

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD January 18, 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 January 18, 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; Mr. Dan Warner, Principal, Narragansett High School; and Mr. Steve Gormley, Director of Operations.

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

OPEN FORUM: Narragansett resident, Karen Shabshelowitz of 63 Wanda Street addressed the committee about her work on the Library Board of Directors for the Maury Loojtjens Memorial Library currently located at 5 Kingstown Rd, Narragansett, RI. Ms. Shabshelowitz proposed that teachers, families and possibly an adolescent group to participate in a needs assessment and future strategic planning. Ms. Shabshelowitz also inquired about the upcoming NEASC visit at the High School.

ORAL REPORTS:

1. School Committee:

Mr. White reported on the recent Narragansett Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2017, at which they further discussed sunscreen dispensers for Narragansett Town Beach. New Town Council Member and Advisory Board liaison Jill Lawler attended that meeting.

Ms. Durkin reported on the January 10th Parent Advisory Board which was the annual Transition Night and Resource Fair. The evening provided parents and students information about valuable resources and opportunities. Several agencies and organizations were there to distribute information about their services which provide support for students through high school and beyond.

2. Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent introduced Mr. Dan Warner, Principal of the High School, to speak about the upcoming re-accreditation process being done by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Mr. Cummings acknowledged and thanked staff for all of their hard work during the accreditation process. Mr. Cummings specifically thanked Mr. Warner, Mr. John O'Brien, Ms. Kristin Hayes-Leite, Ms. Joanne Blessing and Ms. Joanne Gongoleski. NEASC Accreditation is a voluntary process, that engages educators in a 12-18month self-study process once every ten years. Part of the process includes an on-site evaluation from a visiting committee of peers from other schools and colleges. This process will take place in the spring of 2017.

The Superintendent informed the Committee that he will soon be launching the Strategic Plan process. The Committee will consider proposals for assistance with the design and facilitation of this process at the February meeting. Specifically, efforts will be directed toward the renewal of our school system's mission, vision and goals through spring 2017.

The Superintendent gave an update on the FY18 Budget planning process which is in full swing. Budget Workshops are scheduled for March 1, 8 at 5:30 in the Administrative Offices. The workshops are open to the public.

The Superintendent acknowledged Phil Capaldi of the Narragansett Education Foundation for introducing the Narragansett Sparks Grant Program which will offer grants to teachers to use to foster innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

The Superintendent updated the Committee and public on the progress of the Agri-Science building which will be open during the Open House on January 24th. The marketing materials have gone out and have been met with a great response.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes:

- A. December 19, 2016 Joint Meeting with Town Council CA-1A
- B. December 21, 2016 Executive Session CA-1B Limited Distribution
- C. December 21, 2016 Regular Business Meeting CA-1C

2. Routine Personnel Actions: CA-2

Appointment– Classified

Murray, Diane, Teacher Assistant, NPS, Comp: \$18.27/hr, 32.5 hrs/wk, 36 wks/yr, temporarily, eff. 1/9/17.

Resignation– Certified

Shelton, Stephen, Behavior Specialist, NHS, effective January 9, 2017.

Increase – Certified

Dolos, Christopher, .1 Chemistry, NHS, effective January 30, 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 Mr. White, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Consent Agenda items CA-1A, CA-1B, CA-1C, 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 December 21, 2016, \$12,721,680.68 (43.71%) of the FY17 Budget of \$29,103,490.00 has been expended, and \$26,919,080.25 (92.49%) has been expended and encumbered. Mr. White once again asked Ms. Hagan to squirrel some of it away.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approval of NHS Program of Studies 2017-18

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the NHS Program of Studies for the 2017-18 school year.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

Tammy McNeiece-Aye

Diane Nobles-Aye

Rebecca Durkin -Aye

Justin Skenyon - Aye

Frank White-Aye

2. Second Reading – Revision of Facilities Use Policy - II.D.1. Use of Buildings and Athletic Facilities by Non-School Based Organizations.

MOTION: moved Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Second Reading and Revision of Facilities Use Policy II.D.1. Use of Buildings and Athletic Facilities by Non-School Based Organizations.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

3. Approval of 2017-18 School Calendar

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Durkin, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2017-18 School Calendar.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

4. Approval of Contract for Evaluation of HVAC System at NPS

MOTION: moved by Dr. Nobles, seconded by Mr. White, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the Contract for Evaluation of HVAC System at the Pier School, to Jacobs Engineering Group. Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$14,000.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

5. Purchase of Technology for the Agri-Science building at NHS

MOTION: moved by Ms. Durkin, seconded by Mr. Skenyon, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Administration to approve the purchase of technology for the Agri-Science building at Narragansett High School from Whalley Computer Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$7,798.20

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

6. Purchase of Classroom Furniture for the Agri-Science building 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 classroom furniture for the Agri-Science building at Narragansett High School from Virco, in the amount of \$8,328.53.

MOTION PASSES (5-0)

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

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS

February 15, 2017 Regular Business Meeting –7:00 PM, Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Area.

MOTION: moved by Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Nobles, to adjourn at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank White, Clerk