

Chariho School Committee Meeting  
Regular Session Minutes – November 29, 2016

Committee Members Present: Chair Sylvia Stanley, Vice Chair Ryan Callahan, Ronald Areglado, Donna Chambers, Catherine Giusti, Stephen Huzyk, Clay Johnson, Craig Louzon, Lisa Macaruso, Georgia Ure (left at 9:14 PM) and Melania van der Hooft. Absent: Andrew Webb.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Barry Ricci, Assistant Superintendent Jane Daly and Interim Director of Administration and Finance Susan Rogers.

Also in attendance: Attorney for the School Committee Jon Anderson (arrived at 7:20 PM), Hopkinton Town Council Vice President Barbara Capalbo, Westerly Sun Reporter Cynthia Drummond and School Committee Clerk Donna Sieczkiewicz.

I. Meeting Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Silent Meditation

Chair Stanley called the meeting of the Chariho School Committee, which was held in the Chariho High School Library, to order at 6:45 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silent meditation.

II. Executive Session

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Stephen Huzyk and Ronald Areglado and it was VOTED: That the School Committee go into executive session and close the meeting to the public under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(2)+(8b) for the purpose of discussions pertaining to collective bargaining (approval of executive session minutes of November 15, 2016 – NEA ESP Contract Negotiation Update) and for the purpose of reviewing and/or approving other matters which relate to the privacy of students and their records (approval of executive session minutes of November 15, 2016 - Home Instruction Requests); any persons to be discussed have been so notified. In favor: Unanimous.

The School Committee returned to open session at 6:51 PM and Chair Stanley reconvened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

III. Closing/Sealing of Executive Session Minutes

There were no minutes to seal.

IV. Disclosure of Executive Session Votes

Vice Chair Callahan reported there were 3 votes taken in executive session. The first vote, approval of executive session minutes of November 15, 2016 - Home Instruction Requests, passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Johnson, Louzon, Macaruso, Stanley, Ure and van der Hooft voting in favor and Huzyk abstaining (due to absence).

The second vote, approval of executive session minutes of November 15, 2016 – NEA ESP Contact Negotiation Update, passed with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Johnson, Louzon, Macaruso, Stanley, Ure and van der Hooft voting in favor and Huzyk abstaining (due to absence).

The third vote, to close executive session and return to open session, was unanimous with 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Huzyk, Johnson, Louzon, Macaruso, Stanley, Ure and van der Hooft voting in favor.

## V. Recognition

### 1. Post-Season Awards:

High School Girls' Soccer – Gabriella Harris (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State and All-Division), Grace Taber (Sportsmanship Award), Sydney Allen, Olivia Pellegrino, Hallie Linacre, Madeline Potts (All Division), Claire Fox, Tianna Sardelli (All Tournament).

High School Girls' Volleyball: Rachel Boyle (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Division I South and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-State) and Haley Sawyer (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Division I South).

2. (in attendance) Tom Pirnie, RYSE School Behavior Management Assistant, on his selection as Rhode Island Educational Support Professional of the Year.

3. (in attendance) High School Girls' Field Hockey Team Division II South Co-Champions (and Post-Season Awards): Captain Ally Bobbin (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Division and All-Academic), Captain Olivia Chatowsky (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Division and All-Academic) Captain Haley Dyer (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Division and All-Academic), Maeve Anderson (Honorable Mention All-Division and All-Academic), Sierra Dube, Mollie Dyer, Natasha Huzyk, Tabitha King, Jacqui Krause, Aimee Louzon, Devan McCulloch, Kara McIntosh, Caroline Walsh (All-Academic), Alex Williams (All-Rookie), Corrie-Lynne Edgerley, Lucy Jones, Co-Head Coaches Johannah LaFountain and Michelle Tebbets, Assistant Coach Mariah Northrop, Volunteer Coach Tommy Meyer. Superintendent Ricci noted that the team has been Division Champs for three out of the past four years and allowed only nine goals against them all year (they scored 45). They were congratulated and certificates were presented. Coach Jo was thanked for her over 13 years of service; she is stepping down to spend more time with her family.

## VI. Public Forum

There was nothing to report.

## VII. Business

A. CCRI Driver Education Waiver Request – Superintendent Ricci recommended approval of CCRI's request to waive building use fees for driver education classes so long as the former instructor is not reappointed to teach the class. This will allow for reinstatement of driver education at the High School. He confirmed that CCRI is not making a profit on this class and the approval letter will contain the contingency clause regarding the instructor.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and Stephen Huzyk and it was VOTED: To approve CCRI's request to waive building use fees for driver education classes so long as the former instructor is not reappointed to teach the class. In favor: Unanimous.

