

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD October 15, 2014

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The regular meeting of the Narragansett School Committee was held on October 15, 2014, 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. Absent: Mr. Frank White.

OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine Sipala, Superintendent; Ms. Karen Hagen, Director of Finance and Administration; Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services; Mr. Toby Gibbons, Assistant Principal, Narragansett High School; Ms. Marianne Kirby, Principal, Narragansett Pier School; Ms. Lisa Wilson, Assistant Principal, Narragansett Elementary School; and Mr. David Correia, Director of Transportation.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McNeiece called the meeting to order at 7:03PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2014 MEETING:

MOTION: moved by Mr. deWardener, seconded by Mr. Ranaldi to seal the Executive Session Minutes of October 15, 2014.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES. The Committee did not take any votes.

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. School Committee

Mr. Ranaldi reported on the League of Woman Voters and how complimentary the Town Council candidates were of the School Department with regard to partnering. Mr. Ranaldi reminded the Committee that the Health and Wellness Committee will meet again on October 20, 2014 at 4:00PM in the Administrative Offices, on the 3rd floor.

Ms. McNeiece reported that the Building & Grounds Committee recently met to discuss upcoming projects, including the Greenhouse Project at NHS and other improvements. Mr. deWardener commented on what a terrific dedicated Committee it is.

Ms. Sipala acknowledged Mr. White's absence and extended well wishes for a speedy recovery.

2. School Reports

Narragansett Elementary School: Ms. Lisa Wilson, Assistant Principal, reported that Narragansett Elementary has been very busy this past month. All grade levels held Parent Informational Nights either in August or September to inform parents about grade level curriculum and daily schedules. These "parent only" nights have been much appreciated by families. There were 2 Open Houses this month, one on October 2nd for grades Plk-2 and another on October 7th for grades 3 & 4. These Open Houses are family Open Houses which students are invited to attend along with their families.

The separate nights started about 5 years ago in an effort to have ample parking and less congestion in the hallways. This year, for the very first time, a "Welcome back to school" video was sent out to parents as a greeting prior to open houses.

NES concluded the Grade 2 NWEA MAP testing last month in the area of Mathematics, and Grades 3 and 4 in the areas of Math and Reading.

The NES PTO held a successful *Sundaes on Sunday* event and are now working on creating the first NES student Directory. This idea was brought forward from the PTO. It is absolutely voluntary to participate in the directory. Families have expressed a desire to have this directory to organize play dates and birthday parties.

PBIS continues at NES. Students are recognized with "caught being good" slips and a winner is selected each Friday to pick for the famous prize cart! Classroom acknowledgements continue with the compliment boards and visits from Mr. Fintastic when the boards are completed.

Narragansett Pier School: Ms. Kirby, Principal of the Narragansett Pier School, reported that the 1st quarter ends Friday, October 31st. Homework club is available for students on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and parents are reminded that they can access students' academic progress on PowerSchool. Reminder that if parents do not have an account set up, they can contact Jackie Turnbull in Guidance.

Yesterday the 6th grade took their annual field trip to the marsh to do study the ecosystem and today the 5th graders went to Escobar Farms to explore the concepts of life science, the food chain and the physical properties of living things. They also enjoyed some fun in the corn maze. Next week grade 7 will be exploring the Colonial History of Newport.

The PTO Book Fair is October 22nd, 23rd and 24th and their membership campaign is underway and membership forms submitted by this Friday will be eligible to win "Trails to Terror" tickets. Social events coming up include an after school Costume party and contest for grades 5 and 6 on Thursday, October 30th 2:35 – 4:00, and on October 24th there is a school dance for grades 7 and 8.

The *grab and go* breakfast has been a great success. They are into the ninth day of breakfast offerings to students and are currently serving an average of 45 breakfasts per day. The highest number served was 57 breakfasts last Friday. The numbers indicate that Thursday and Friday mornings are the busiest. Additionally, the morning fitness program called "waking and shaking" began this week. This program runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and gives students an opportunity to go to the school gym from 7:30 – 8:00 and participate in games and physical activities.

