

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD May 21, 2014

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on Wednesday, May 21, 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, 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; Mr. David Correira, Director of Transportation and Grounds; Mr. Gary Minett, Director of Maintenance; and Mr. Richard Adham, Athletic Director.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. deWardener to seal the Executive Session Minutes of May 21, 2014.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye	Diane Nobles-Aye
Frank White-Aye	Guy DeWardener-Aye
Keith Ranaldi-Aye	

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES. A vote was taken to approve a Homeschooling request.
(Motion Approved 5/0)

OPEN FORUM: Mr. Richard Adham, Mr. Michael Goudreau, and Mr. Bert Reid, a business owner, spoke on behalf of Mr. Fossa's and his potential appointment as Athletic Director.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. **Employee Showcase:** Dave Correira, Director of the Transportation Department, introduced Alicia Conner and Mary DeFlorian and commended them for their quick action in their efforts to get medical attention for a young NPS student who fell seriously ill while riding their bus home one afternoon several weeks ago.

2. **School Committee Reports:** Mr. Ranaldi reported that the Health & Wellness Committee is inviting students and parents to join them. They are working hard to fold in Mental Health Awareness, writing policy, and looking to implement best practices. The next meeting will be held on June 16th at 3:45 PM.

Mr. Ranaldi also acknowledged that the Narragansett Pier School boys Track & Field Team (Grades 6-8) won their 4th straight state championship, the most consecutive wins in Pier School history.

Mr. White reported that he attended the recent Narragansett Recreation Advisory Committee on Monday night. Mr. Wright, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave the Advisory Committee an overview of the improvements of the Town's parks. The North Lot now has a drop off area for beach goers.

Ms. McNeiece reported that DEM awarded the NCACF project a \$400,000 grant. Many thanks to the grant writing team: Chief Grant Writer, Nancy DeNuccio; DEM Grant Coordinator, Tammy McNeiece; Rep. Teresa Tanzi; Mike DeLuca, Community Planning Department; Steve Wright, Director of Narragansett Parks & Recreation; Superintendent Kathy Sipala; Dan Barry, of Barry & Associates; and Michele Gilbert.

3. School Showcase: Narragansett High School Principal Dan Warner, and Athletic Director Richard Adham, introduced Coach Lussier, Coach Sterling and Coach Lussier, Sr., and the Boys Division III Co-Champion Ice Hockey Team; Coaches Kevin and Vera Kohler and the NHS All State Swimmers; and the All State Small Division Competition Cheerleading Champions who also took 3rd place overall in the state. Mr. Warner publically thanked retiring Athletic Director Richard Adham for his service and dedication over the past 10 years.

Mr. Warner also introduced three NHS students: Tom Adamo, Jake Rost, and Dylan D'Aguzzo who presented their senior projects as examples of what students are able to produce for this graduation requirement.

Tom Adamo worked with representative of Hopkins Rides, to help develop an interactive water ride. Hopkins Rides (White Water West) is world famous for their water rides including some they have developed for Disney. Tom will attend Auburn University in the fall.

Jake Rost worked on getting his scuba diving certification, and presented a short film of his underwater adventures. Jake will attend the Dartmouth College in the fall.

Dylan D'Aguzzo while at NHS sought out and secured an internship at the URI College of Pharmacy and worked on Extracellular and Intracellular studies. Dylan's specific interest was with the effect of dopamine on the brain and the relation to such mental illnesses as schizophrenia. Dylan will attend URI and has been accepted to the College of Pharmacy.

4. Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent pointed out that there would not be oral reports this evening from the principals, but that there were brief summaries for each school in the school committee packets.

The Superintendent presented for discussion two variations of what the 2015-16 School Calendar would look like with a long weekend in February as opposed to a full vacation week in February. The Superintendent's Association, as well as other districts may be supporting this model in the near future. Specifically, Foster/Gloucester, Smithfield and Cumberland are adapting this calendar format for the next school year. Many Connecticut schools already follow this model. The Superintendent's Association will most likely be supporting this move in the future. The School Committee chair asked that there be a polling of parents and staff, as well as other School Committees and Districts, to see what people think about this. It would be nice to have a consensus by early fall.

