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**EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
OPEN SESSION – July 13, 2021**

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**I. Call to Order Open Session**

The East Providence School Committee met in Open Session on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at East Providence City Hall Council Chambers. Mr. Monteiro called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Members present were Joel Monteiro, Chair, Jessica Beauchaine, Vice Chair, Max Brandle, Clerk, Jenni Azanero and Charles Tsonos.

**II. Executive Session**

Motion by Mr. Tsonos, seconded by Ms. Azanero and carried unanimously to move into Executive Session for the purpose of: Work Session Pertaining to Collective Bargaining Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2); Discussion re: Executive Administrative Assistant's Evaluation Pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(1); and Consider & Vote on Motion to Adjourn and Convene into Public Session. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified in advance in writing and given the opportunity to have the discussion held in public session. No request had been made.

**III. Re-Convene in Open Session (Regular Meeting)**

Mr. Monteiro called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence were observed. The Chair reported that no votes were taken in executive session only to return to public session which passed 5-0. Motion by Ms. Beauchaine, seconded by Ms. Azanero and carried by unanimous consent to seal the minutes.

Mr. Feola announced that he asked Gilbane Construction Company to remove a two-inch slab of concrete from the high school. Two stone masons were called to remove the slab which turned out to be a corner granite slab. A piece was carved out of the granite slab and inside was a time capsule dating back to 1950. The sealed container will be locked away and secured until a decision is made to present to the public.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

**Communications**

Appointments:

- Ryan Mullen, Math Teacher at EPHS, effective 2021-2022 school year

Motion by Mr. Tsonos, seconded by Mr. Brandle and carried by unanimous consent to approve the communications as submitted.

### **Correspondence**

Motion by Mr. Brandle, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the correspondence as submitted.

### **Homeschool Requests**

Motion by Mr. Tsonos, seconded by Ms. Azanero and carried by a vote of 4-1 with one recusal to approve the thirteen requests to home school.

**Approval of Minutes:** June 8, 2021 School Committee Meeting

June 22, 2021 School Committee Meeting

June 7, 2021 Building Committee Meeting

Motion by Mr. Brandle, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the minutes as submitted.

**V. Public Comments I – Agenda Items** – There were no comments.

### **VI. Superintendent's Report**

1. Health & Safety Guidance for 2021-2022 School Year – The Superintendent is holding off on recommending the guidance from the CDC and RIDE at this time. She will be referring to the policy committee on these guidelines and will update the Committee at the August meeting. Superintendents in the state will be requesting a statewide requirement on masking from the Governor.

### **VII. Director of Human Services Report**

**Resignations** – Superintendent Crowley announced the following resignations: Kristin Hagemann, Science Teacher at EPHS, effective 6/29/2021; and Brett Gendron, Science Teacher at EPHS, effective 7/1/2021. An exit interview will be conducted.

Motion by Mr. Brandle, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the resignations as submitted.

**Retirements** – None

**Leave of Absences** – None

**Non-Renewals** – None

**Recalls** – Superintendent Crowley announced the following recall: Mikayla Tanguay, Grade 2 Teacher at Waddington Elementary School, effective 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Ms. Beauchaine, seconded by Ms. Azanero and carried by unanimous consent to approve the recall as submitted.

**VIII. Director of Finance Report** – Mr. Enos gave a verbal financial update and discussed ESSER II funding. The deadline for grant reporting is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Bowler did the application for the ESSER II Grant. All funds are required to be allocated by November 2021. ESSER III funds will be coming out this September.

**IX. Policy Committee Report** – Ms. Beauchaine reported that the Immunization Policy is on the agenda for a second read and is our current policy with updates from RIDOH. The Residency Policy is on the agenda for a first read and to be adopted before school starts. Ms. Azanero highlighted some changes to the policy. Any other changes to this policy will be addressed at the next policy meeting on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**X. Building Committee Report** – Mr. Monteiro gave an update on the high school building project. Site phasing changes relating to access roads are going on with building officials. There were two visits in June. FF&E and technology will be installed in July and August. Construction is 75.4% complete. Punch lists are already being started. Auditorium seating installation is ongoing. Furniture started being delivered on July 12<sup>th</sup>. MWBE is at 13%. Field drainage is working as designed with no puddling. The greenhouse and zen garden have been completed. Infrared scan of the roof has been done. The process has been started on the HVAC system. National Grid will check the two gas lines on Pawtucket Avenue to the high school at the end of the week through July 29 and will sign off and okay the demolition permit.