Discussion: Ms. McNeiece asked that the Principals coordinate their Showcases for the remainder of the school year to highlight what is happening at the schools so that they can schedule during the Agenda setting meetings.

Narragansett High School: Mr. Toby Gibbons, Assistant Principal of the Narragansett High School, reported on a busy month of October, academically, athletically and in the community. NHS is now a month into using the new TASC Block software and the teacher and students are going a great job utilizing the time. Last night there was the 1st Guidance Advisory Meeting and tomorrow evening the PTO will meet at 7 pm. On Saturday the PSATs will begin which at 7:30 am. On October 23rd, Mrs. Biafore will facilitate an informational meeting for the Quebec Trip to take place over Memorial Day weekend.

Spirit Week will take place the week of October 27th and Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, November 1st. Game time is 12:00 vs. Lincoln. Two class floats will perform before the game beginning at 11:30 and two class floats will perform at half-time. There will be a pre-game rally beginning at 11:00 am. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers available for spectators to purchase. It will be a pre-game homecoming as well as a Narragansett Community Athletic Complex rally prior to the Tuesday election.

In Athletic news, winter sports registration is now open. There is on-line registration available for all sports at FamilyID.com. The Narragansett Athletic Department has a new website specific for athletics:

It is nhsmariners.com. Also for the latest Narragansett Mariner Athletic news you can follow on Twitter at MarinerAthletics@DickFossa

Fall sports update: the Girls Tennis Team finished the season with a 12 - 1 record and won the Division II Suburban A Championship and finished as the number 2 overall seed and received a 1st round bye. Division II Girls Tennis State Championship semi-finals are scheduled Thursday, weather permitting, at 5 pm at Lincoln High School and NHS will play the winner of the Prout - Lincoln match; the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams will be competing in the Bronco Invitational tomorrow at Burrillville HS and then at the Class Championships on Saturday, October 25th at Ponaganset High School; the Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Football Teams are all still competing in the regular season and all are competing for playoff spots; the Girl's Volleyball Team finished 2nd in Division II at the Koch Eye Invitational at Bryant University held this past weekend.

Mr. Gibbons was happy to report on the progress of their efforts to integrate the 8th graders into some of the High School events, to include: a Joint Fall Concert on October 29th; Homecoming to include 7th-12th grade students and they will be included in the Field Day events wearing Class of 2019 "team" T-Shirts; a 7th-12th grade Marching Band in the Fire Fighters Parade; a combined NPS/NHS Choir to sing at the State House; and finally, 8th graders will participate in the Fall NHS Musical, Fiddler on the Roof.

Student Services: Ms. Leslie Brow, Director of Student Services, reported that she recently attending the Rhode Island Teaching Assistant Conference, which was held on September 20th. Ms. Brow, along with teachers Caitlyn Majeika and Krystal Cagnon, were presenters at the conference on the topic of the teaching assistant's role in a general education class.

On November 18th at 7:00pm the Local Advisory Committee will host a presentation from Kelly McCorkle from the Rhode Island Parent Association. Ms. McCorkle will highlight resources for families, and discuss special education regulations and parental involvement in the IEP process.

The Unified Volleyball team will play their last home unified volleyball game against Westerly on October 21st at 3:30 pm, at Narragansett High School.

To answer questions posed by Mr. deWardener regarding Narragansett's contract and relationship with Sargent's Regional Resource Center, Ms. Brow explained that Narragansett works with Attorney David Kane who may provide: Education and Training supports for families and staff in the areas of Technical Assistance, including participation in meetings, phone conversations, and professional development; Administrative Support; training manuals, materials and a Monthly newsletter outlining regulation changes; upon request, Program Review and compliance monitoring; Regional professional development for teachers, nurses, teaching assistance on confidentiality, FERPA or Regulations; Alternative Dispute Resolutions and supports for all students including students with 504 and IEPs; and Analysis of Federal and State Documents.

