

# NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD February 15, 2017

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 February 15, 2017, 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. Frank White; Mr. Justin Skenyon; and Ms. Rebecca Durkin.

**OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Peter Cummings, Superintendent; Ms. Karen Hagen, Director of Finance and Administration; Ms. Leslie Brown, Director of Student Services; Mr. Dan Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School; Ms. Marianne Kirby Principal, Narragansett Pier School; Ms. Gail Dandurand, Principal, Narragansett Elementary School; Mr. Steve Gormley, Director of Operations; and Mr. Derek Emery, Technology Coordinator, NHS.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**OPEN FORUM:** No one spoke.

### **ORAL REPORTS:**

#### 1. School Reports

**Elementary School:** Ms. Dandurand reported that she will be giving tours on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM; April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM; and May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30AM to prospective families who are interested in NES. An invitation will go out in the family newsletter and will be advertised in the Narragansett Times, the Patch, and will go out to the Chamber of Commerce. The NES PTO recently had their Candyland themed Ladies Choice dance. NES staff has been discussing fixed and growth mindsets as a research topic which is the belief that basic qualities (intelligence and talent) are fixed traits. A committee is working on a highly effective Language Arts Program and the Math and ELA coaches have been working with grade levels in compacting the curriculum to ensure all students receive instruction in the CCSS intended for their grade level. This year, for the first time at NES, progress reports will go out to parents in between report cards. The NES Art show is scheduled for May to include all K-4 students. Each student will have a matted, framed, and displayed piece of Art at the show. Proceeds from past Art shows allowed NES purchase a printing press for the Art department.

**Pier School:** Ms. Kirby reported that the Pier School's National History Day contest is scheduled for Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and once again the goal is to provide 7 and 8 grade students with a high-quality, educational experience. Students have chosen a research topic under the theme "Taking a Stand". Two projects from each category will represent the Pier School on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the RI State-Level NHD Contest hosted by Rhode Island College. The annual Spelling Bee has been re-scheduled for Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM in the cafeteria. The Girls' Basketball team beat Woonsocket at home in the quarter finals. They will face a semi-final match tomorrow, and the finals will take place on Friday night at Bay View. Spring sports at NPS start March 6<sup>th</sup>. Teams will again include our Unified basketball team in addition to baseball, softball and track and field. NPS is currently looking for a softball coach. Athletes need to be registered on FamilyID.com. Hoops for Hearts took place at the Pier School with 80 students participating and raising close to \$2,000 for the American Heart Association.

#### **High School**

Mr. Warner reported that the High School is currently collaborating on K-12 Science Curriculum; on February 3<sup>rd</sup> the World Language Department held their very successful semi-formal event; and the Guidance Advisory met on February 7<sup>th</sup>. On February 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting for students interested in going to Quebec and on February 28<sup>th</sup> there will be the Graduation Portfolio Night. Course selection has started. Student athlete John Meyers will be the number 2 seed in his weight class representing Narragansett in the State Championships. The NHS boys'

basketball ball team will receive a first round bye in the playoffs. Narragansett senior and 3 sport athlete Finnian Duncan has been accepted to Brown University. The boys indoor track and field team had their best season ever with a 7-2 record in the Southern Division. Representatives from the Highlander Institute were the building recently conducting walk-through protocols at NHS with regard to a Grant that NHS has been invited to participate in. On January 19th NHS held an Open House with great success and as a result there have been several inquiries about shadowing with NHS shadow as a result.

### **Student Services**

Ms. Brow reported that she and other members of the Special Education staff will be attending the Jamestown Schools Special Education Advisory Meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup> during our winter break, however Jamestown Schools are in session on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Jamestown residents are invited to come and hear about the programs and services that Narragansett has to offer. The next Narragansett Parent Advisory Meeting will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at the Narragansett Pier School at which there will be a presentation by Sarah Laidler, our Student Assistance Counselor, who will provide information on resources for students regarding mental health and substance abuse. Staff, Assistant Principals and Lori Noonan have been working hard on our Personal Needs Plan which outline any special allowable accommodations (i.e., extended time, separate location, text-to-speech, word predication software, etc.) based on individual needs and required by students taking the PARCC Assessment which will be given in the spring. Unified basketball sign-ups start happen in March. On March 9<sup>th</sup> the RI State Transition Institute will take place at RI College and teams from NPS and NHS will participate. Ms. Brow will be presenting at this event.

## 2. School Committee Reports

Mr. White reported on the recent Narragansett Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:30 PM at which they discussed finding and raising money to repair the building on Clarke Road possibly having a golf tournament fundraiser at the Rose Hill golf course. They are looking for possible Council support for funds to repair the building.

Ms. Durkin reported on the Wellness Meeting on February 13, 2017. Rosemary and David Smith gave a presentation on the Bike Path continuation that will about Narragansett Elementary School. Jodi Castello, a Training Implementation Specialist, Center for Resilience spoke about mindfulness and resilience for students. The remaining Wellness Committee meetings for this school year are scheduled for February 13th, April 10th, and June 5th from 3:45PM to 4:45 in the Large Board Room 2nd Floor, Narragansett Town Hall.

Ms. McNeiece reported on the January 19, 2017 Building Committee meeting at which the Capital Plan was reviewed and priorities were discussed.

## 3. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent gave a presentation on some key aspects of the FY18 Budget.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### 1. Approval of Minutes:

A. January 18, 2017 Regular Business Meeting CA-1A

#### 2. Routine Personnel Actions: CA-2

##### Leave Request

Sabella, Susan, Grade 1, NES, for the 2017-18 School Year

##### Increase – Classified

Keiper, Maureen, Bus Monitor, Transportation, Compensation: \$11.92/hr, 5 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, effective 02/01/16.

##### Appointment – Classified

Miko-Rydzaj, Stephanie, Cafeteria Assistant, NPS, Compensation: \$10.00/hr, 10 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, effective 1/23/17.

Appointments—Extra Curricular Positions – NHS - School Year 2016-17

Laidler, Sarah ACT Co-Class Advisor Stipend: \$326.00

Correction of Appointment—Extra Curricular Position – NHS - School Year 2016-17

Anderson, Ruth ACT Co-Class Advisor Stipend: \$326.00

Appointments – Coaches NPS

Ranaldi, Deborah Track Coach Stipend: \$2748.09

Resignation – Coach NPS

Crespo, Bruce Baseball, NPS, effective January 26, 2017

Lapham, Mark Softball, NPS, effective February 13, 2017

Appointments – Coaches NHS

Vellone, Keith Varsity Baseball Coach Stipend: \$5065.22

Smith, David JV Baseball Coach Stipend: \$3117.08

Gorman, Gary Boys Tennis Stipend: \$3366.84

Behrends, William Golf Coach Stipend: \$4196.03

Chafee, Mark Varsity Boys Lacrosse Stipend: \$5065.22

Scott, Glenn JV Boys Lacrosse Stipend: \$3039.14

Afonso, Elizabeth Varsity Softball Stipend: \$5065.22

Paliotti, Mark JV Softball Stipend: \$3039.14

Lubic, Mark Co-Varsity Girls Lacrosse Stipend: \$2532.61

ODonnell, Lauren Co-Varsity Girls Lacrosse Stipend: \$1997.69

Lubic, Mark Co-JV Girls Lacrosse Stipend: \$1519.57

ODonnell, Lauren Co-JV Girls Lacrosse Stipend: \$1198.61

Shields, Robert Varsity Boys & Girls Track Stipend: \$6093.91

Lopes, Jennalee Assistant Track Stipend: \$2702.02

Resignation – Coach NHS

Pinch, Stephen, Assistant Softball, NHS, effective January 17, 2017

3. Reports:

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

**MOTION:** moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Ms. Durkin, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Consent Agenda items CA-1A, CA-2, CA-3A, CA-3B, CA-3C.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Tammy McNeiece-Aye

Diane Nobles-Aye

Rebecca Durkin -Aye

Justin Skenyon - Aye

Frank White-Aye

**BUDGET REPORT:** Mr. White reported that as of January 31, 2017, \$14,832,165.60 (49.04%) of the FY17 Budget of \$29,103,490.00 has been expended, and \$29,103,490.00 (92.72%) has been expended and encumbered.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

1. Approval of the Purchase of NCAC Grounds Equipment

**MOTION:** moved by Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Nobles, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the Purchase of NCAC Grounds Equipment from Pioneer Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$14,505.00

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Tammy McNeiece-Aye

Diane Nobles-Aye

Rebecca Durkin -Aye

Justin Skenyon - Aye

Frank White-Aye

2. Discussion of Strategic Planning Consultation Services

The Superintendent discussed the status of the search for consulting services.

3. Approval of the Purchase of Fiber Wiring and Hardware for the Narragansett Athletic Complex at NHS

**MOTION:** moved by Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Nobles, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the Purchase of Fiber Wiring and Hardware from Whalley Computer Associates, Inc., SHI International Corp and Third Millennium Communications, Inc. for a total amount of \$9,783.41

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

Tammy McNeiece-Aye Diane Nobles-Aye  
Rebecca Durkin -Aye Justin Skenyon - Aye  
Frank White-Aye

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS**

- March 1, 2017 Budget Workshop, 5:30PM, Administrative Offices, 3rd fl, Narragansett Town Hall
- March 8, 2017 Budget Workshop, 5:30PM, Administrative Offices, 3rd fl, Narragansett Town Hall
- March 15, 2017 School Committee Regular Business Meeting 7:00 pm, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area

**MOTION:** moved by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Durkin, to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk