

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

April 11, 2005

NO. 603

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)(9):

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)(9), that this public body convene in executive session to conduct hearings and hear grievances filed pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

MSV	Oredola, Wise	Roll Call Vote:	7 - 0		
Hamolsky	Yes	Frye	Yes	Inoa	Yes
McClure	Yes	Oredola	Yes		
Wise	Yes	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 8 – 0

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Hamolsky, Ms. McClure, Ms. Oredola, Ms. Inoa, Mr. Touray (arrived 6:00 PM), Mr. Wise, Mr. Crenca, Ms. Frye

RECOGNITIONS: None

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES: None

POLICY & PLANNING: Mr. Dunham, CFO presented the 2004-2005 Consolidated Resource Plan.

Board Issues:

- o What data is monitored?
- o Why is Title I money targeted only for elementary and middle schools?
- o What is eligibility criteria for free and reduced lunch?
- o How do we assess effectiveness of outside agencies that receive federal funds through PSD?
- o What are the criteria for substance abuse counselors> Is there an opportunity to bring back guidance counselors who received lay-off notices due to budget cuts?
- o How does CRP impact state funding for Providence?
- o Request for Insite-type of report for CRP to determine the percent of federal funds allocated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

AnnaMaria L. Cannavaro

Guidance Counselor Lay-Offs

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA:

4-1-05 Approval of Minutes

4-2-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/New Hire

4-3-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status

4-4-05 Rescission of Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts

4-5-05 Student Exclusions

MSV Inoa, Crenca 8 – 0

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MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

4-6-05 Supervisor for Student Services

MSV Inoa, Touray 8 – 0

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

Urban League Contract

MSV Inoa, Frye 8 - 0

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

4-8-05 Student Conduct Policy

MSV Oredola, Touray 8 – 0

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

4-9-05 Student Discipline Policy

MSV Inoa, Oredola 8 – 0

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

4-10-05 Lease Extension for Contract with Armory Revival Company

MSV Touray, Oredola 7 – 1 (Touray)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Johnson reported 20 candidates were selected to participate in the Aspiring Principal's third cohort. Nearly half of the previous two cohorts have been promoted to administrative positions and three members have been certified as national trainers.

FUTURE MEETINGS

April 15 – 20, 2005 NSBA Conference

April 25, 2005 Budget Adoption & Review of Major Grants

May 09, 2005 2005-2006 CRP Presentation & PSB Endorsement

GOVERNANCE

Board drafted a resolution in support of legislative strategy recommendations proposed by Southern RI Educational Collaborative. The Board will vote on the resolution at the April 25th Board meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE "BOARD BRIEFS" for use as a Board communication tool.

MSV Touray, Oredola 8 – 0

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Touray requested a comprehensive safety policy be presented to the School Board at a future date.

Ms. McClure suggested that the Board consider this in Topic Review priority setting at a future Board meeting

Ms. Oredola inquired of date for State House Rally. Staff responded that week of May 17th is being considered.

Ms. Inoa reported met with several Brown students to share the PSD legislative information and promote their participation in the State House Rally.

Mr. Crenca announced that he will host a community meeting on the budget on Friday April 22nd at AS 220 beginning at 5:30 PM.

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Ms. McClure advised that several members of the school board will attend the National School Board Association Conference in San Diego April 16th – April 20th. Conference attendance is supported by Gates funding under leadership/professional development.

Ms. McClure advised that the Superintendent's Search committee held their first meeting on April 2nd. Dr. Ruth Simmons, president of Brown University, is chairing the search committee. The community will be invited to participate in the search process in the near future.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:45 PM

MSV Wise, Touray 8 - 0

Submitted by:

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