## VIII. Consent Agenda Items

Chair Stanley requested clarifying questions or items to be pulled. Steve pulled A-1 and A-2 (due to absence) and Georgia pulled C-Bills. Craig acknowledged the donations and the donors were thanked.

Ronald Areglado made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon and it was VOTED: To move the balance of the Consent Agenda. In favor: Unanimous.

B. Transfers – None at this time.

D. Budget Summary - As per enclosed.

E. Treasurer's Report – As per enclosed.

F. Personnel Actions

1. Accepted the resignation request of Mark Sprague from the position of 1.0 FTE District Speech Language Pathologist effective December 2, 2016.

2. Appointed Joseph Olean to the position of 1.0 FTE RYSE School English/ Special Education Teacher effective December 19, 2016 on salary step 5 (Subject Matter Training Compensation) per the collective bargaining agreement contingent upon submission of all required application materials including, but not limited to, a criminal background investigation with no disqualifying

information; completion of Chariho, state and federal forms and RI Department of Health requirements; proof of certification submitted prior to December 19, 2016 with emergency certification in special education and successful completion of the Reflective Practitioner Course by May 1, 2018.

3. Approved the paternity leave of absence request of Thad Ayazides from the position of Middle School ELA Teacher effective on or around March 1, 2017 (unless any other medical issues arise) through April (upon exhaustion of PTO days and accumulated PTO days) in accordance with Article 18, Section C-1 of the collective bargaining agreement.

4. Appointed the following to the position as noted effective January 2017 through June 2018 (these positions are grant funded):

a.	Sarah DeVito	Middle School Model Educator
b.	Bryan Lucas	Middle School Model Educator
c.	Jen Mossner	Middle School Model Educator
d.	Stefani Anderson	Middle School Model Educator
e.	Jessica Witham-Rivard	Middle School Model Educator
f.	Suzanne Krause	Middle School Model Educator

5. Accepted the resignation request, for the purpose of retirement, of Michael Nedwidek from the position of 1.0 FTE High School PE/Health Teacher effective January 27, 2017.

6. Accepted the resignation request of Daniel Angell from the position of .8 FTE CTC Electrical & Renewable Energy Sources Teacher effective December 9, 2016.

G. Permission to Issue Bids/Request Quotes – None at this time.

H. Permission to Award Contracts – None at this time.

I. Home Instruction – Action taken in executive session.

J. Grants – None at this time.

K. Donations – Accepted the following:

1. Donation from Katherine Zorabedian, Esq., Swansea, MA, of a complete system for OPI Nail Treatments (including the Machine, gels, brushes and files), valued at \$500.00, to the CTC Cosmetology Program.

2. Donation from Pete's Grocery, Ashaway, RI of seeds, valued at \$576.61, to the Chariho FFA and AG Program.

3. Donation from Ryan Saunders, Chorus of Westerly, of the George Kent Performance Hall to the CHS Chorus for their benefit concert in support of Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation.

A-1. Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and it was

VOTED: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 15, 2016 – Approval of Executive Session Minutes of October 25, 2016 – Minutes not sealed. In favor: Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Johnson, Louzon, Macaruso, Stanley, Ure and van der Hooff. Abstained: Huzyk (due to absence). The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 abstention.

A-2. Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and it was

VOTED: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of November 15, 2016. In favor: Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Johnson, Louzon, Macaruso, Stanley, Ure and van der Hooff. Abstained: Huzyk (due to absence). The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 abstention.

C. Bills – Georgia questioned the Stop & Shop invoice on page 10 – what was it for? The Superintendent responded that it was for hygiene supplies for self-contained classrooms and cooking supplies for the Middle School.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Stephen Huzyk and it was

VOTED: To pay the bills. In favor: Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Huzyk, Johnson, Louzon, Macaruso, Stanley and van der Hooff. Abstained: Ure. The motion carried by a vote of 10 in favor with 1 abstention.

## IX. Reports

### A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Special Education LAC met on November 3, 2016. Included in the packet was a copy of the approved minutes of their meeting on September 22, 2016.
2. RYSE School Building Committee will meet on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Administration Building Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public for anyone who would like to attend.

### B. Superintendent's Report

1. Water Tests at Richmond and Hope Valley Schools – Superintendent Ricci reported that the Town of Richmond provided notice to the District about an issue with the water. We were not notified immediately. We had the water tested in both Richmond and Hope Valley Elementary Schools and the tests came back fine. We have asked the Town to test the schools when they perform their routine testing.
  2. High School Accreditation – The High School has received full accreditation with only a few minor recommendations. Thanks to all at the High School who participated.
- C. Coming Events were highlighted.

## X. School Committee Requests for Future Agenda Items or Legal Opinions

Craig requested an update on the Co-op Hockey Program with Narragansett. Superintendent Ricci noted that this item will be on the next agenda as he has the Agreement that needs to be approved.

Craig commented on a recommendation from NEASC regarding the High School Gym size. Are there any future thoughts on this? Superintendent Ricci replied that he could put the NEASC Report on as an agenda item.

Georgia stated she had several items: 1) She would like a comprehensive report on the computer program (1:1) to include pros/cons, parent, student and staff comments and 2) Enrollment Report – there are no numbers comparing this to last year's report. She wants to know the effect on the budget to which the Superintendent responded that he hasn't finished the budget yet so he can't tell yet what the impact will be to each town. Georgia asked, "What about the number of students?" The Superintendent replied that she got this number from Susan Rogers already. What she really should look at is the percentage of students and he will not have any figures until after the first of the year. As for Georgia's request about the computer program, he can have Shawn Cole come to a meeting. We do not have comments from parents or students. Georgia stated she wants to hear from the teachers; are computers helping them and students. The Superintendent asked if Georgia wanted a survey done of the teachers and Georgia responded that she wants a comprehensive report and any feedback. Donna noted her confusion with what Georgia was looking for. Test scores reflect the impact computers have had. This is a difficult question. Superintendent Ricci noted that he will ask some teachers to come to the meeting.

Chair Stanley requested that the Committee review the Parent Liaison Policy. There are no applications for this position but they should work on the policy.

Steve asked that discussion take place on term limits for School Committee members.

## XI. Executive Session

Donna Chambers made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon and Stephen Huzyk and it was VOTED: That the School Committee go into executive session at 7:33 PM and close the meeting to the public under the authority of R.I. General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(2) for the purpose of discussions pertaining to collective bargaining (NEA ESP Contract Negotiation Update and NEA Chariho Contract Negotiation Update). In favor: Unanimous.

## XII. Closing/Sealing of Executive Session Minutes

1. Superintendent Ricci recommended that minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (NEA ESP Contract Negotiation Update) remain sealed until such time as an agreement is reached.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Stephen Huzyk and it was VOTED: That minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (NEA ESP Contract Negotiation Update) remain sealed until such time as an agreement is reached. In favor: Unanimous (Ure was not in attendance for the vote).

2. Superintendent Ricci recommended that minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (NEA Chariho Contract Negotiation Update) remain sealed until such time as an agreement is reached.

Stephen Huzyk made a motion, seconded by Ronald Areglado and it was VOTED: That minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (NEA Chariho Contract Negotiation Update) remain sealed until such time as an agreement is reached. In favor: Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Huzyk, Johnson, Macaruso, Stanley and van der Hooft. Abstained: Louzon (was not in attendance for the discussion due to a conflict). The motion carried by a vote of 9 in favor with 1 abstention (Ure was not in attendance for the vote).

## XIII. Disclosure of Executive Session Votes

Vice Chair Callahan reported there were 5 votes taken in executive session. The first vote, pertaining to ESP Negotiation Strategy, was unanimous with 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Huzyk, Johnson, Louzon, Macaruso, Stanley, Ure and van der Hooft voting in favor.

The second vote, pertaining to ESP Negotiation Strategy, was unanimous with 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Huzyk, Johnson, Louzon, Macaruso, Stanley, Ure and van der Hooft voting in favor.

The third vote, pertaining to ESP Negotiation Strategy, was unanimous with 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Huzyk, Johnson, Louzon, Macaruso, Stanley, Ure and van der Hooft voting in favor.

The fourth vote, pertaining to NEA Chariho Negotiation Strategy was unanimous with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Huzyk, Johnson, Macaruso, Stanley, Ure and van der Hooft voting in favor (Louzon was not in attendance for the discussion due to a conflict).

The fifth vote, to return to open session, was unanimous with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with Areglado, Callahan, Chambers, Giusti, Huzyk, Johnson, Macaruso, Stanley, Ure and van der Hooft voting in favor (Louzon was not in attendance due to a conflict).

## XIV. Adjournment

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Catherine Giusti and it was VOTED: To adjourn at 9:23 PM. In favor: Unanimous (Ure was not in attendance for the vote).

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Donna J. Sieczkiewicz, Clerk