; Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services; and Mr. David Correia, Director of Transportation and Grounds.

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

SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2014 MEETING.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye Diane Nobles-Aye
Frank White-Aye Keith Ranaldi-Aye
Guy DeWardener-[not present]

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES. No votes were taken.

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. **Showcase:** Narragansett Elementary School Literacy teacher, Ms. Susan Sabella, and Library/Media teacher Mr. Brien Jennings, gave a presentation on the progress of Digital Literacy at NES. They explained the partnership with the Harrington Institute for Digital Literacy at the University of Rhode Island and NES students and staff. Dr. Renee Hobbs spoke at our March 14th professional development day and informed the other schools about this exciting partnership/initiative. They presented a short video about PSAs (Public Service Announcements) and student presentations. Mr. Phil Capaldi, President of the Narragansett Education Foundation, spoke to the Committee about helping to fund this effort in a more formal partnership. They are working to keep the skills and the tools meaningful and intentional and aligned to the common core. The sustainability is being put forth through teacher leaders, not just by one teacher.

2. **School Committee Reports:** Mr. White reported that he attended the recent RIDE meeting that was hosted by the School Committee and held in town hall on Monday. He also reported on the recent Narragansett Recreation Advisory Committee meeting he attended on Monday night. There were two items of interest discussed at the meeting. One item was the forming of the new Beach Sustainability Committee to discuss beach erosion among other things. The other item of discussion was the recent removal of the trees, in the park by the beach, which were ruined by Hurricane Sandy.

Ms. Nobles reported that Narragansett hosted the RIDE meeting Monday night there in Town Hall. It was a full house with an interesting open forum.

Mr. Ranaldi reported that the next Health & Wellness Committee meeting will take place on May 19th at 3:45 PM when they will discuss the integration of the Mental Health Awareness Grant and Program.

2. School Committee Reports (continued)

Ms. McNeiece reported on the Joint Meeting with the Town Council that took place on March 31st. Ms. McNeiece indicated that it was a good meeting and they were able to talk candidly about needs and challenges. There was an informal meeting with the Jamestown School Committee regarding tuitioning students to the High School.

2. Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent also gave a brief summary about the recent meeting with a few members of the Jamestown School Committee about tuitioning students to Narragansett. The Superintendent also indicated that since the last joint meeting with the Town Council, the Town Finance Committee did not support the Town Finance Director and Town Managers' proposal for the budget. She also announced that the School Department is looking for 4 sophomore or juniors to help with the summer cleaning in the schools– see Mr. Gibbons if you are interested.

CONSENT AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes:

- A. March 19, 2014 Executive Session-Limited Distribution
- B. March 19, 2014 Regular Business Meeting
- C. March 31, 2014 Joint Budget Workshop with Town Council

2. Routine Personnel Actions:

A. *Revised*-March 19, 2014 Revised Consent Agenda CA-2A

Appointments – Coaches NPS

Millen, Jr., Michael Assistant Track & Field Stipend: \$700.38
Crespo, Bruce Baseball Coach Stipend: \$1,400.76

Appointments – Coaches NHS

Hickey, Kristen Assistant Boys Track Stipend: \$1,873.89

B. April 16, 2014 Consent Agenda CA-2B

Appointments—Extra Curricular Positions – NHS

Peabody, Kathy Art Club Advisor Stipend: \$652.00

3. Reports:

- A. Enrollment Report CA-3A
- B. Budget Transfers CA-3B
- C. Maintenance Report CA-3C

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Consent Agenda items (CA-1A, CA-1B, CA-1C, CA-1D, CA-2A, CA-2B, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C).

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

Tammy McNeiece- Aye Diane Nobles – Aye
Frank White- Aye Keith Ranaldi- Aye
Guy DeWardener– [not present]

BUDGET REPORT Mr. White reported that as of March 31, 2014, \$17,540,393.09 (64.06%) of the FY14 Budget of \$27,380,216.00 has been expended. \$25,420,680.06 (92.84%) has been expended and encumbered.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approval of Daniel R. Barry & Associates Contract Extension

MOTION: moved by Mr. Ranaldi, seconded by Mr. White, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a Contract Extension from April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 for Daniel R. Barry & Associates in the amount of \$15,000.00.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

Tammy McNeiece- Aye Diane Nobles – Aye
Frank White- Aye Keith Ranaldi- Aye
Guy DeWardener- [not present]

2. Approval of School Calendar for 2014-15 SY

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Ranaldi, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the School Calendar for the 2014-15 SY

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

Tammy McNeiece- Aye Diane Nobles – Aye
Frank White- Aye Keith Ranaldi- Aye
Guy DeWardener- [not present]

3. Approval of Narragansett High School 2015 Program of Studies

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Narragansett High School 2015 Program of Studies

MOTION PASSES (3-1)

Tammy McNeiece- Aye Diane Nobles – Aye
Frank White- Aye Keith Ranaldi- Nay
Guy DeWardener- [not present]

4. Approval of the Resolution against Contract Continuation

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Nobles, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Resolution against Contract Continuation.

MOTION PASSES (3-0)

Tammy McNeiece- Aye Diane Nobles – Aye
Frank White- Aye Keith Ranaldi- Abstained
Guy DeWardener- [not present]

Ms. Nobles explained that it is important to do a new Resolution in support of legislation every time it comes up for discussion. Motion approved, striking paragraph beginning with the “A Superior Court Judge recently ...”

5. Approval of the Resolution Relative to Bus Monitors

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Nobles, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Resolution Relative to Bus Monitors

MOTION DENIED (3-1)

Tammy McNeiece- Nay Diane Nobles – Aye
Frank White- Nay Keith Ranaldi- Nay
Guy DeWardener- [not present]

6. Approval of the Resolution Relative to Layoff Notification

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Nobles, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Resolution Relative to Layoff Notification

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

Tammy McNeiece- Aye Diane Nobles – Aye
Frank White- Aye Keith Ranaldi- Aye
Guy DeWardener- [not present]

COMMUNICATIONS

Keith Ranaldi reminded the Committee, and public, about the next Health and Wellness Committee meeting to be held on May 14th

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

April 28, 2014 Budget Presentation to Town Council, 7:30 PM, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area.

May 05, 2014 Joint Budget Workshop with Town Council, 6:30 PM, Narragansett Town Hall, Large Boardroom.

May 21, 2014 Regular Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area.

MOTION: moved by Mr. Ranaldi, seconded by Dr. Nobles to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Frank White, Clerk