

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
December 13, 2004
NO. 592

A regularly scheduled meeting was held in the Providence School Board Room at 797 Westminster Street, Providence, RI.

Ms. McClure called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM with a motion to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RIGL (a)(1),(a)(2):

- I move, under R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(1), that this public body convene in executive session to discuss the job performance of certain employees. These persons have been notified in writing that the public body intends to convene in executive session to discuss his or her job performance and he/she declined to have this discussion take place in open session.
- I further move, under R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5(a)(2), that this public body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation.

MSV	Oredola, Hamolsky	Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0			
	Hamolsky	Yes	Touray	Yes	
	Oredola	Yes	Inoa	Yes	McClure
	Wise	Yes	Lopes	Yes	Men
					Yes
					yes

Motion to reconvene to open session at 6:30 PM.

MSV Men, Oredola 8 – 0

The open session was called to order by Ms. McClure 6:35 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Hamolsky, Vice-President; Ms. McClure, President; Ms. Oredola, Secretary; Mr. Lopes, Ms. Inoa, Mr. Touray, Mr. Wise, Mr. Men, Dr. Burns, Emeritus.

Report on Vote taken in Executive Session : None

Kim Rose, Director of Public Engagement, presented the 1st Reading of the Volunteer Policy.

Public Comment

Blossom Kirschenbaum Hope High School

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with amendment to Resolution 12-4-04

MSV Inoa, Oredola 8 - 0

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation:

12-9-04 Special Education Director

MSV Touray, Inoa 8 – 0

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation:

12-10-04 Special Education Director

MSV Inoa, Oredola 8 - 0

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation:

12-11-04 Special Education Director

MSV Touray, Men 8 - 0

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation

12-12-04 Disciplinary Literacy Contract

MSV Inoa, Hamolsky 8 - 0

Topic Review: High School Reform presented by Mike Sorum, Chief Academic Officer, and Anthony Pope, Executive Director of High School Initiatives

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Board Issues:

- Does the district have the capacity to follow through on graduation requirements as currently defined in policy?
- How do we sell high school reform to the outside world?
- How are high schools addressing probationary accreditation?
- What are distinctions between curriculum and scope & sequence?
- Are small learning communities/ academies the only solution for personalization?
- What options are available for personalization in the traditional comprehensive high school?
- What do intervention strategies look like for students who are failing?
- Where does college prep talk fit in for students?
- What standards are guidance counselors accountable for in terms of educating students re: college prep?
- How do we use value-added data?

Board members received a copy of the Superintendent's Evaluation form. Forms are to be completed and electronically submitted to PSD attorneys by January 3, 2005. The Board and Superintendent will discuss the results in an Executive Session following the January 10, 2005 Board meeting.

The Board's Self-Evaluation draft document was distributed to Board for review and comment. Deadline for completion is February 14, 2005

Motion to Adjourn at 9:00 PM
MSV Lopes, Men 8 – 0

Submitted by: Maureen Cotter,
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