



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

July 29, 1996

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COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitable resolution on the retirement of **Anthony Apicella**, Director of the Music Department at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, after forty-five years of service to the students of the City.

In City Council July 29, 1996

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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WHEREAS: Anthony received an honorable discharge from the Army in January, 1946 and first entered the employ of the School Department in 1955; and

WHEREAS: Anthony held the position of Music Teacher for the elementary grades from 1955-1957; Music Teacher for the secondary grades from 1957-1962; Assistant Director of Music Education from 1962-1973; Acting Director of Music Education from 1973-1975 and was appointed the Director of Music Education in 1975, the position from which he will retire; and

WHEREAS: Anthony was always willing to donate his musical services to the City; and

WHEREAS: Anthony was the driving force behind the Instrumental Music Program at the School Department, a program which now contains more than one thousand students, and also instituted a program where students of Cambridge could receive free instruction on free instruments, the only program of this type to date; and

WHEREAS: Anthony's believed that Music Education is for everyone -- not just the talented; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its heartfelt appreciation to Anthony Apicella and further extend to him our best wishes to him on his retirement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to **Anthony Apicella** on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Mr. A's predecessor had no intention of implementing curriculum changes of any sort. Instrumental music was completely out of the question.

When he finally got his turn, Mr. A. spent untold amounts of effort to convince the powers-that-be in the educational importance of music and the arts. Almost singlehandedly he was able to dramatically increase instruction time throughout the system. His department at one point reached 30 staff members.

He was able to convince the skeptics that an instrumental program was not only viable and invaluable, he was able to institute a policy whereby the students of Cambridge could receive FREE instruction on FREE instruments. With the possible exception of a rumored new similar program in Philadelphia, there is NOT ONE single city or town in the U.S.A. that provides free instruments to any student who desires to play one. Only Cambridge. Anthony Apicella did that.

Because he has great respect for the abilities of his staff, he has remained very open to suggestions. We were one of the first three city offices to gain access to the Internet. We have more piano labs than any other urban system we know of. We have a professional level synthesizer lab. We have developed supplementary relationships with 3 area music conservatories as well as Harvard. We have an innovative Jazz Ensemble, Voice Training and Music Theory classes.

We have NOVA involvement, Vocal Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and the scheduling casualty; Gospel Choir. We also have the more standard Chorus, Band and Orchestra.

All of these programs exist due to Anthony Apicella's vision and/or his ability to trust and nurture the creative judgements of his staff.

He considered retiring several years ago due to failing health, he has battled cancer and survived one heart attack. However, at a time when certain political interests at City Hall were bound and determined to discredit him and his department, he chose to dig in, circle the wagons and fight back. He displayed a determination and toughness you can well appreciate. Despite his poor health he ver much remained our spiritual leader and would not allow us to

wallow in recriminations and finger pointing. He convinced us that we would not only survive, but prosper.

In the ebb and flow of things he proved right, for the time being. He now chooses this moment to retire, as he feels the department is in safe hands, and he has "outlived" the other guy.

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