

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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February 26, 2020: School Committee Meeting These highlights are intended to update staff and community members of actions taken by the school committee during its recent meetings. This information is not intended to represent school committee minutes; they are quick facts of the meeting.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE: Ms. Tammy McNeiece, Chairperson; Ms. Diane Nobles, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Frank White, Clerk; Mr. Justin Skenyon and Ms. Rebecca Durkin.

OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE: Dr. Peter Cummings, Superintendent; Ms. Karen Hagan, Director of Finance and Administration, NHS Assistant Principal Toby Gibbons, NPS Principal Marianne Kirby, NES Principal Lisa Wilson, Assistant Director of Student Services Jill Hague, Director of Operations, Steve Gormley

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES- 3 non-renewal certified staff approved

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke.

ORAL REPORTS:

NES- Principal Lisa Wilson spoke about successful PTO events that were well attended. Pizza Pig Out in March is coming up on the 13th where students will wear red and white and it will be more like a fair, which allows students to visit different stations. School is focused on less waste and environmentally friendly activities as well as moving forward with conscious discipline training. NES has been training teacher assistants as well. Parent night sessions are going very well. Teachers are gearing up for RICAS. Annual Pennies for Patients kicking off for March. All proceeds are going to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, where they will celebrate and raise funds for this campaign by putting Band-Aids on the school nurse.

NPS- Principal Marianne Kirby shared Annie Butler has won the annual Spelling Bee three years in a row and will go on to represent district in March. National History Day just took place and was well attended. Winners will be announced on Friday. A big thanks to judges who were very engaged with the students and to educators who stepped in to host a great day. Cindy from the wellness committee came in and ordered breakfast to understand how it was prepared and the health of it and gave a great review. Also, this weekend, the NPS Wizard of Oz production is taking place. The March staff meeting will welcome back Vanessa Miller after her leave who will help refine language around personalized and blended learning. This will lead nicely into the March PD, which Peter added more information about regarding what the day would hold for attendees. PTO pushing Pier Plays campaign on March 9th and March 20th is March Madness. Co-ed tennis will be beginning as well along with 8 other schools in the Spring. Finally, SurveyWorks has a 32% return for parents, and she encouraged parents to sign on and fill out for an even higher rate.

NHS- Assistant Principal Toby Gibbons represented the school as Principal Dan Warner was attending a departmental school meeting. Mr. Gibbons shared that students successfully completed midterms on the week of January 23rd. The robotics team walked away from their competition with the Connect Award. The Ocean Science Club students won their Science Bowl event. It's the first time NHS won in 23 years. Spring sports begin on March 16. February 27th is also a blood drive taking place. All are welcome. On February 24th, instructional rounds took place where Jamestown joined in reviewing what teachers were asking to enhance learning. SAT prep class will shift this year where Junior students will meet after school to study starting on March 9th.

Special Services- Assistant Director Jill Hague presented as the director was unable to attend due to the flu. Melissa has been with us for two months which has proved to be a nice transition where roles and responsibilities have been mapped out. Local advisory parent committee hosted a transition night where local districts attended (about 15 agencies) to support families as students graduate high school with supports like financial and job placement. About 35 families came. Next event is on March 10th for the final meeting of the year. A presentation will be given on what the advisory is to hopefully spark a new parents to want to join since Cindy Duckworth is stepping down. Unified basketball is starting with about 14 athletes. First game is March 10th. Preschool registration is also ongoing. A little over 40 families returning, as of today, about 35 families have registered. Diane asked how it's being advertised and Jill shared that it was in all our digital outlets as well as print. Ms. McNeiece asked how long until a wait list was formed, and it was shared that we have a good amount of spots left but they are filling up.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes:

January 15^h, 2019 (Approved)

Reports:

Budget Transfers (Approved)

Enrollment Report (Approved)

Maintenance Report (Approved)

BUDGET REPORT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Non-Renewal certified staff
2. Approval of Hiring Policy
3. Approval of the Housing Aid Application
4. Approval of Van Purchase
5. Approval of Bus Idling Policy

FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS:

March 18, 2020 | 7 PM | Regular Meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:35 PM