

**PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

**March 28, 2005**

**NO. 601**

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.

<u>MSV</u>	Oredola, Hamolsky	<u>Roll Call Vote: 5 - 0</u>	
	Hamolsky	Frye	Yes
	McClure		Yes
	Wise	Crenca	Yes

The open session was called to order by Ms. McClure 6:45 PM.

Motion to seal the minutes of executive session.

MSV Inoa, Oredola 9 – 0

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Hamolsky, Ms. McClure, Ms. Oredola (arrived 5:50 PM), Ms. Inoa (arrived 5:40 PM), Mr. Touray (arrived 6:00 PM), Ms. Gonzalez (arrived 5:35 pm), Mr. Wise, Mr. Crenca, Ms. Frye, Dr. Burns

RECOGNITIONS: 2004 Central High School Super Bowl IV State Championship Football Team  
The Superintendent presented recognition certificates to 35 student athletes.

**REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES**

Motion to uphold decision to terminate teacher.

MSV (Touray, Frye, 9-0) Motion passed

Motion to uphold recommendation to terminate athletic coach.

**MSV** (McClure, Oredola, 1-8) Motion failed.

**POLICY & PLANNING**

Student Success Policies presented by Dr. Gallo, CAO; Mr. Potter, Director of Drop-Out Prevention; Dr. Nailor, Director of Personalized Support; Ms Skye-Njie, Youth Development Facilitator; Heather Mintze,

**2<sup>nd</sup> Readings:**

- Student Discipline Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Student Conduct Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**Board Issues**

- Balancing safety and support resources
- Delivery of cultural competence and relevance

Mr. Touray stated his total support of Student Success for the record.

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### PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Nick Figueroa Elimination of Guidance Counselor Positions  
(Roger Williams University Admissions Officer)
- Ralph Tavares Elimination of Guidance Counselor Positions  
(Salve Regina University Admissions Officer)
- S.E. Hayes (school counselor) Elimination of Guidance Counselor Positions
- Steve Smith (PTU) Budget
- Brian Porter Disclosure of Voc Issues

### Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- 3-13-05 Approval of Minutes
  - 3-14-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/New Hire
  - 3-15-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status
  - 3-16-05 Rescission of Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts
  - 3-17-05 Home School Candidates
  - 3-18-05 Student Exclusion
- MSV Touray, Inoa 9 – 0

### Motion to approve Resolution:

- 3-19-05 Nomination of Feinstein High School Assistant Principal: Janelle Clarke
- MSV Oredola, Touray 9 – 0

### Motion to approve Resolution:

- 3-20-05 Nomination of Gilbert Stuart Middle School Assistant Principal: Zawadi Hawkins
- MSV Gonzalez, Frye 9 - 0

### TOPIC REVIEW

Superintendent's 2005 – 2006 Operating Budget presented by Mr. Dunham, CFO

#### Board Issues:

- Accounting of unfunded mandates
- PSB budget allocation lines
- Implementation of Education Resource Strategies 2004 recommendations
- Degree of community interest in neighborhood schools

### FUTURE MEETINGS

- April 04, 2005 Hearing Date
- April 11, 2005 CRP Overview and School Calendar
- April 15 – 20, 2005 NSBA Conference
- April 25, 2005 Budget Adoption & Review of Major Grants

### GOVERNANCE

Board considered endorsing legislative strategies proposed by Southern RI Educational Collaborative and RI State Association of School Committees. This issue will be back on April 11th agenda for further consideration by the Board.

The Board reviewed a sample "Board Briefs" document for use as a Board communication tool. Constituent groups will be identified for future distributions.

### SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Burns reported that the Assistant Principal at Hanley met with Johnson & Wales President to discuss potential partnership for culinary arts program.

Ms. Oredola commented regarding impressive experience with Learning Walk at Greene Middle School.

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Motion to reconvene to Executive Session for Personnel at 8:00 PM

**MSV** Wise, McClure 9 - 0

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

MSV Oredola, Inoa 9 - 0

Submitted by:

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