

Chariho School Committee Meeting  
Regular Session Minutes – June 11, 2013

Committee Members Present: Chair Michelle Cole, Vice Chair Craig Louzon, George Abbott (left at 8:43 PM), Ronald Areglado, Robert Cardozo, Donna Chambers, William Day, Stephen Huzyk, Gregory Kenney (arrived at 7:00 PM) and Georgia Ure. Absent: Amanda Blau.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Barry Ricci, Assistant Superintendent Carol Blanchette, Director of Administration and Finance Brian Stanley, Director of Technology Scott Burdick and Richmond School Principal Sharon Martin. Also in attendance: School Committee Clerk Donna Sieczkiewicz and NEA President Robert Mayne.

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

Chair Michelle Cole called the meeting of the Chariho School Committee, which was held in the Chariho High School Library, to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silent meditation.

II. Executive Session

Robert Cardozo made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon 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 May 28, 2013 – NEA Chariho ESP and Certified Staff collective bargaining agreements and updates) 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 May 28, 2013 - Home Instruction Request); any persons to be discussed have been so notified. In favor: Unanimous.

The Committee returned to open session at 6:59 PM and Chair Cole reconvened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

III. Closing/Sealing of Executive Session Minutes

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

Gregory Kenney made a motion, seconded by Robert Cardozo and it was VOTED: To seal the executive session minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (ESP Contract Negotiations) until such time as an agreement is reached. In favor: Unanimous.

2. Superintendent Ricci recommended that minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (Certified Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement) remain sealed.

Gregory Kenney made a motion, seconded by Robert Cardozo and it was VOTED: To seal the executive session minutes pertaining to collective bargaining (Certified Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement). In favor: Unanimous.

IV. Disclosure of Executive Session Votes

Chair Cole reported that there were five votes taken in executive session; she will announce the first three and Bob Cardozo will announce the other two votes. The first vote, approval of executive session minutes of May 28, 2013 (Home Instruction Request), passed with 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with Abbott, Areglado, Cardozo, Chambers, Cole, Day, Huzyk, Louzon and Ure voting in favor (Kenney was not in attendance for the vote).

The second vote, approval of executive session minutes of May 28, 2013 (ESP Collective Bargaining Agreement), passed with 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with Abbott, Areglado, Cardozo, Chambers, Cole, Day, Huzyk, Louzon and Ure voting in favor (Kenney was not in attendance for the vote).

The third vote, to return to open session, passed by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with Abbott, Areglado, Cardozo, Chambers, Cole, Day, Huzyk, Louzon and Ure voting in favor (Kenney was not in attendance for the vote).

The fourth vote, approval of executive session minutes of May 28, 2013 (Certified Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement), passed with 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with Areglado, Cardozo, Chambers, Huzyk, and Ure voting in favor and Abbott abstaining (Cole, Day, Kenney and Louzon were not in attendance for the vote).

The fifth vote, pertaining to collective bargaining (Certified Staff collective bargaining agreement – acceptance of letter), passed with 4 in favor, 2 opposed and 3 abstentions with Areglado, Cardozo, Chambers and Huzyk voting in favor, Abbott and Ure opposing and Cole, Day and Louzon abstaining (Kenney was not in attendance for the vote).

V. Recognition – The following were congratulated/thanked:

1. High School Baseball Team for winning the Division II South Championship. Since the team is still in the playoffs, they will be honored at a future meeting.
2. High School Golf Team for winning the Horrige Memorial Southern Open at Winnapaug Golf Course. The Golf Team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the state.
3. High School Senior Bryce Kelley for placing first in the 1,500-meter race at the State Outdoor Track and Field Championship at Brown University. Bryce has earned ten (10) All-State First-Team honors, making him the most decorated athlete in Chariho history. He will be joining Joe DiPalma and Max Leatham in the New England Championships on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.
4. High School Concert Band for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place (Excellent) honors at Hershey Park.
5. Certified Staff Retirees Sandra Fisher, Margaret Howard-Arsenault, Diane MacLean, Suzanne McBride, Claudia Peduzzi and Cynthia Reiser-Jones. Support Staff Personnel: Patricia Haik and Dora Rhodes. Superintendent Ricci provided a brief statement on the accomplishments of the retirees in attendance and presented each with a gift. They were congratulated by the School Committee and wished the best in their retirements.
6. George Abbott recognized the First Baptist Christian School in Warwick. They closed this month and he wanted it noted that they never took any taxpayer money.

VI. Public Forum

Chair Cole noted that this is an opportunity for people to speak on items that are not on the agenda. She asked that anyone wishing to speak please go to the microphone. NEA President Bob Mayne stated that he would like to present findings to the Committee from a survey taken by certified staff in April. It is a “report card of sorts”. He noted that about 200 of the 340 members responded (this did not include support staff). He distributed a copy of the “Education Report Card” to each Committee member. He then reviewed the purpose of the document, the creation and implementation of the survey, calculation of ratings, highlighted scores and recommendations. He suggested that a subcommittee be formed to meet with certified staff members to discuss the contents of this document and jointly create solutions as needed. A deadline of June 25<sup>th</sup> was given for the School Committee’s response to forming a subcommittee but Bob noted that this deadline could be extended as the next meeting of the School Committee is not until July 16<sup>th</sup>. He plans to administer this survey again in November 2013 and April 2014 and he thanked the School Committee for its attention to this matter.

## VII. Policy

A. Nutrition and Physical Activity – Superintendent Ricci noted that according to federal law, we need to have a more detailed policy by July 1<sup>st</sup> and he recommended approval of the revisions to this policy. Julianna Golas, a member of the Health and Wellness Subcommittee, explained the rationale for the proposed changes to the policy. The Subcommittee was concerned with physical activity at school. The current policy focuses mainly on nutrition and nutrition guidelines but not on physical activity so a section has been added that provides guidance to teachers on physical activity at school. Everyone did a great job collaborating on this. Craig Louzon made a motion to approve the revisions to this policy which was seconded by Greg Kenney. Bill commented on pages 4-5 (student physical activity) and asked if this followed state law or were they just recommendations of the subcommittee to which the Superintendent replied that intramurals, interscholastic and recess are not state law; the rest came out of federal requirements for physical fitness. Bill noted that he is not against physical activity for everyone but stated that by adding intramurals and interscholastic leagues for the middle and high school students, this will impact the budget. He feels students would be better served if parents moved them away from the TV and computers. He would like to get away from the School District having to do the parenting and he would encourage parents to have their kids do more physical activity. Craig questioned (on page 5) why physical education credit would not be awarded for participation in interscholastic activities to which the Superintendent explained that the law requires so many minutes for physical education; he is not sure it would be legal to waive this. George asked if there would be an increase to the budget. The Superintendent replied that there would be an increase of \$10,368 to the budget. Bob asked about implementation as the policy becomes effective on July 1, 2013 but these additional programs will not be implemented until the 2014-2015 school year. He agrees with Bill. Kids do need more physical activity but the addition of these programs will not only impact the budget but will take away gym use from the recreational programs. Steve questioned what the proposed intramurals sports would be to which the Superintendent responded that they have not gotten there yet.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Gregory Kenney and it was VOTED: To approve the revisions to the Nutrition and Physical Activity Policy. In favor: Areglado, Cardozo, Chambers, Cole, Huzyk, Kenney, Louzon and Ure. Opposed: Abbott and Day. The motion carried by a vote of 8 in favor with 2 opposed. Bill noted his reason for opposing was the addition of the mandatory intramural program and George stated that he is opposed to this because of the increased costs associated with it.

B. School Dances – The Superintendent recommended approval of the revisions to this policy. There were no real changes; just clarification.

Gregory Kenney made a motion, seconded by Robert Cardozo and it was VOTED: To approve the revisions to the School Dance Policy. In favor: Unanimous.

## VIII. Business

A. Kindergarten Early Entrance Appeal - Parents will be in attendance to appeal the denial of their request for early entrance to Kindergarten for their son who will turn 5 on December 6<sup>th</sup> which is five days past the *extended* eligibility date specified in the Kindergarten and First Grade Eligibility Policy. If you grant the request, you will need to do so for all who make such a request. The Superintendent recommended that the Committee follow its policy and deny the request as he has turned away other families who had similar requests. If the parents are not in agreement with the Committee's decision, they can appeal it to RIDE. If the Committee does approve this, the child would need to go through the testing process. The child's Mother stated that she would like for him to go through the testing process. Included in the packet was a recommendation from the child's preschool. Donna asked if the parents were familiar with "red shirting" (which especially applies to males) and questioned why the parents wanted him to start so early. Mom noted that the child is bored in preschool. He is reading at a Kindergarten level

and they feel he is ready academically, socially and educationally. Donna commented that she would not advise it as she started her own son early and now wishes she hadn't. There are other ways the child could be challenged. Ron asked where the child was in relation to growth to which Mom noted that he is short in stature but she feels he is at about 85%. Ron stated that education is a journey, not a race. Fast forward to ninth or tenth grade and that is where you see that the one year does make a difference. If he is capable of doing more, his preschool program should challenge him. We need to look at the larger picture. The vast majority of families wishing to do this have been advised to wait a year. Bob asked if there were any siblings to which the parents replied a brother who is twenty months older. Bob noted that he disagreed with his colleagues. He feels the cut-off date is a moving target. It used to be December 31<sup>st</sup> in this state and he is not sure why it was changed. So long as the child passes the testing in place he sees no problem with it. Steve supported Bob. If the child was born six days earlier, the parents would not be here. He feels the parents know their child best. Bill agreed with Ron. Once a child gets in ninth or tenth grade, it is hard for some younger ones to compete emotionally and physically with peers. Bob commented that he finds it difficult to sit here and predict what the child might look or act like nine years down the road. To not let this child have a chance is wrong. The Superintendent felt that all Committee members made great points but you have a policy in place and admittance has been denied to others. Parents should advocate for their children, but if the Committee changes the policy for one, they have to do it for others. The Committee will be on a slippery slope if this is approved. Craig noted that he and his wife put their 8<sup>th</sup> grade child in early (September 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday) and looking back he wishes that they had waited. He agrees with Ron and Bill. Ron advised that the parents look at the totality of the picture. He has had many years of coaching parents and many have agreed that it would have been better to have waited. If we approve this, we might as well abandon the Committee's policy. If you are going to err, he advised that they err on the side of caution. Bob stated that he needs to look at this not only socially, but economically as well. If the Committee refuses this request, the parent can send the child to a Charter School which will cost the District money. He and his wife held their daughter back and he is not so sure it was the right thing to do.

Gregory Kenney made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon and it was

VOTED: To uphold the Superintendent's recommendation that the Committee follow its policy and deny the request. In favor: Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Day, Kenney, Louzon and Ure. Opposed: Cardozo, Cole and Huzyk. The motion carried by a vote of 7 in favor and 3 opposed.

B. Special Education LAC Annual Report - LAC members Chelsea Brayman (Chair), Ann Marie Louzon (Vice Chairperson), Michelle Conary (Treasurer), Vivian Julier (Recording Secretary), and Iris Ornberg (Corresponding Secretary) have submitted the 2012-2013 Annual Report. Iris Ornberg gave a brief overview of what the LAC has accomplished this year. Superintendent Ricci thanked all members of the LAC and requested that the School Committee accept the report and place it on file.

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Robert Cardozo and it was

VOTED: To accept the Special Education LAC Annual Report and place it on file. In favor: Unanimous.

C. Carl Perkins Grant – Superintendent Ricci recommended approval to submit the Perkins Grant. Georgia asked if there was any cost to the District or in-kind services to which the Superintendent noted there are not. Georgia asked how much money were they applying for. The Superintendent noted that this figure could be found on the back page; a total of \$228,925 to which Georgia stated she could not read the numbers. Bob asked how much of this has the District not budgeted for? The Superintendent explained that there is nothing in this grant that reduces the budget. The Perkins Grant will cover salaries for up to three years at which time they are transferred to the operating budget as is the revenue from tuition.

Gregory Kenney made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon and it was VOTED: To approve submission of the Perkins Grant. In favor: Areglado, Cardozo, Chambers, Cole, Day, Huzyk, Kenney, Louzon and Ure. Opposed: Abbott. The motion carried by a vote of 9 in favor with 1 opposed.

D. Adult Education Grant – The Superintendent recommended approval to submit the Adult Education Grant. Georgia asked if there was any cost to the District or in-kind services to which the Superintendent replied there are not. Georgia asked what the amount of money was. Superintendent Ricci responded that for Nursing it is \$34,104 and Electrical it is \$15,895. Bob questioned if tuition was charged to which the Superintendent responded that tuition is charged for some classes and there are no expenses that come out of the operating budget.

Gregory Kenney made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon and it was VOTED: To approve submission of the Adult Education Grant. In favor: Unanimous.

E. Town Request for Referendum Expense Reimbursement – Superintendent Ricci reported that the Town of Richmond has requested that they be reimbursed for expenses incurred as a result of the two additional referendums. The cost for the May 14<sup>th</sup> referendum was \$1,562.78; he expects that the June 18<sup>th</sup> referendum will cost about the same amount. Per the Chariho Act, the District is not responsible for the cost of the referendums. When two votes have been required in the past, the School Committee reimbursed up to the amount budgeted (\$1,500). He recommended that the Committee reimburse the towns for referendum expenses up to the amount budgeted. Bill Day made a motion to support the Superintendent's recommendation as Richmond is the only town that has requested this. Bob seconded Bill's motion. Georgia asked if all three towns would be reimbursed to which the Superintendent replied that each Town must submit an invoice and upon receipt of this, we will reimburse the Town up to \$1,500.

William Day made a motion, seconded by Robert Cardozo and it was VOTED: To reimburse each Town for referendum expenses, upon receipt of an invoice, up to the amount budgeted (\$1,500 for each town). In favor: Unanimous.

F. Disposal of Surplus Property – The Superintendent recommended approval to hold this annual event on June 27, 2013. A list of items to be sold was included in the Committee's packet with first option given to municipal and non-profit agencies. Advertisement will be on the web page.

Gregory Kenney made a motion, seconded by Robert Cardozo and it was VOTED: To hold the Annual District Yard Sale (for the purpose of disposing of surplus property) on June 27, 2013. In favor: Unanimous.

#### IX. Consent Agenda Items

Chair Cole requested items to be pulled or clarifying questions at this time. Greg requested that items H-1 and K-1 be pulled as he needed to recuse on these; Bob pulled F-2, F-4 and F-5; Bill requested the Town of Richmond SRO bill be pulled and Georgia asked that all bills (Item C) be pulled.

Gregory Kenney made a motion, seconded by Robert Cardozo and it was VOTED: To approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. In favor: Unanimous.

- A. Minutes – Approved the regular session minutes of May 28, 2013.
- B. Transfers – Approved
- D. Budget Summary – None at this time.
- E. Treasurer's Report – None at this time.

F. Personnel Actions

1. Approved the maternity leave of absence request of Michelle Conary from the position of Ashaway School Grade 4 Teacher effective Wednesday, August 28, 2013 through October 25, 2013 (return to work date of October 28, 2013) in accordance with Article 18, Section C-1 of the collective bargaining agreement.

3. Appointed Kelly Vocatura to the position of Ashaway School Lead Teacher effective July 1, 2013 for a three (3) year term (through June 30, 2016) with the first two (2) years being a probationary period per Appendix B of the collective bargaining agreement.

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

H. Permission to Award Contracts – Awarded the following:

2. Battery Burnishers Bid to M.D. Stetson Co., Randolph, MA in the amount of \$8,500 for the 27” battery burnisher plus an additional \$1,500 per burnisher for a five-year maintenance agreement. The total price for two (2) battery burnishers, including the five-year maintenance agreement, is \$20,000.

3. Custodial Supplies Bid awarded by company and individual item as noted in the memo provided by Brian Stanley and recommended by both Brian and Dan Cook.

I. Home Instruction – Action taken in executive session.

J. Grants – None at this time.

K. Donations – Accepted the following:

2. Donations to the Green and White Up All Night – Post Graduation Event:

a. Lickety Splits, Richmond – Tubs of Ice Cream

b. Dunkin Donuts, Richmond – Breakfast Items

c. McQuade’s Marketplace, Westerly - \$250 Cash donation

d. Big Blue Bug Solutions, Providence - \$50 Gift certificate

e. James V. Aukerman & Associates, Wakefield - \$25 Cash donation

f. Wallander Realty, Charlestown - \$50 Cash donation

g. Cardi’s Furniture, Swansea, MA - \$100 Gift certificate

h. Arcadia Dental (Melanie Dufour-Pilny, DMD), Hope Valley - \$100 Cash donation

i. Paul Masse Chevrolet, East Providence - \$100 Cash donation

j. Crotty & Sons Body Works (Daniel Crotty), Charlestown - \$100 Cash donation

k. Arrowhead Dental (Bruce Gouin, DMD), Charlestown - \$50 Cash donation

l. Town of Charlestown - \$250 Cash donation

m. Westerly Community Credit Union - \$500 Cash donation

C. Town of Richmond SRO Invoice – Gregory Kenney made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Louzon, to approve payment of the SRO invoice. Bill noted that he had concerns with this invoice as he has personal knowledge that the District did not have the services of an SRO on campus every school day. This bill reflects a fee for an SRO for every day and he does not feel it is ethical for the Town of Richmond to charge the District (and the other two Towns) for days the SRO was not on campus. Brian stated that Bill had shared his concern with him and he relayed this information of the Town of Richmond. He requested that the bill be adjusted to reflect just the days the SRO was actually on campus. They stated they would not change this year’s bill but will do it next year if the MOA identifies this stipulation (SRO is paid for only the days he/she is on campus). Bill disagreed. The District should not have to pay for services that were not rendered. The Town of Richmond is beating us up for a few bucks for a referendum. His concern is not a reflection of the SRO; he is doing a great job. He does not feel that the District should spend taxpayer money for services not rendered. Bob asked if the SRO was doing SRO business somewhere off campus to which Bill replied that he knows for a fact that one day he saw him on routine highway patrol for the Town when he was supposed to be on campus. The Superintendent stated that Bill is correct but the MOA does not exempt the days when he is not here. We have to include this exemption in the MOA. Georgia asked if there was a record of days he was not on campus to which the Superintendent replied that he is not sure if his attendance was kept by High School personnel. Georgia stated that the Superintendent or Brian should speak to the Town to which Brian responded that he did do that. He received an email from the Town Treasurer which he believes was based on discussion with

the Town Council. He emailed both the Town Treasurer and Chief of Police. Ron asked if the agreement in place was silent on the number of days to which the Superintendent replied that he remembers how the calculation was derived (it was derived on 180 days) and there were no exemptions. Ron stated that if it is explicit in the agreement that it was figured on 180 days, they should hold off on payment and find out the number of days he wasn't here. If it is one or two days, it may not be worth their while to fight it but if it was a significant amount, they should hold on paying it. William Day made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon, to direct the Superintendent and Director of Administration and Finance to determine the number of days the SRO did not work for the District and ask the Richmond Town Council to adjust the bill based on the number of days the SRO did not work. Chair Cole noted that the Committee could not entertain this motion as there is already a motion on the floor. Greg Kenney removed his motion and Craig Louzon removed his second to Greg's motion; leaving Bill's motion on the floor. Bob asked if the District would be better served referring this to Attorney Anderson to which the Superintendent responded that they will still need to determine the number of days and advise the attorney of this.

William Day made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Louzon and it was VOTED: To withhold payment of the SRO invoice and direct Administration to determine the number of days the SRO did not work for the District and ask the Richmond Town Council to adjust the bill based on the number of days the SRO did not work. In favor: Unanimous.

C. Bills – Gregory Kenney made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Louzon to pay the remaining bills. Georgia stated that she had several questions pertaining to the bills. The first was the invoice from Narragansett Pest Control; what is this for and for what schools was this service performed. Brian replied that the need for this service at all schools is a little higher than normal. As a District we are unable to spray for bees or ants as there are restrictions on this. There was a mouse seen around the CTC and RYSE buildings so rodent base stations were placed outside. Richmond had bees and Charlestown and the Middle School had issues with ants. This is not uncommon for this time of year and Brian stressed that nothing was found in any of the school kitchens. These are inspected regularly. Georgia then asked about the Superior Plus Energy invoices to which Brian responded this is for fuel for all buildings. Craig requested that page numbers be given when a bill is being questioned. Georgia noted a concern with Mid-State Heating and Cooling on page 6. Brian stated that there was an issue with the freezers in the Richmond School and Charlestown School kitchens and an alarm on a cooler in Richmond School. Georgia questioned this because the District just hired Dan LaBelle. Brian explained that these are older invoices (prior to Dan's hiring) and there is nothing to say that we won't continue to need these services as Dan is a part-time employee. Chair Cole stated that they cannot speculate on whether or not the District will need to use Mid-State in the future. Georgia commented that she would like the District to find a way to differentiate between the two. Bill noted his concern with the fact that invoice numbers (using Narragansett Pest Control as an example) don't make sense. They are not in numerical order. He has a problem with invoices that are out of sequence. Brian replied that he cannot control the billing practice of our vendors. He would have more of an issue if invoices were received and the District was receiving them in numerical order (one number right after the other) with no break in the numbers. The maintenance department approves payment of the invoices before they are processed. If they sign off on an invoice when they are satisfied that the service has been performed or the product received, the invoice is processed for payment.

Gregory Kenney made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon and it was VOTED: To pay the remaining bills. In favor: Abbott, Areglado, Chambers, Cole, Day, Huzyk, Kenney and Louzon. Opposed: Ure. Recused: Cardozo. The motion carried by a vote of 8 in favor with 1 opposed and 1 recusal.

F-2. Bob stated the reason he pulled this was to acknowledge and thank this individual for the service she has provided to Chariho students.

Robert Cardozo made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon and it was VOTED: To accept the resignation request of Cheryl Durand from the position of High School Special Educator effective August 31, 2013. In favor: Unanimous.

F-4. Bob requested this item be pulled as the leave of absence requests were not counter signed by building principals and he wanted to ensure that they all approved of this to which the Superintendent responded that they were in favor of these requests.

Robert Cardozo made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Louzon and it was VOTED: To approve the following:

a. Leave of absence request for the 2013-2014 school year of Brian Tetreault from his position as High School Special Educator so that he may continue in his current position as High School Dean of Students.

b. Leave of absence request for the 2013-2014 school year of Nathaniel Edmunds from his position as RYSE School Special Educator so that he may continue in his current position as High School Dean of Students.

c. Leave of absence request for the 2013-2014 school year of Salvatore Augeri from his position as Middle School Physical Education/Health Teacher so that he may continue in his current position as Middle School Dean of Students.

d. Leave of absence request for the 2013-2014 school year of Nikki Scott from her position as Middle School Physical Education/Health Teacher so that she may continue in her current position as Middle School Dean of Students.

In favor: Abbott, Areglado, Cardozo, Chambers, Cole, Day, Huzyk, Kenney and Louzon. Opposed: Ure. The motion carried by a vote of 9 in favor with 1 opposed.

F-5. Bob pulled this item for the same reason he noted above. The Superintendent stated that the recommendation from the CTC Director was included in the packet; she is fine with this appointment.

Robert Cardozo made a motion, seconded by Craig Louzon and it was VOTED: To appoint Donald McCabe to the position of CTC 1.0 Computer Technology and Game Design Instructor effective August 28, 2013 on salary step M-13 of the certified staff collective bargaining agreement contingent upon submission of all required application materials, including credits beyond Masters, by July 1, 2013 and successful completion of the Reflective Practitioner Course by May 1, 2015. In favor: Unanimous (Abbott was not in attendance for the vote).

H. Requested permission to award the Campus Soccer/Football Field repair project to Kingston Turf Farms and S & S Landscaping contingent upon approval of the School Committee to waive the Purchasing Policy as it relates to bidding and agree to contribute approximately \$16,200 to this project with Kingston Turf Farms and S & S Landscaping donating approximately \$40,000 for the furnishing and installation of turf. Ron Areglado made a motion, which was seconded by Bob Cardozo to award this bid, waive the Purchasing Policy as it relates to bidding and contribute approximately \$16,200 to this project with Kingston Turf Farms and S & S Landscaping donating approximately \$40,000 for the furnishing and installation of turf. Georgia noted her concern with the fact that the District would be required to contribute \$16,200 for this project and she wondered where this money would be coming from as this item was not budgeted for. Brian stated that he has \$4,000 remaining from the purchase of the two burnishers; there was a Workers' Compensation adjustment so there are funds available in this account and also money remaining in the referee/officials account. Georgia asked what the policy was on transfers and when the Committee would be made aware of transfers to which

Brian replied that he informs the Committee prior to an invoice being paid. Georgia then asked if there was a “capped” amount to which Brian explained that he is not transferring \$16,000 from one account. If the School Committee grants approval and commits to this project, he will make the transfers and provide the School Committee the information for its approval. This just came to light and we need to begin the project right away. The Boosters have also stated that they may have some funding for this as well. Georgia asked if Brian was expecting the Committee to approve this without telling them where the money was coming from to which Brian replied that he just explained where the money was coming from and he is simply passing on the request to the School Committee. Superintendent Ricci added that this was an unsolicited donation from Kingston Turf and S & S Landscaping to redo the football field. If the Committee is not going to support the transfer then they should not support the donation and award of bid. Bill stated that if Committee members took the time to read the packet they would notice that the Committee has approved transfers of \$8,000 and transfers are included every month if it is needed. Craig noted his thanks to Kingston Turf and S & S for their outstanding donation; they have his vote. Bob asked Mike Shiels to comment on this. Mike explained that this field has been used much more in the past few years as we have added Lacrosse and our teams are having more playoff opportunities. He feels that by accepting this donation along with the District funding the additional \$16,000, the District will be saving money in the long run. We have less than 90 days to complete this project so the plan is to shut down this field over the summer. Craig asked if there was any talk of crowning the field to which Mike responded that this was discussed but it would increase the price as they would have to haul in dirt. Ron questioned what Mike thought the duration of the new field would be. Mike stated that during his tenure of seventeen years at Chariho, this field has never been done. The bottom fields are done so there will be less use of this field. He expects the District should get at least 16 to 17 years anyway. Ron concluded that he could not see why the Committee would not support this project when the cost to the District would be about a thousand dollars a year.

Ronald Areglado made a motion, seconded by Robert Cardozo and it was

VOTED: To award the Campus Soccer/Football Field repair project to Kingston Turf Farms and S & S Landscaping with the School Committee waiving the Purchasing Policy as it relates to bidding and contributing approximately \$16,200 to this project with Kingston Turf Farms and S & S Landscaping donating approximately \$40,000 for the furnishing and installation of turf. In favor: Areglado, Cardozo, Chambers, Cole, Day, Huzyk and Louzon. Opposed: Ure. Recused: Kenney. The motion carried by a vote of 7 in favor with 1 opposed and 1 recusal (Abbott was not in attendance for the vote). Georgia noted the reason she is opposed is the District just had budget meetings and the Committee was asked to cut the budget. We didn't have any money to cut but then we come up with money to fund this project. It is very inconsistent of the Committee to do this.

K-1. Ronald Areglado made a motion, seconded by Robert Cardozo and it was

VOTED: To accept the donation from Kingston Turf Farms and S & S Landscaping of the furnishing and installation of turf, valued at approximately \$40,000, for the Campus Soccer/Football Field. In favor: Areglado, Cardozo, Chambers, Cole, Day, Huzyk, Louzon and Ure. Recused: Kenney. The motion carried by a vote of 8 in favor with 1 recusal (Abbott was not in attendance for the vote).

Chair Cole acknowledged the donations and thanked the donors.

## X. Reports

A. Subcommittee Reports – None at this time.

B. Coming Events

1. June 12-Awards Night

2. June 14-Graduation (Supper at 5:00 in Alumni Room) – The Superintendent asked if there were any members not planning to attend. Steve Huzyk and Donna Chambers stated that they would not be attending due to work and previous commitments.

3. June 15-Cheerleading Car Wash (HV)
4. June 18-Charlestown Gr. 4 Picnic
5. June 20-Richmond Field Day
6. June 24-Final Day of School

XI. School Committee Requests for Future Agenda Items or Legal Opinions

Craig requested that the Sunday Sports Policy be included on an upcoming agenda for discussion.

Bob stated that he would like to discuss the formation of an informal subcommittee to meet with the teachers.

XII. Adjournment

Craig Louzon made a motion, seconded by Gregory Kenney and it was

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:04 PM. In favor: Unanimous.

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Donna J. Sieczkiewicz, Clerk