

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
September 27, 2004
NO. 583

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 5:30 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, Wise 7 – 0

Motion to reconvene to open session and seal the minutes of Executive Session.

MSV Touray, Oredola 8 – 0

The open session was called to order by Ms. McClure 6:55 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Milton Hamolsky, Vice-President; Ms. Mary McClure, President; Ms. Adeola Oredola, Secretary; Mr. Bob Wise, Ms. Grace Gonzalez, Mr. Maila Touray, Ms. Diania Inoa, Dr. Gene Burns, Emeritus.

Report on Vote taken in Executive Session: No votes reported
Recognition: No recognition

Motion to change the order of the agenda to begin with Business meeting followed by Planning & Policy.

MSV Oredola, Inoa 8 – 0

BUSINESS MEETING

Public Comment

<u>NCLB</u>	<u>Administrative Hires</u>	<u>Lima School</u>
Blossom Kirschenbaum	Beatrice Wiggins	Julie Amaral, Parent

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

9-23-04	Approval of Minutes
9-24-04	Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Recall
9-25-04	Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Recall/Change of Status
9-26-04	Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status
9-27-04	Nomination of Probationary Teachers/New Hires
9-28-04	Nomination of LTS 1 st Semester/Change of Status
9-29-04	Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/Recall
9-30-04	Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/Recall/Change of Status
9-31-04	Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/New Hire
9-32-04	Resolution Amending Resolution 9-5-04 Adopted September 13, 2004
9-33-04	Home School Candidates
9-34-04	Student Exclusion

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Motion to approve the Superintendent's Report on Contracts

9-35-04 Janice Picano, Independent Contractor
9-36-04 Marjorie Bilodeau, Independent Contractor
9-37-04 Roger Rodriguez, Consultant
9-38-04 Marty Urand, Consultant
9-39-04 Sandra Campo, Mathematics Consultant
9-40-04 Johnson & Wales University
MSV Touray, Oredola, 8 – 0

Motion to approve Superintendents Report on Personnel

9-41-04 withdrawn by the superintendent.

9-42-04 Nomination of Assistant Principal Nathanael Greene Middle School
MSV Men, Oredola 8 – 0

9-43-04 Nomination of Assistant Principal PAIS
MSV Touray, Oredola 8 - 0

9-44-04 Nomination of Chief Academic Officer
MSV Oredola, Men 8 – 0

Motion to approve Action Items

9-45-04 Approval for the Officers of the Special Education Local Advisory Committee.
9-46-04 Amendment to the Employee Classification and Compensation Plan
MSV Oredola, Gonzalez 8 – 0

Policy & Planning

School Board Operations and Governance Policy Revisions presented by Member Wise.

Policy BEDB First Reading - School Board Operations and Governance Agenda

The policy change reflects a change from four (4) day to seven (7) day advance notice of agenda for Board members. The second reading will incorporate the change to seven (7) days.

Policy BEA First Reading - School Board Operations and Governance Regular Board Meetings.

The policy changes reflect a meeting schedule to incorporate one Business meeting and one Topic Review meeting per month and minor changes to the order of business for each type of meeting.

Staff Issues:

- Superintendent Johnson requested lead time for staff to implement the changes
- PTU President advised that it would be useful to include public comment in both meeting types

Board members agreed to provide public comment opportunity in Business and Topic Review meetings until an alternative mechanism is identified, and allow lead time before implementation of new schedule and format. The Board will vote on the second reading for policy revisions at the 10.12.04 Board meeting.

The President requested a brief recess at 7:45 PM. The meeting resumed at 8:00 PM.

Student Achievement: State Assessment Results presented by Mike Sorum, Chief Academic Officer.

Power Point presentation on student achievement data by school and targets with an explanation of NCLB labels.

Board Issues:

- Availability/Access of student data for teachers
- ESL student data, success rates, and exit numbers
- Tracking individual student year to year progress

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- Types of after-school support for students
- Ethnicity reports on parents who request after school and/or supplemental services (October 25)
 - Student performance
 - student participation rates
 - \$ spent
 - Parent notification documentation
 - Overall report w/ cover sheet – compilation of information w/ no explanation
- Community schools
- Getting student data to parents
- Report on supplemental services and impact on student achievement – (October 25)
- POP Plans – exec summaries

The issues raised by the Board will be addressed in the December Student Achievement Topic Review meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Johnson reported on the successful grand opening of the new Parent Center and acknowledged the leadership of Kim Rose, Director of Public Engagement. Over 300 parents participated.

Governance

Member Hamolsky reported on the school board nomination process. The Nominating Commission deadline for applications is October 15th. Board members may be asked to help out once nominations are submitted.

Member Oredola, Touray, and Gonzalez presented an update on the Board self-evaluation process. Draft documents were submitted for Board feedback. The subcommittee will meet 10.1.04 to work on next steps.

Future Meetings

Teacher Termination Hearing October 4, 2004
Regular Board Meeting October 12, 2004 (Tuesday)

School Board Comments

Member Touray noted public comment documentation on district hirings.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:10 PM

MSV Gonzalez, Inoa 8 – 0

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