

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

May 9, 2005

NO. 606

A regularly scheduled meeting was held at the Juanita Sanchez Educational Complex in the Cafetorium at 182 Thurbers Avenue. .

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)(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.

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: 9 - 0

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

A Public Engagement Session was held at 6:30 PM to solicit community feedback on possible budget reductions. The Board members reported out on community feedback immediately following the group sessions.

The open session was called to order by Ms. McClure 7:45 PM.

MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MSV Inoa, Oredola 9 – 0

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Hamolsky, Ms. McClure, Ms. Oredola, Ms. Inoa, Mr. Touray (left at 7:50 pm), Mr. Wise, Mr. Crenca, Ms. Frye, Ms. Gonzalez, Dr. Burns Emeritus

RECOGNITIONS: None

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

Motion to uphold superintendent's recommendation to terminate a teacher.

MSV Oredola, Gonzalez 9 – 0

POLICY & PLANNING:

Policy CBB Recruitment of the Superintendent was removed from the agenda by the Board President.

Mr. Dunham, CFO presented the 2005-2006 Consolidated Resource Plan.

Board Issues

- How does program evaluation fit in with our partners such as Children's Crusade?
- Who are our partners, how do we evaluate programs?
- Explanation of professional development science kits
 - o 100 teachers / grade
 - o 2 full days of professional development
 - o Add one grade per year and provide professional development for 125 teachers per year
- What is depth of teacher training/expertise in science & math across elementary grades?
- What are results of READ 180 program?
- How are we spending *IDEA* money?

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- Can we use IDEA funds to lower class size?
 - o Limited to special education students
 - o IDEA money follows the child
 - o PSD is looking to increase class size based on student need
- Request overview of special education programs
- What is Master in Reading program relationship to literacy in schools?
- What is ELLIS reading program?
- What money will be spent on initial student success initiative
 - o Initial dollars to be spent on professional development to cover cost of workshops
- What is commitment of teachers to stay in PSD who receive money for ESL/Bilingual endorsement
- Where are funds to buy and maintain computers?
 - o E-Rate
 - o Gates
 - o In-House Staff
 - o 25% of technology funds must be used for professional development
- What is PSD Technology Plan?
- Can administration bring an ideal budget forward?

Mr. Dunham will prepare a resolution to approve the 2005-2006 CRP for the May 23rd Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rodolpho Vargas Written testimony provided to the Board (2 documents)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA:

5-1-05 Approval of Minutes
5-2-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers-135 Days
MSV Oredola, Gonzalez (8- 0)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON PERSONNEL NOMINATIONS

5-3-05 School Based Coordinator for Career & Technical Education (Hope HS)
5-4-05 School Based Coordinator for Career & Technical Education (Cooley/HST)
5-5-05 School Based Coordinator for Career & Technical Education (MPHS)
5-6-05 School Based Coordinator for Career & Technical Education (E-Cube Academy)
5-7-05 School Based Coordinator for Career & Technical Education (Hanley Vocational)
MSV Oredola, Inoa (8-0)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON BUSINESS CONTRACTS

5-8-05 PLATO Learning
5-9-05 Institute for Study & Practice of Non-Violence
5-10-05 May Institute
5-11-05 2005-2006 School Year Material and Service Contracts
MSV Oredola, Frye (8-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No Report

FUTURE MEETINGS

- May 16, 2005 Superintendent Evaluation for School Operations with D. DeCarlo, COO
- May 23, 2005 Appoint Interim Superintendent
- June 13, 2005 School Board Self-Evaluation (1)
- June 27, 2005 School Board Self-Evaluation (2)

GOVERNANCE

No Report or discussion

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SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Oredola reminded the community of the May 11, 2005 Rally at the State House for Education Funding beginning at 5:30 PM.

MSV Adjourn == Wise, Frye 8 – 0

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