

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
February 14, 2005
NO. 595

Note: The executive session began at 5:30 PM and was held in the Providence School Department Administration building at 797 Westminster Street

A regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM was held in the Providence Public Safety Complex 1st Floor Auditorium 325 Washington 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, Hamolsky	Roll Call Vote: 9 - 0			
Hamolsky	Yes	Touray	Yes	Gonzalez	Yes
Oredola	Yes	Inoa	Yes	McClure	Yes
Wise	Yes	Frye	Yes	Crenca	Yes

The open session was called to order by Ms. McClure 6:35 PM.
Motion to seal the minutes of executive session.

MSV Inoa, Oredola 9 – 0

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Hamolsky, Ms. McClure, Ms. Oredola, Ms Frye, Ms. Inoa, Mr. Touray, Ms. Gonzalez, Mr. Wise, Mr. Crenca, Dr. Burns, Emeritus.

Motion to change the order of the agenda and extend public comment.

MSV Touray, Gonzalez 9 - 0

Note: The School Board meeting was moved to Classical High School Auditorium to accommodate the large number of persons who wish to address the Scholl Board during public comment. The Board changed location at 6:40 PM.

Public Comment: Budget/Lay-Offs

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| 1. | Joseph C. Polhemus | 13. | Mr. Andrew Marquez |
| 2. | Dr. Anthony Alario | 14. | Dr. Amy Goldbert |
| 3. | Ms. Fredlin Bennett | 15. | Ms. Diane Martin |
| 4. | Mr. Steven Smith | 16. | Ms. Corrine Smith |
| 5. | Ms. Marta Arango | 17. | Ms. Brianna Wright |
| 6. | Mr. Barry Lial | 18. | Ms. Joemily Collazo |
| 7. | Ms. Blossom Kirschenbaum | 19. | Ms. Priscilla Piters-Cox |
| 8. | Ms. Lynn Pollock | 20. | Ms. Gail Rubenstein |
| 9. | Ms. Christina Bain | 21. | Mr. Paul Badger |
| 10. | Gerri Lallo | 22. | Ms. Sandy Bell |
| 11. | Ms. Denise Panichas | 23. | Ms. Lisa Basiliere |
| 12. | Ms. Julie Amaral | 24. | Ms. Siobhan O'Brien |

Resolutions 2-10-05 through 2-45-05 withdrawn by the superintendent pending additional back-up information for the school board.

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Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

2-1-05 Approval of Minutes
2-2-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/New Hire
2-3-05 Nomination of Probationary Teacher/Rehire
2-4-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status
2-5-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/Change of Status
2-6-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/New Hire
2-7-05 Nomination of LTS-1st Semester 68 Days
2-8-05 Nomination of LTS-2nd Semester Change of Status
2-9-05 Nomination of Athletic Coach

MSV Inoa, Touray 9 - 0

2-45-05 Student Exclusion

MSV Inoa, Oredola 9 - 0

Motion to return resolutions 2-10-05 through 2-44-05 to the table for a vote.

MSV	Crenca, Frye	Roll Call:	5 – 4		
Crenca	No	Wise	Yes	Frye	Yes
Oredola	No	Gonzalez	Yes	Hamolsky	No
Touray	Yes	McClure	No	Inoa	Yes

Motion to approve resolutions 2-10-05 through 2-44-05 individually.

MSV McClure, Hamolsky NO vote taken – Motion withdrawn by McClure.

Discussion ensued and the Board requested the Superintendent to advise on resolutions that are discretionary options and resolutions that are non-discretionary due to legal requirements.

The Board recessed at 9:30 PM to allow staff to identify discretionary and non-discretionary resolutions. The meeting was called back to order at 9:40 PM.

Motion to approve resolutions 2-10-05 through 2-44-05 individually.

MSV McClure NO second

The superintendent identified five resolutions that allowed the Board discretion:

2-10-05
2-11-05
2-15-05
2-27-05
2-28-05

Motion to postpone action to allow the superintendent time to parse out the specific positions to better inform the Board for a vote at the next meeting.

MSV McClure NO second

Motion to approve resolution 2-10-05

MSV McClure, Oredola

Discussion ensued. The Board indicated a preference to vote on two blocks: discretionary and non-discretionary motions. McClure withdrew the resolution.

Motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation for non-discretionary resolutions as required by law.

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MSV McClure, Gonzalez 9 – 0

Motion to approve discretionary resolutions.

MSV McClure NO second

Discussion ensued to clear up confusion.

Motion to approve discretionary resolutions.

MSV McClure NO second

Discussion ensued to clear up confusion.

Motion to approve discretionary resolutions.

MSV McClure, Touray No vote taken

Motion withdrawn by McClure.

Motion to postpone action on discretionary resolutions to allow the superintendent the time to prepare the information to adequately inform the Board.

MSV Frye, Crenca **Roll Call:** 5 – 3 – 1

Crenca	Yes	Wise	No	Frye	Yes
Oredola	Yes	Gonzalez	No	Hamolsky	Yes
Touray	No	McClure	Yes	Inoa	Abstain

The Board questioned the earlier 9 – 0 vote taken on the non-discretionary resolutions. Some Board members were unable to hear due to crowd noise and requested that the vote be repeated. Ms. McClure suggested that the Board return to vote on the lay-off resolutions following the vote on action items and personnel resolutions.

Motion to approve Action Items

2-48-05 Ratification of Local 1033 Contract -- Crossing Guards

MSV Crenca, Oredola 9 - 0

2-49-05 Facilities Plan for Springfield/Delsesto Schools in Pell Complex.

MSV Oredola, Inoa **Roll Call:** 9 – 1

Crenca	Yes	Wise	No	Frye	Yes
Oredola	Yes	Gonzalez	Yes	Hamolsky	Yes
Touray	Yes	McClure	Yes	Inoa	Yes

Resolution 1-34-05: Ratification of Local 1339 AFSCME Contract (Clerks) was withdrawn by the superintendent pending a ratification vote by the membership.

Motion to approve the Superintendent's Report on Personnel

2-46-05 Director of Hanley Career & Technical Center

MSV Crenca, Frye 9 - 0

The Board returned to reconsider non-discretionary resolutions

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Motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation for non-discretionary resolutions, those required by law.

MSV Oredola, Frye **Roll Call:** 3 - 5 - 1 Motion failed

Crenca	Yes	Wise	No	Frye	No
Oredola	Yes	Gonzalez	No	Hamolsky	Abstain
Touray	No	McClure	Yes	Inoa	No

The superintendent informed the Board that it is required to approve the non-discretionary lay-offs as required by law for the March 1st deadline. There is a \$12million dollar financial impact without the lay-offs.

Mr. Touray (in the majority) motioned to reconsider the vote on the non-discretionary items.

MSV Touray, Gonzalez 9 – 0

Motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation for the non-discretionary resolutions

MSV Touray, Gonzalez **Roll Call:** 8 – 1 Motion passed

Crenca	Yes	Wise	No	Frye	Yes
Oredola	Yes	Gonzalez	Yes	Hamolsky	Yes
Touray	Yes	McClure	Yes	Inoa	Yes

No superintendent's report.
No report on governance.
No review on future meetings.

School Board Comments:

Crenca: Upheld preparation by administrative staff to inform Board of lay-off implications

Inoa: Cited confusion and lack of clarity on lay-off resolutions.

A special meeting will be scheduled to vote on discretionary resolutions following staff review of personnel and implications.

Motion to reconvene to executive session at 10:30 PM for personnel/grievances.

MSV Crenca, Oredola **Roll Call:** 9 – 0

Crenca	Yes	Wise	No	Frye	Yes
Oredola	Yes	Gonzalez	Yes	Hamolsky	Yes
Touray	Yes	McClure	Yes	Inoa	Yes

Motion to adjourn and seal minutes of executive session at 11:00 PM

MSV Touray, Oredola 9 – 0

Submitted by:

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