The Committee will be notified when demolition will begin. A walkthrough of the new building will be scheduled.

Mr. Tsonos asked about supply chain issues and if there are any issues/shortages with furniture at this point. Chairs are on schedule but a cart will be delayed. Music podiums/stands will be delayed. During the Tuesday morning meetings, Peregrine will give updates. Nothing so far will impact the start of school. There will still be ongoing work when school opens. There is 2 PD days on August 30 and 31. The high school teachers will set up rooms and get familiar with the building. Offices will be set up. The Principals and Director of the CTC are working on the opening for students. The plan is to bring the grades in one at a time. There will no virtual classes. There is no access to the high school campus during the summer for safety reasons.

Ben Russell will upload photos of the high school to our website.

## **XI. Discussion Items**

1. Awarding of the Silver Spring and Hennessey Entrance Projects. Mr. Enos reported that they went to bid and he and Mr. Feola reviewed the three proposals. He is recommending the award go to Martone Service Company.

## **XII. Action Items**

### **1. Bill List:**

Motion by Mr. Tsonos seconded by Ms. Azanero and carried by unanimous consent to approve the following warrants as submitted.

Voucher No. 1031 - \$75,375.91

Voucher No. 1032 - \$650.00

Voucher No. 1034 - \$2,463,941.90

### **2. Immunization Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Read**

Motion by Ms. Beauchaine, seconded by Ms. Azanero and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Immunization Policy as submitted.

### **3. Paraprofessionals' Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Motion by Ms. Beauchaine, seconded by Mr. Brandle and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Paraprofessionals' CBA as submitted.

### **4. Stipend for Executive Administrative Assistant to table**

Motion by Mr. Tsonos, seconded by Ms. Beauchaine and carried by unanimous consent to table this item until the August meeting.

Mr. Monteiro reported that the following invoices totaling \$6,871,809.90 have been reviewed and approved by the Building Committee.

### **5. Ai3 Invoices for Services**

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Ai3 June 2021 Invoice for Basic Services in the amount of \$122,474.84 as submitted.

### **6. Peregrine Invoice for Services**

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Peregrine Group, LLC June 2021 Invoice for services in the amount of \$59,000.00 as submitted.

### **7. Gilbane Invoice for Services**

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Gilbane Construction Co. June 2021 invoice for services in the amount of \$6,544,420.03 as submitted.

**8. Stephen Turner, Inc. Invoice for Services**

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Stephen Turner, Inc. June 2021 invoice for services in the amount of \$5,926.50 as submitted.

**9. Thielsch Engineering Invoice for Services**

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Thielsch Engineering June 2021 invoice for services in the amount of \$12,376.88.00 as submitted.

**10. National Grid Invoice**

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the National Grid June 2021 invoice in the amount of \$355.46 as submitted.

**11. Cox Business Invoice**

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Cox Business June 2021 invoice in the amount of \$27,453.61 as submitted.

**12. Apple, Inc. Invoice**

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Apple, Inc. June 2021 invoice in the amount of \$55,440.00 as submitted.

**13. Custom Computer Specialists Invoices**

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the Custom Computer Specialists June 2021 invoices in the amount of \$10,604.24 as submitted.

**14. Invoices for Moving Expenses**

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to approve the June 2021 invoices for moving expenses in the amount of \$33,862.24 as submitted.

**15. Awarding of Silver Spring & Hennessey Entrance Projects**

Motion by Ms. Beauchaine, seconded by Ms. Azanero and carried by unanimous consent to approve the awarding of the Silver Spring and Hennessey entrance projects to Martone Service Company for \$388,081.00 which is scheduled to be completed by November 2021 as submitted.

**XIII. Public Comments II – Non-Agenda Items** – There were no comments.

**XIV. Announcements** – Mr. Tsonos was notified this afternoon of the passing of David Howard who was the long time editor for The Post. He was always a gentleman and was genuine and sincere. Deepest condolences to his family and friends.

**XV. Adjournment**

Motion by Ms. Azanero, seconded by Mr. Tsonos and carried by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon Corsi", written over a horizontal line.

Sharon Corsi  
Administrative Assistant

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Max Brandle", written over a horizontal line.

Max Brandle  
School Committee Clerk