

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

January 31, 2005

NO. 594

(Meeting re-scheduled from January 24, 2005)

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

Note: This School Board meeting was re-scheduled from January 24, 2005 due to weather emergency.

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: 9 - 0			
	Hamolsky	Yes	Touray	Yes	Gonzalez
	Oredola	Yes	Inoa	Yes	McClure
	Wise	Yes	Frye	Yes	Crenca
					Yes

The open session was called to order by Ms. McClure 7:10 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.

Public Comment:

Blossom Kirschbaum	School Funding
Beatrice Wiggins	State of Education in the Providence School Department
Dina Selvaggio	Teacher Lay-Offs and Elementary New Comer Students
Smith	Tender Loving Care Contract and Heating Issues/Facilities Upkeep

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- 1-15-05 Approval of Minutes
- 1-16-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/New Hire
- 1-17-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status
- 1-18-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/Change of Status
- 1-19-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/Recall/Change of Status
- 1-20-05 Nomination of LTS-1st Semester 68 Days
- 1-21-05 Nomination of LTS-2nd Semester-Change of Status
- 1-22-05 Nomination of Athletic Coach
- 1-23-05 Student Exclusion
- 1-24-05 Student Exclusion
- 1-25-05 Home Schooling

MSV Touray, Frye 9 - 0

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Motion to approve the Superintendent's Report on Contracts

1-26-05 Tender Loving Care
1-27-05 Pawtucket Memorial Hospital
1-28-05 Lockwood Educational Associates
1-29-05 Video Consultant (J. Brathwaite)
1-30-05 Video Consultant (D. Postoian)
MSV Touray, Gonzalez 9 - 0

Motion to approve the Superintendent's Report on Personnel

1-31-05 Amendment to the Employee Classification and Compensation Plan
MSV Touray, Inoa 9 - 0

Motion to approve Action Item

1-32-05 Approval of the Special Education Local Advisory Committee By-Laws and Appointment of Board Member Liaison
MSV Inoa, Oredola 9 - 0

Dr. Hamolsky was appointed by the Board President to serve at the Board Liaison to the Special Education Advisory Committee. Ms. Inoa will serve as the alternate.

Resolution 1-33-05 Ratification of Local 1033 Contract – Crossing Guards was withdrawn by the superintendent pending a ratification vote by the membership.

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

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Johnson reported on the reorganization of Carnevale-DelSesto-Springfield Schools. The purpose of reorganization is to address enrollment issues in the district. Mr. Chiappetta recorded issues raised by the Board for further research by staff:

Questions from Meeting re: DelSesto:

- Benefits of big vs. little schools (breadth of offerings)
- Will there be standardized professional development for advisory?
- What are the student assignment and capacity; feeder patterns; preference and choice?
- Is there an advantage of replicating the "feeding" model at other elementary-middle-high schools (neighborhood concept) Should other elementary schools have preference to the complex?
- Concern around combining 7th-8th graders with 11th-12th graders (age gap)
- Have there been efforts to track drop-outs? Is there a formal study?
- When students make a decision to attend a small school, how will we ensure communication of the limits of the small school?
- Athletics?
- Research studies around K-12 urban systems? Other models of excellence?

The superintendent also reported that she will address teacher-lay-offs at the next School Board meeting.

The superintendent congratulated the Nathan Bishop 8th grade Robotics Team for earning 1st place in the research division of a statewide competition.

Fogarty School teacher, Theresa Holaham, won a \$1000 grant from the Toshiba America Foundation for a health-science project in partnership with Johnson & Wales University.

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Future Meetings

- February 07, 2005 Superintendent's Evaluation
- February 14, 2005 Business Meeting

Governance

Mr. Touray suggested that the Board wait for the results of its self-evaluation before considering team operating procedures.

Motion to reconvene to Executive Session for Personnel, Superintendent's Evaluation

MSV Oredola, Touray 9 - 0

Roll Call Vote:

Hamolsky	Yes	Touray	Yes	Gonzalez	Yes
Oredola	Yes	Inoa	Yes	McClure	Yes
Wise	Yes	Frye	Yes	Crenca	Yes

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM.

MSV Oredola, Touray 9 - 0

Submitted by:

Maureen Cotter, Special Assistant to the Superintendent & School Board