

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD August 12, 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 August 12, 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. Frank White and Mr. Guy deWardener. Absent: Mr. Keith Ranaldi

OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Katherine Sipala, Superintendent; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance and Administration; Mr. David Correia, Director of Transportation & Grounds. School Committee Attorney, Stephen Robinson arrived at 6PM, and Gary Minett, Director of Facilities, arrived at 7:30PM.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Tammy McNeiece called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM Parents and Bus drivers spoke against the changes to the Groden North transportation route, currently Bus #20.

DISCUSSION: Contract with RI Department of Education regarding statewide busing for 3 students being transported to St. Pius (currently Bus #25); and transportation for 6 students to West Bay Christian Academy and 1 student to Groden North (currently Bus #20).

The School Committee Chair expressed her appreciation regarding the concerns brought by the parents and summarized financial pressures on the School Committee due to the town's Pension issues. The Chair and the Vice Chair indicated that they would NOT support a change in bussing for the special education student at this time. After further discussion with Mr. Corriera, Director of Transportation, the Committee asked that Karen Hagan requests the costs from RIDE for the St. Pius bus #25 only. The Chair also asked Mr. Corriera for information on the Chariho bus run, and indicated that the August 26th Agenda will not include a vote on Bus 20. The Chair also asked Mr. Corriera for information on the Chariho bus route.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (a) Exception (2) Collective Bargaining NESP-NEA and NEARI.

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. deWardener to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:30PM.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White to adjourn to Open Session at 7:25PM.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES of the August 12, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White to Seal Executive Session Minutes.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES No votes were taken.

CONSENT AGENDA -PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Appointments – Other

Fossa, Richard, Athletic Director, NHS, Compensation: \$34,510.00, effective August 31, 2015.

Appointments – Certified

Fortier, Laurie, 1.0 Grade 4, NES, Step 3: effective August 31, 2015 –January 22, 2016 of the 2015-2016 school year.

Reis, Renee, .5 Literacy Coach, NES, Compensation: Step 10 masters: effective August 31, 2015.

Hoyle, Colin, 1.0 7th/8th Grade Math, NPS, Compensation: Step 5: effective August 31, 2015.

Iafrate Ruscito, Lisa, 1.0 School Nurse, NES, Compensation: Step 10 Masters: effective August 31, 2015.

Increase– Certified

Koczan, Rebecca, 0.1 Social Worker, District, Compensation: Step 10 Masters: effective August 31, 2015.

Tomlinson, Andrea, 0.2 Foreign Language, NES, Compensation: Step 7 Masters: effective August 31, 2015.

Bryce, Kristen, 0.02 Art Teacher, NES, Compensation: Step 7 Masters: effective August 31, 2015.

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

Millen, Michael Athletic Director, Stipend: \$4313.43

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approval of School Bus Routes for School Year 2015-16

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. deWardener to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Transportation and Grounds, to approve the School Bus Routes for School Year 2015-16.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

2. Approval of Contract – Parking lot Repairs

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. DeWardener to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Director of Finance and Administration, and the Director of Transportation and Grounds, to approve the Contract for Parking lot Repair at the Narragansett Elementary School.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

3. Discussion of Gail Associates Contract Amendment No. 1 – Use of surplus for funds for NCAC expenses

Ms. Hagan presented the contract amendment for Gale Associates. The Committee instructed Ms. Hagan to ask for a more detailed breakdown of the \$3500 in additional fees and have it available for them at their August 26th meeting. Ms. Hagan recommended to the Committee that they consider using surplus money for the lights and sand catchers which is part of the NCAC project.

4. Discussion of Open Positions

Mr. Minett described the open Utility Custodian position and the need for the position to the Committee. The position of Director of Facilities and Maintenance was also discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

MOTION PASSES (4-0)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk