

# NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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**January 15, 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 Principal Dan Warner, NHS Agriculture Science Head, Greg Breene.

**Meeting was called to order** at 7:15 PM.

**SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES-** 1 Homeschool request approved

**OPEN FORUM:** No one spoke.

**SHOWCASE:** Superintendent Peter Cummings introduced Principal Dan Warner and Head of NHS FFA Greg Breene and Educator Aaron Gathen to share the success of their recent trip as well as honor NHS student award winners from the 2019 Fall FFA National Convention where there were about 70,000 people attended. The recipients were Gold Medal- Hannah Foster in Dairy Showmanship, Silver Medal- Calla Reardon in Floriculture & Lily Additon in Floriculture, Bronze Medal- Hannah Conlon in Floriculture & Erin McCaffrey in Floriculture & Ariana Seigh in FFA Public Speaking. Mr. Breene also talked about the home show coming up in first week of April. The FFA students will be working with RI Builder's association on the landscape exhibit. Central Nurseries will work with the school to have plants forced in the greenhouse with students monitoring them all to make for a full-bloomed exhibit that the students will help set up. Finally, Abby Foster spoke of a fundraiser FFA is hosting where they will be offering a discount voucher card for participating businesses where proceeds will help out with their future events.

## **ORAL REPORTS:**

**Ms. Durkin-** It's been busy with school start times sub-committee. A survey went out to middle-schoolers and high-schoolers with interesting results. The students have shared they are not getting the sleep they should be getting, matching up with research. PTO has been utilized to get parent feedback as well as meeting with school committee members from other districts for more perspective. Next school committee meeting will have a more elaborate update.

**Ms. McNeiece-** school building committee has architects helping draft stage 1 and 2. Took an in-depth look at long term capital projects. The building committee is expected to meet again during the budget season where school committee and look at whole proposed project.

**Dr. Cummings-** acknowledged Susan McKnight, who is retiring this year. Her dedication and serving as the face of the district has been so appreciated and impactful over her time here.

**Mr. White-** shared his support and appreciation as well.

**Ms. Nobles-** policy sub-committee met with the superintendent to speak of amending several policies.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of Minutes:

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Approved)

Reports:

Budget Transfers (Approved)

Enrollment Report (Approved)

Maintenance Report (Approved)

**BUDGET REPORT**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

1. NSS School Calendar 2020-21 (Approved as amended)

**FUTURE MEETINGS/BUSINESS:**

February 26, 2020 | 7 PM | Regular Meeting

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:05 PM**