The Superintendent referred to OR-2B in the packet regarding requests and suggestions for end of the year purchases. In School Committee Business, there will be an action for their approval.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- A. April 16, 2014 Executive Session-Limited Distribution
- B. April 16, 2014 Regular Business Meeting

2. Routine Personnel Actions:

Appointments

Fossa, Richard, Athletic Director NHS

Transfers – Classified

Taylor, Cheryl, Teacher Asst., NPS, Compensation: \$18.01/hr., 32.5hrs/wk., 36wks/yr., effective 05/14/14.

Resignation – Classified

Cavanaugh, Theresa, Teacher Assistant, NPS, Effective May 16, 2014
Pensalfini, Kimberly, Bus Monitor, Transportation, Effective May 5, 2014
Resignation – Other
Calitri, James, Drama, District, Effective May 30, 2014
Resignation – Teachers – Effective last day of school
Magnusen, Lynn, I.O Nurse, NHS
Retirements – Teachers – Effective last day of school
Boynton, Patricia, I.O English, NPS

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 (ES-1, CA-1B, CA-1C, CA-1D, CA-2A Revised, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C).

MOTION PASSES (4-1)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye Diane Nobles-Aye
Frank White-Aye Guy deWardener-Aye
Keith Ranaldi-Nay

BUDGET REPORT Mr. White reported that as of April 30, 2014, \$19,570,237.34 (71.48%) of the FY14 Budget of \$27,380,216.00 has been expended. \$25,546,182.38 (93.30%) has been expended and encumbered.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Recall of Teachers

MOTION: moved by Mr. Ranaldi, seconded by Mr. White to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Recall of Teachers to include Seniority Nos. 14-91, 14-109, 14-115, 14-137 and 14-156 for the 2014-15 school year.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye Diane Nobles-Aye
Frank White-Aye Guy deWardener-Aye
Keith Ranaldi-Aye

2. Approval of Bid Award for Food Services Contract

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. DeWardener to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to award the management contract for the food services to Aramark Educational Services, LLS.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye Diane Nobles-Aye
Frank White-Aye Guy deWardener-Aye
Keith Ranaldi-Aye

3. First Reading of Policy II.E.4. Comprehensive District and School Safety Plans

MOTION: moved by Mr. Ranaldi, seconded by Mr. White to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the First Reading of Policy II.E.4. Comprehensive District and School Safety Plans

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye Diane Nobles-Aye
Frank White-Aye Guy deWardener-Aye
Keith Ranaldi-Aye

4. Approval of Purchase and Installation of Bleachers at NES and NPS

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. deWardener to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the purchase and installation of bleachers at NES and NPS from Robert H. Lord Company, Inc. in the amount of \$58,011.31.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye Diane Nobles-Aye
Frank White-Aye Guy deWardener-Aye
Keith Ranaldi-Aye

5. Approval of Technology purchases

MOTION: moved by Mr. deWardener, seconded by Dr. Nobles to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and the Director of Finance and Administration, to approve the purchase of laptops at an approximate cost of \$16,981.64; and computer monitors, stands and speaker bars at an approximate cost of \$3,254.00; from Dell Marketing, LLC.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye Diane Nobles-Aye
Frank White-Aye Guy DeWardener-Aye
Keith Ranaldi-Aye

6. Approval of Promethean board purchase

MOTION: moved by Mr. deWardener, seconded by Dr. Nobles to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and the Director of Finance and Administration, to approve the purchase of a Promethean board and projector from The Ockers Company at a cost of \$3,402.00.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye Diane Nobles-Aye
Frank White-Aye Guy DeWardener-Aye
Keith Ranaldi-Aye

COMMUNICATIONS

Keith Ranaldi reminded the Committee, and public, about the next Health and Wellness Committee meeting to be held on June 16th at 3:45 PM.

Ms. McNeiece referred the Committee to a communication from an NHS student looking for donations to attend the New Balance Track & Field competition.

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

June 18, 2014 Regular Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area.

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. DeWardener to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Frank White, Clerk