

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD June 17, 2015

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 June 17, 2015, at the Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE: Ms. Tammy McNeiece, Chairperson; Dr. Diane Nobles, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Guy deWardener, and Mr. Keith Ranaldi. Mr. Frank White, absent.

OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine Sipala, Superintendent; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance and Administration; Ms. Marianne Kirby, Principal, Narragansett Pier School; Ms. Gail Dandurand, Principal, Narragansett Elementary School; Mr. Dan Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School; Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services; Mr. David Correia, Director of Transportation; Mr. Gary Minett, Director of Maintenance; and Ms. Nancy Daley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES of June 17, 2015

MOTION: moved by Mr. Ranaldi, seconded by Dr. Nobles, to seal the minutes of the June 17, 2015 Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: (4-0).

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke.

STUDENT SHOWCASE: Narragansett High School

Presentation of Financial Literacy. Award Mr. Warner introduced Mr. Bianchi, from the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority, to present the Financial Literacy Award, for the 4th consecutive year in a row, to Ms. Ann Marie Zaborski.

Mr. Warner also recognized Ms. Ann Marie Zaborski and students who were the CSPAN Award Winners.

Rhode Island recently held its state Envirothon competition to determine which high school will go on to represent the state in the national contest. This year's winner is Narragansett High School. The Envirothon National Competition is set for July 27 through August 2 in Springfield, Missouri. Mr. Warner recognized NHS science teacher Mr. Eric Zabel and students Will Lurgio, Nick St. Laurent, Mary Schiffer, Jacob Ragozzino, Matt Kenyon, Sarah Lubic, Alla Mohamed, Zack Bosco, Adam Marasco, and Tom Bosquet.

Mr. Warner introduced Mr. Fossa, NHS Athletic Director, to introduce NHS students Marissa McPhillips, and Mike Silvestri, who he recognized for their many athletic accomplishments. He also recognized recent NHS graduate Carly Timpson, who was unable to attend.

Mr. Fossa introduced Coach Mark Lubic, and his NHS Division II State Champion Girls' Lacrosse Team: Eileen F. Sullivan, Danielle S. Donadio, Hayley J. Page, Abigail E. McKanna, Grace M. Cunnie, Sydney K. Hagopian, Allysa M. Bush, Savannah J. Richardson, Rebekah G. Lubic, Sarah M. Lubic, Sierra S. La Bonte, Brooke A. McGreen, Ceili E. O'Connell, Meghan Z. Sawyer, Julianna M. Risica, Tea A. Williams, Finnian J. Duncan, Meaghan L. Murray, Alexandra R. LaBore, Ashley P. Kennedy, Ella R. Mushen, Madison M. Gilbert, Jessica L. Marabian, and Maggie M. O'Connell.

EMPLOYEE SHOWCASE: Retirements

Ms. Dandurand recognized retiring Narragansett Elementary school teachers Ms. Carol Batchelder, Computer Technology; Ms. Judy Grisevich, Grade 1; and Ms. Cheryl Blumenbaum Grade 2. Ms. Dandurand also recognized Ms. Karen Early who was unable to attend.

Ms. Kirby recognized retired Narragansett Pier school teacher Melanie Sullivan who was also unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Sipala recognized Ms. Nancy Daley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, who will not be returning to Narragansett in the fall.

ORAL REPORTS

1. School Committee:

Mr. Ranaldi reported on the Narragansett Health and Wellness Committee meeting held on Monday, June 8th, 2015 at which several topics were discussed, including: a review and discussion of the WCCC Grant Survey Results; the Wellness Policy revisions; update from Narragansett Prevention Partnership; and end of year updates from Aramark.

Dr. Nobles commended Mr. Warner and those responsible for organizing the Narragansett High School graduation ceremony held at URI's Ryan Center on June 11, 2015. Ms. Nobles commented that the graduation was wonderful, included student speakers and performers, and was a memorable event for students and their families.

2. School Reports:

Ms. Gail Dandurand, Principal, Narragansett Elementary School reported that NES Field Day took place on June 5th; 4th Grade Remembrance Day will take place on Friday, June 19th. Teachers are currently working together on class placements which are done with careful consideration taking many factors into consideration. Ms. Dandurand also wants to remind families to register their children for Kindergarten.

Ms. Kirby, Principal of the Narragansett Pier School, reported that the 8th Promotion dance was held on Monday evening from 7:30- 9:30PM at the Towers; and the 8th Promotion Ceremony will take place in the NPS gymnasium on June 22nd (the last day of school).

Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services, reported that the First Annual Narragansett HS Golf Outing- 4 Man Scramble was held on Sunday, June 7th at the Richmond Country Club in Richmond, Rhode Island. Registration began at 7:30 am, with tee-off at 8am. Ms. Brow informed the Committee that NPS Special Education teacher, Caitlyn Majeika has resigned to pursue Graduate School at Vanderbilt University in the Ph.D. Program. Ms. Brow also announced that the summer program will begin on July 6th.

Mr. Dan Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School, reported that the NHS Graduation was a wonderful event which took place on June 11 at the Ryan Center. He thanked Dr. Nobles for her kind words. The NHS Athletic Banquet took place on Sunday, June 7th; and the Senior Prom took place on Monday, June 8th at the Dunes Club. Mr. Warner noted that Ms. Krystal Cagnon's 11th graders recently gave a presentation to parents about their job placements and what they do in the program. On June 23rd a 2 week support summer piece will begin for a select number of students needing to work on getting their portfolios ready and up-to-date. The Grad point online program will also run.

3. Superintendent's Report:

The anticipated additional School Committee meeting for June is on hold while she and Ms. Karen Hagan plan to meet with RIDE to talk about different reimbursement packages available for state aid for the Agriculture Building. Additional time could result in additional funds for us. The Bid is not closing is not until June 19th and the notice is on the webpage. The status of NCAC project is also on hold as bids came in higher than anticipated for the project. An Addendum will go out allowing the District to negotiate with bidders. Projects are slightly delayed but moving along.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. May 20, 2015 Regular Business Meeting
 - B. May 20, 2015 Executive Session-Limited Distribution
 - C. May 27, 2015 Special Meeting

2. Routine Personnel Actions:

Resignation – Coaches

Ingram, Preston, Assistant Boys Track NHS, JV Girls Basketball NHS, Boys Soccer NPS, effective June 22, 2015

Appointments – Summer School Staff – Certified

Deslaurier, Meghann, Summer School Teacher, NES, Preschool, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective July 7, 2015.

Demers, Kimberly, Summer School Teacher, NES, SPED, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective July 7, 2015.

Phillips, Lindsay, Summer School Teacher, NES, SPED, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective July 7, 2015.

Ditusa, Lynn, Summer School Teacher, NPS, Literacy, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective July 6, 2015.

Mellors, Carolyn, Summer School Teacher, NPS, Math, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective July 6, 2015.

Johnson, David, Summer School Teacher, NHS, Intensive Resource, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective July 6, 2015.

Cagnon, Krystal, Summer School Teacher, NHS, Intensive Resource, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective July 6, 2015.

Manzi-Adams, Marianne, Summer School Nurse, District, Nurse, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective July 6, 2015.

Devine, Katelyn, Summer School, District, Speech & Language, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective July 7, 2015.

Wallace, Donna, Summer School, District, Physical Therapist, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective July 7, 2015.

Jordan, Linda, Summer School, District, Occupational Therapist, Compensation: \$39/hour, effective July 7, 2015.

Appointments – Summer School Staff – Classified

Marsh, Jeannine, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NES, Preschool, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 7, 2015.

Kluk, Brenda, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NES, Preschool, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 7, 2015.

Paliotti, Marisa, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NES, SPED, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 7, 2015.

Kisseberth, Judy, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NES, SPED, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 7, 2015.

Murray, Diane, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NES, SPED, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 7, 2015.

Gannek, Pamela, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NES, SPED, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 7, 2015.

Dorich, Elizabeth, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NHS, Intensive Resource, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 6, 2015.

Hovanessian, Gail, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NHS, Intensive Resource, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 6, 2015.

Shea, Kristin, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NHS, Intensive Resource, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 6, 2015.

Whalen, Dianna, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NHS, Intensive Resource, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 6, 2015.

Foster, Velena, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NHS, Intensive Resource, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 6, 2015.

Pucci, Alicia, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NHS, Intensive Resource, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 6, 2015.

Mitchell, Karen, Teacher Assistant, Summer School, NHS, Intensive Resource, Compensation in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective July 6, 2015.

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. Ranaldi, 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.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

BUDGET REPORT Mr. deWardener gave the Budget Report in Mr. White's absence and asked Ms. Hagan on behalf of Frank White, to save a little of that money. Mr. DeWardener reported that as of May 31, 2015, \$21,992,584.30 (79.29%) of the FY15 Budget of \$27,738,098.00 has been expended, and \$26,034,913.27 (93.86%) has been expended and encumbered. Mr. White is counting on Ms. Hagan to work on saving some of that.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Vote on Fiscal 16 Budget

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles seconded by Mr. deWardener to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the Fiscal '16 School Department Budget in the amount of \$29,596,917, adjusted for a reduction of the town contribution of \$461,000 and an increase in the fund balance transfer of \$461,000.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

2. Discussion on Transportation Proposal/Statewide for 2 or 3 busses

Ms. Sipala informed the public that she is looking at statewide busing for the routes that are the farthest away and are longest routes. The Chariho bus route is one in question. Ms. Hagan spoke about the documents analyzing the cost of the Chariho bus and that the cost to run the bus is based on 190 days estimated mileage at 62 miles per day.

Ms. Sipala asked the public to contact the Committee should they have any concerns about these changes. She explained that the District is NOT going out to bid for bus services. Mr. Correira, Director of Transportation, answered questions about the cost of the North Kingstown run and offered to continue transporting for a fee, which North Kingstown refused. Mr. Correira is not recommending that bus route going to Chariho (#25) become part of statewide service. This bus also went to Jerusalem. Bus #20 route to Groden North which has only 1 student, and West Bay Christian Academy in North Kingstown which currently has 6 students, also are recommended for the statewide service. Mr. Correira did indicate that he is concerned about his drivers losing work, but that the amount of sports team and field trip runs would help in securing runs for the displaced drivers. The change will reduce staff by 1 aid and 2 drivers. Ms. Sipala indicated that Administration is working on analyzing pricing with Cindy Brown at RIDE and recalculating the numbers.

3. Second Reading-Revision of Policy IV.2.B. Internet Safety Policy

MOTION: moved by Mr. Ranaldi, seconded by Mr. deWardener to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Second Reading-Revision of Policy IV.2.B. Internet Safety Policy.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

4. Purchase of Cafeteria tables – NHS

MOTION: moved by Mr. deWardener, seconded by Dr. Nobles to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Purchase of Cafeteria tables for NHS from Virco, Inc., in the amount of \$29,475.82.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

5. Approval of Bid Award for Science Kits

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. deWardener to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to award the bid for Science Kits to Delta Education, LLC., in the amount \$43,405.00.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

July 22, 2015 7:00PM Regular School Committee Meeting, 25 Fifth Avenue, Town Hall

August 26, 2015 7:00PM Regular School Committee Meeting, 25 Fifth Avenue, Town Hall

MOTION: to adjourn at 8:50PM, moved by Mr. Nobles seconded Mr. Ranaldi.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk