

**NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD November 16, 2016**

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 16, 2016, 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 Brow, Director of Student Services; Mr. Toby Gibbons, Assistant Principal, Narragansett High School; Ms. Marianne Kirby, Principal, Narragansett Pier School; Ms. Gail Dandurand, Principal, Narragansett Elementary School and Mr. Steve Gormley, Director of Operations.

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Cummings called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016 MEETING:

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White to seal the Executive Session Minutes of November 16, 2016.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES: The Committee voted to renew two Administrative employee contracts.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles seconded by Mr. White to appoint Ms. McNeiece as Chairperson.

MOTION PASSES: (5-0)

MOTION: moved by Mr. White seconded by Mr. Skenyon to appoint Dr. Nobles as Vice Chairperson.

MOTION PASSES: (5-0)

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. Skenyon to appoint Mr. White as Clerk.

MOTION PASSES: (5-0)

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Buildings & Grounds Committee (2) – Ms. McNeiece & Mr. Skenyon
Capital Reserve Committee (2) – Ms. McNeiece & Mr. Skenyon
Health & Wellness Committee – Ms. Durkin
Knights of the Rockingham Arch – Mr. White
Negotiations Subcommittee (2) – Mr. White & Dr. Nobles
Parliamentarian – Dr. Nobles
Recreation Advisory Board – Mr. White
Policy Review Subcommittee (2) – Dr. Nobles & Ms. Durkin
RIASC – Dr. Nobles & Ms. Durkin
Special Education Advisory Committee – Ms. Durkin
District Technology Committee – Mr. White & Mr. Skenyon
Town Council Liaison- Ms. Durkin

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke.

SHOWCASE: NHS Unified Volleyball Team. Leslie Brow introduced coaches Krystal Cagnon and Kristen Shea. Emma Hughes, a student in the Agri-Science Program, and Ian Zuchowski, a post grad student, spoke to the Committee about their positive experiences throughout their participation on the team.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. School Committee:

Mr. White reported on the Narragansett Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting held on November 14, 2016 at which they discussed melanoma prevention and the importance of sunscreen. The Advisory is looking into installing sunscreen dispensers in various locations at Narragansett Town Beach.

2. School Reports:

Narragansett Elementary School: Ms. Dandurand, Principal of Narragansett Elementary School reported that coaches and Principals have shared PARCC data with all grade levels and are working with all grade levels to compact curriculum so that all concepts are taught by the end of the year. Principals are monitoring the implementation of guided reading and math workshops. NES is a Title 1 school and is required to have a parent informational night with Title 1 families only, which took place last week and was well attended. NES 4th grade students were interviewed for PBIS Ambassadors leadership positions. Students must demonstrate that they follow PBIS expectations of safety first, expect respect, and act responsibly. The ambassadors help with: hallway safety during entry and dismissal; collecting *caught being good* tickets; making posters for our good deeds dress up days; and special events such as the holiday bazaar and the mock election. NES teacher, Mrs. Lindsay Phillips, helps coordinate this program for NES. The 4th grade students are very much enjoying their Chromebooks! Other grades have either laptops or iPad to share by grade levels. The NES team has been working with the FUSE fellow on Professional Development and met last month to discuss topics such as: curation of technology materials, digital citizenship, and future PD for staff. Ms. Dandurand attended (along with our district Administrators) a Blended Learning PD hosted by Chariho. Educators from all around the state gathered to share ideas. The NES PTO is hosting a Family Bingo on Friday night in the NES Cafeteria. Ms. Dandurand thanked the PTO for providing this fundraising activity.

Narragansett Pier School Ms. Kirby reported that the first quarter has closed and report cards went home on Monday. Ms. Kirby was very pleased to report that over 100 seventh and eighth grade students were eligible for the honor roll. PARCC data review team work is under way with Administrators and coaches facilitating conversations with teachers to use data in instruction to improve student achievement. Math teachers spent time with catalyst teacher Ms. Carolyn Mellor sharing their best practices using technology. NPS will host the RI State qualifier for First Lego League on Saturday, December 17th. The event is open to the public at noon. Winter sports tryouts are underway for girls' and boys' basketball and wrestling. Cheerleading tryouts will begin in December. The Pier School Boosters will host a the 16th annual basketball tournament on December 2nd and 3rd at the Pier School. Grade 8 went to the Trinity Rep's *The Christmas Carol* this week; grade 7 will attend the play on December 1.

Auditions for *The Little Mermaid Jr.* will be on November 28, 29, 30 and December 1. The show is scheduled for March 10, 11 and 12. 110 students have signed up for auditions or for tech crew. The 7th and 8th grade chorus will be singing at the State House on November 30th, at the Festival of Lights on December 4. The NPS winter concert is on Thursday, December 8th with the band concert at 6:30pm and the strings and chorus at 7:30pm in the high school auditorium. Other dates of note: picture re-takes on Friday, December 2; PTO meeting on Monday, December 5 at 7pm in library.

Narragansett High School Mr. Toby Gibbons reported on the NHS November 2016 Highlights and happenings: 11/2 Flu Clinic for Staff and students; 11/3 Picture Retakes; 11/10 Blood Drive; 11/15 Guidance Advisory Meeting; 11/17 Financial Aid Night; 11/19 Mariner Marketplace; 11/22 Freshman and Junior Class Dodgeball Tournament; and on 11/29 Parent Conferences begin 4-7 PM. Michaela Degnan, signed a letter of intent to University of Arkansas; Winter sports sign-up starting; and the Art Club begins again.

Special Education Ms. Brow, Director of Student Services, invited the Committee to the ALP Program's Annual Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday at 12PM at NHS.

3. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Cummings reported that he is conducting "Entry Interviews" with interested staff, parents and people in the Narragansett community. The response has been very good and he has been able to learn a lot about the District in a short period of time. Dr. Cummings will use the information he gathers from these meetings in the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Cummings reported that NHS had a visit from RIDE about the Information Technology strand. Many thanks to Dan Warner, Toby Gibbons and Chris Hertz. They will be rendering a decision and we should be notified sometime in mid-December about approval of this program.

The Narragansett School System has posted the Director of Technology position and will begin interviews in December. Mr. Roland Lambert, Director of Technology, will retire at the end of December and he hopes to have someone in place by January 2017.

Dr. Cummings encouraged the public to attend the Winter Concerts December 7th NHS and the 8th at NPS; he acknowledged both the NHS Boys & Girls soccer teams making it into the playoffs this season; and he noted NHS senior Michaela Degnan's official signing for a swim scholarship.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- A. October 19, 2016 - Executive Session-Limited Distribution CA-1A
- B. October 19, 2016 - Regular Business Meeting CA-1B

2. Routine Personnel Actions:

Appointments – Classified

Martel, Donna, Bus Driver, Transportation, Compensation: \$21.46/hr, 27.5 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, effective 11/4/16.

Increase – Classified

Arif, Iftikhar, Bus Driver, Transportation, Compensation: \$18.27/hr, 2.5 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, effective 11/4/16.

Leonard, Robert, Bus Driver, Transportation, Compensation: \$21.46/hr, 5 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, effective 11/4/16.

Increase – Certified

Dolos, Christopher, .1 Chemistry, NHS, effective August 31, 2016.

Appointments - Extra Curr. Positions - NHS - School Year 2016-17

Paliotti, Kristen Cheerleading Advisor Stipend: \$1304.00

Correction - Extra Curr. Positions - NHS - School Year 2016-17

Razza, Kristen Cheerleading Advisor Stipend: \$1304.00

Appointments – Winter Coaches NPS

Millen, Michael Volunteer Head Wrestling Coach Stipend: N/A

Tessitore, Thomas Boys Basketball Coach Stipend: \$2280.20

Boone, Ajanae Girls Basketball Coach Stipend: \$1457.53

Appointments – Winter Coaches NHS

Meade, Ryan Boys Hockey Coach Stipend: \$3608.81

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| Simonelli, Ralph | JV Boys Hockey Coach | Stipend: | \$2783.76 |
| Cannon, David | Head Girls Co-Op Ice Hockey | Stipend: | \$1918.33 |
| McGreen, John | Assistant Girls Co-Op Ice Hockey | Stipend: | N/A |
| DiCiccico, Melissa | Competition Cheerleading | Stipend: | \$2812.49 |
| Columbo, Anthony | Wrestling Coach | Stipend: | \$5581.67 |
| Forte, Mario | JV Wrestling Coach | Stipend: | \$3349.00 |
| Millen Sr., Michael | Volunteer Wrestling Coach | Stipend: | N/A |
| Wyrostek, David | Swim Coach | Stipend: | \$3377.52 |
| McNeiece, Brian | Indoor Track Coach | Stipend: | \$5065.22 |
| Mahoney, Kathryn | Girls Basketball Coach | Stipend: | \$5581.67 |
| Mahoney, John | Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach | Stipend: | N/A |
| Bodington, Kyle | Boys Varsity Basketball Coach | Stipend: | \$4953.28 |
| Henseler, Sean | JV Boys Basketball Coach | Stipend: | \$2783.76 |
| Minetti, Jerry | Volunteer Boys Basketball | Stipend: | N/A |
| Temkin, Rory | 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)

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

BUDGET REPORT: Mr. White reported that as of October 31, 2016, \$6,494,620.02 (22.32%) of the FY17 Budget of \$29,103,490.00 has been expended, and \$25,476,830.42 (87.54%) has been expended and encumbered. Mr. White asked Ms. Hagan to squirrel away some of the money for the future.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Purchase of a Storage Building

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White to approve the Purchase of a Storage Building to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, and the Director of Finance and Administration, to approve the Purchase of a Storage Building from Martone Service Company in the amount of \$43,975.00, subject to the successful review and approval of RI Stamped drawings by the Town of Narragansett Building Official.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

2. Discussion of the 2017-18 School Calendar

The Committee continued the discussion about a Survey Monkey to go out to parents and staff regarding the 2017-18 school calendar and school vacations. The Superintendent and Ms. Kirby have drafted a survey which will be sent to School Committee first, and with their approval sent out to families. The results of the survey were reviewed and will be discussed at a future meeting.

3. Approval of NHS Spain Trip - April 2018

MOTION: moved Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the April 2018 Narragansett High School student trip to Spain.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

4. Second Reading/Revision to Policies:

- a) III.B. Statement of Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action
- b) III.B.1. Section 504
- c) III.C.1 Harassment/Bullying/Cyberbullying
- d) III.C.2. Sexual Harassment
- e) III.I. Complaint Resolution Procedure
- f) V.C.I.a. Bullying/Cyberbullying

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the revisions to Policies III.B., III.B.1., III.C.1, III.C.2., III.I., and V.C.I.a.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

December 19, 2016 Joint Town Council Meeting–6:30 PM, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area.

December 21, 2016 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