Superintendent's Report:

October is Principal's month and the Superintendent acknowledged the hard work of Principals and Assistant Principals at all three schools.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- A. September 17, 2014 Executive Session-Limited Distribution CA-1A
- B. September 17, 2014 Regular Business Meeting CA-1B

2. Routine Personnel Actions:

Appointments – Other

Kane, Sarah, Music Director, NHS Theatre, Compensation: \$3,500, effective for the 2014-15 school year.

Appointments - Extra Curr. Positions - NPS - School Year 2014-15

- Stone, Janet 5th/6th Grade Homework Club Co-Advisor Stipend: \$39.00/hr
- Pesante, Nancy 5th/6th Grade Homework Club Co-Advisor Stipend: \$39.00/hr

Mellors, Carolyn	7th/8th Grade Homework Club Co-Advisor	Stipend: \$39.00/hr
Holmes, Michelle	7th/8th Grade Homework Club Co-Advisor	Stipend: \$39.00/hr
Holden, Kevin	Detention Supervisor	Stipend: \$25.00/hr

Resignation – Coaches

Spaulding, Sarah, Assistant Cross Country Coach, NPS, Effective immediately

Appointments—Extra Curricular Positions – NHS - School Year 2014-15

Reis, Adam	Junior Class Advisor	Stipend: \$1956.00
Hickey, Kristen	Senior Co-Class Advisor	Stipend: \$978.00
Hughes, Brian	Senior Co-Class Advisor	Stipend: \$978.00
Schroeter, Marcus	Freshman Class Advisor	Stipend: \$1304.00
Izzi, Christina	World Language Club Advisor	Stipend: \$652.00
Biafore, Jennifer	World Language Honor Society Advisor	Stipend: \$652.00
Krous, Sarah	Ocean Science Bowl	Stipend: \$978.00
Anderson, Ruth	ACT Advisor	Stipend: \$652.00
Laidler, Sarah	SAFE Advisor	Stipend: \$652.00
Laidler, Sarah	S.A.D.D. Advisor	Stipend: \$652.00
Breene, Gregory	FFA Co-Advisor	Stipend: \$1304.00
Ashworth, Meredith	FFA Co-Advisor	Stipend: \$1304.00
Zabel, Eric	Envirothon	Stipend: \$1630.00
Gartner, Eric	Math Team Advisor	Stipend: \$1304.00
Healey, Daniel	Band Director	Stipend: \$1630.00
Kane, Sarah	Chorus Director	Stipend: \$1304.00
Campbell, Joyce	Color Guard	Stipend: \$652.00
Zabel, Eric	Advisor/Advisee	Stipend: \$1630.00
Davia, Amanda	National Honor Society Co-Advisor	Stipend: \$326.00
Gongoleski, Joanne	National Honor Society Co-Advisor	Stipend: \$326.00
Peabody, Kathy	Art Club	Stipend: \$652.00
Maynard, Judy	Sophomore Class Advisor	Stipend: \$1630.00
Schroeter, Marcus	Student Council	Stipend: \$1304.00
Shields, Robert	Yearbook Advisor	Stipend: \$1630.00
Goudreau, Michael	Pin Pong	Stipend: \$326.00
McNamara, Gabriela	After School Detention	Stipend: \$25.00/hr

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

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Discussion:

The Superintendent asked the Committee to consider changing the School Committee meeting from January 14th to the 21st, which would be consistent with the 3rd Wednesday of the month. They agreed, if the meeting can be aired on cable TV on January 21st.

BUDGET REPORT Mr. deWardener reported that as of September 30, 2014, \$4,200,815.58 (15.14%) of the FY14 Budget of \$27,738,098.00 has been expended, and \$24,598,546.73 (88.68%) has been expended and encumbered.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS There was no School Committee Business to report.

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

November 19, 2014

Regular Business Meeting –7:00 pm, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area

MOTION: moved by Mr. deWardener, seconded by Dr. Nobles, to adjourn at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk