

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD November 18, 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 November 18, 2015, at the Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

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

OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine Sipala, Superintendent; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance and Administration; Ms. Gail Dandurand, Principal, Narragansett Elementary School; Ms. Marianne Kirby, Principal, Narragansett Pier School; Mr. Dan Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School; Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services; and Mr. David Correira, Director of Transportation & Grounds.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

OPEN FORUM: Mr. Matt Turco from the Chamber of Commerce spoke about the Jingle Bell 5K Run to take place on December 6th at 12:00PM and also inquired about sending information on events via the schools list serve.

ORAL REPORTS:

School Committee Reports:

Ms. McNeiece acknowledged Mr. Gary Minett, on behalf of the entire School Committee. Mr. Minett is retiring as Director of Maintenance for the Narragansett School System. Ms. McNeiece listed the many projects that Mr. Minett was charged with implementing over the last 10 years and thanked him for his expertise and professionalism throughout the years. Mr. Minett thanked the School Committee for their support with all of the projects and for the opportunity to have served the Narragansett School Department.

Mr. Warner introduced Mr. Eric Zabel and the School Committee acknowledged Mr. Zabel, a Biology teacher at Narragansett High School, who has been named the Southern RI Conservation District's 2015 Conservation Educator of the Year for Excellence in Conservation Education. Mr. Zabel thanked the Administration and School Committee for their support throughout the years.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent informed the Committee that they have now been before the Town Council twice with change order requests for the NCAC project. The latest change order was for approval of the purchase of lights and sand catchers. NCAC Co-Chairs Mr. Tom Furey and Mr. Mark Shovlin attended the Town Council meeting to answer any questions. The NCAC Committee reports that the project is on target and scheduled for completion on or before May 2016. There is a small contingency, as well as the proceeds from the sale of the soil, to cover any unexpected costs, which should be very minimal as the project nears completion.

The Superintendent updated the Committee on the progress of the new Transportation Supervisor position which is a result of the impending retirement of Mr. David Correira, who is the current Director of Transportation. In 2016, at some point, the Avic Street property will be returned to the Town. Any mechanical work done to be done on the buses will be performed at the Town's facility, and the Transportation Supervisor will be in charge of dispatching repairs.

The Superintendent gave a brief overview of the PARCC testing. The Administrative team attended recent workshops on the results of the tests, and will analyze the results to increase performance on next year's testing. Dr. Nobles asked for more detailed information on exact scores including comparative data with other districts.

School Reports:

Ms. Gail Dandurand, Principal of Narragansett Elementary School, reported that they are now sending out a weekly digital parent newsletter as requested by the SIT team. NES received \$5,000.00 Feinstein Award which they used to purchase for egrass (tall perennial bamboo-like grass) to plant in the courtyard. There will be a laser light show as a PBSI reward.

Ms. Marianne Kirby, Principal of Narragansett, reported on the recent Robotics Competition. The 6th grade team, "S.C.A.T." (sunny composting adventure team) which included Tate Costa, Max Cute, Anne-Meilliu Hoaglund, Dylan Bellows, and Lilian Duquette, received the 2nd place robot score award with 405 points on the game board, and the Core Values award for their exceptional team work and gracious professionalism. The team also qualified for the States. The After School Trash Talkers team includes Pier School students Fox Roan, Abby Grandin, Curtis Soloff, Tommy Catanzaro, Sydney VanSlyke, Pieter Mushen, Nathan Ward, Devin Lawrence, Alex Goldstein and Sebastian Carlsson and the Plastic Patrol team, also qualified for the State Robotics Championships to be held at Roger Williams University on January 16th.

As part of our PBIS program to promote positive school habits, Grade 7 students were rewarded for improved attendance and behaviors with the a trip to the URI vs. Valparaiso game yesterday. The students had a great time even though the Rams lost by 1 in the final second of the game.

7th and 8th grade Chorus will be performing at the State House on Tuesday, December 1 from 10 - 12. It's a beautiful venue and she encouraged parents to attend. The winter concert is scheduled for December 10th. Student picture retakes will be held on Friday, November 20th, and there is a PTO meeting scheduled for Monday, November 30th.

Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services, reported that the parent Narragansett Advisory Committee hosted the the Community Provider Network of RI (CPNR) and held an informational meeting about the RI Pooled Trust and the benefits it can offer to individuals who are Medicaid eligible. The RI Pooled Trust provides a vehicle for individuals and their families to set aside money without jeopardizing eligibility for Medicaid or Social Security benefits and is a tool to help with planning for the ongoing care of a child with a disability, setting aside cash, insurance policies or tangible assets for future use. The ALP program will be hosting their Thanksgiving luncheon on November 17th at NHS coordinated by Mr. Goudreau.

Mr. Dan Warner, Principal of Narragansett High School, reported the fall sports season is coming to a close and the winter sports are gearing up. NHS Staff recently gave a presentation to East Greenwich High School students on the new AgriScience Center. Mr. Warner also recognized Ms. Gabriella McNamara who was chosen from 350 applicants, for the oral proficiency in world languages award. NHS will have a NEASC re-accreditation visit in April 2017. The NHS Winter Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:00pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. October 21, 2015 Regular Meeting
 - B. October 29, 2015 Executive Session

2. Routine Personnel Actions:
Appointments – Classified
Lavallee, Maryjane, Bus Aide, Transportation, Compensation: \$15.19/hr, 27.5 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, effective November 23, 2015.

Appointments - Extra Curr. Positions - NPS - School Year 2015-16

Lanz, Frederick	Student Council Co-Advisor	Stipend: \$489.00
O'Neil, Melissa	Student Council Co-Advisor	Stipend: \$489.00

Appointments – Winter Coaches NPS

Millen, Michael	Volunteer Head Wrestling Coach	Stipend: N/A
Millen Jr., Michael	Assistant Volunteer Wrestling Coach	Stipend: N/A
Lynch, Thomas	Assistant Volunteer Wrestling Coach	Stipend: N/A
DiCicco, Melissa	Cheerleading Coach	Stipend: \$1886.80
Tessitore, Thomas	Boys Basketball Coach	Stipend: \$2257.62
Defalco, Raymond	Girls Basketball Coach	Stipend: \$1664.72

Appointments – Winter Coaches NHS

Lussier, Christopher	Boys Hockey Coach	Stipend: \$5526.41
Sterling, Steven	Volunteer Boys Hockey Coach	Stipend: N/A
Cannon, David	Girls Co-Op Hockey Coach	Stipend: \$1842.14
McGreen, John	Assistant Girls Co-Op Ice Hockey	Stipend: N/A
Columbo, Anthony	Wrestling Coach	Stipend: \$5526.41
Forte, Mario	JV Wrestling Coach	Stipend: \$3418.11
Millen Sr., Michael	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	Stipend: N/A
Wyrostek, David	Swim Coach	Stipend: \$3150.63
McNeiece, Brian	Indoor Track Coach	Stipend: \$4742.16
Garris, Amelia	Assistant Indoor Track	Stipend: \$1930.54
Razza Harrington, Kristen	Competitive Cheerleading Coach	Stipend: \$1751.60
Paliotti, Kristen	Competitive Cheerleading Coach	Stipend: \$1560.15
Mahoney, Kathryn	Girls Basketball Coach	Stipend: \$5526.41
Mahoney, John	Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach	Stipend: N/A
Bodington, Kyle	Boys Varsity Basketball Coach	Stipend: \$4593.67
Henseler, Sean	JV Boys Basketball Coach	Stipend: \$2497.71
Minetti, Jerry	Volunteer Boys Basketball	Stipend: N/A
Kent, Jeff	Volunteer Boys Basketball	Stipend: N/A

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-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

BUDGET REPORT Mr. White reported that as of October 31, 2015, \$7,975,269.41 (19.41%) of the FY16 Budget of \$29,596,917.00 was been expended, and \$26,726,450.76 (90.30%) has been expended and encumbered.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approval of 2016-17 School Calendar

MOTION: moved by Mr. deWardner, seconded by Mr. White to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve draft 2 as the 2016-17 School Calendar.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

The Superintendent and the Committee Chair discussed the results of the Survey Monkey regarding the 2016-17 school calendar survey. In the end, the preference for families and staff to shorten the February vacation was a 50/50 mix. The Committee preferred to leave the full February vacation as is for now as reflected in draft 2 of the calendars.

2. Bid Award - NES Bus Lighting Project

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance & Administration to award the NES Parking Lot Lighting Project contract to RISE Energy, in the amount of \$23,986.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

3. Approval of NHS Italy Trip- April 2017

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. deWardener to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the April 2017 NHS Italy Trip.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

4. First Reading- Revision of Policy V.A.6.b. School Health Programs, Wellness

MOTION: moved by Mr. Ranaldi, seconded by Mr. White to **TABLE MOTION**.

MOTION TABLED (5-0)

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

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

December 7, 2015 6:30 PM Joint School Committee/Town Council Budget Workshop,
Narragansett Town Hall, Large Board Room

December 16, 2015 7:00 PM Regular Business Meeting, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: to adjourn at 9:05 PM, moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk