

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

June 13, 2005

NO. 609

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

The open session was called to order by Ms. McClure at 7:15 PM

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

RECOGNITIONS: None

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES: None

POLICY & PLANNING:

Topic: School Safety

Presenter: Mr. Thibeault, Director of School Operations

Board Issues

- Will grant dollars fund hardware such as defibrillators? Doctor recommends that Providence schools better utilize the 911 services in schools due to
- Do we have drills for lock downs, etc? That is, drills other than fire
- What is the system used to notify district crisis team?

Topic: Student Success Policy 1st Readings

- Code of Conduct
- Student Rights
- Bullying & Harassment

Presenters: Jonny Skye-Njie, Youth Facilitator
Dr. Pat Nailor, Director of Counseling & Social Services
Gail Mastropietro, School Psychologist

Board Issues

Code of Conduct- how did you determine criminal behaviors? What informed levels of behaviors? Gang signs, how is the behavior recognized? That is, gang related symbolism & communications?
Is it intended to be a handbook for parents?
What about policy for dress code and use of electronics?
Check zero tolerance – for procedure overload within the policy
Drug activity – how do students, parents, community members become engaged regarding responsibility to build positive school culture?
When discretion is allowed, how do you influence fairness & consistency in all buildings?
How will you build a monitoring process into your policy?
How will you define and engage community partners that come into the building that work directly w/ students and those community partners who work w/ students outside of school?
What is the district frame & what is school frame for implementation?

PUBLIC COMMENT

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| Kevin Clement (parent) | Student Placement Gifted & Talent Program District Website – Academic Guide |
| Barbara Ashby (librarian) | Elementary School Library |
| Sarah Morenon (librarian) | Middle School Library |
| Steve Smith (PTU President) | Student Code of Conduct |

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA:

6-1-05 Approval of Minutes

May 16, 2005 Special Meeting and May 16, 2005 Executive Session Minutes (sealed)
May 23, 2005 and May 23, 2005 Executive Session Minutes (sealed)

6-2-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers-135 Days

Resolved, these appointments fall under the decision of the Commissioner of Education regarding substitute teachers who work 135 days during a school year in accordance with the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

6-3-05 Nomination of LTS-2nd Semester 68 Days

Resolved, these appointments conform to the Employee Classification Plan and will not exceed the number of authorized positions in the respective category. The following nominations, as long-term substitute teachers for the term of the regular teacher's leave, are not to exceed a semester and not to be renewed, except by reappointment by the School Board.

6-4-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/New Hire

Resolved, the following individuals are hereby appointed provided that they pass the physical examination prescribed by the regulations of the School Board and are certified by the RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. These appointments conform to the Employee Classification Plan and will not exceed the number of authorized positions in the respective category. **FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR ONLY

6-5-05 Nomination of Crossing Guards

Resolved, the following individuals are hereby appointed to crossing guard positions effective May 16, 2005 in accordance with the Local 1033 Bargaining Agreement at a salary rate of \$11.12 per hour.

6-6-05 Rescission of Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts

AMENDED

Resolved, the termination of employment of the teachers listed below is hereby rescinded because a vacancy has become available in the teacher's area of certification.

6-10-05 *Rescission of Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts*

Added Resolution

Resolved, the termination of employment of the teachers listed below is hereby rescinded because a vacancy at Hope High School in the teacher's area of certification has become available. This rescission is consistent with and contingent upon the teacher's commitment to remain at Hope High School for the 2005-2006 school year.

MSV Oredola, Gonzalez 6 - 0

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON PERSONNEL NOMINATIONS

6-7-05 My Learning Plan Systems Manager -- Renee Gamba

MSV Hamolsky, Oredola 6 - 0

6-8-05 Special Education Supervisor – Deborah Almagno

MSV Oredola, Frye 6 - 0

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ACTION ITEMS

6-9-05 Transportation

Resolved, the Providence School Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to exercise the two option years on the current student transportation contract with First Student Transportation services.

- Option year I (2005-06) is a 2% over the 2004-05 year
- Option year II (2006-07) is a 2.75 increase over 2005-06

These percentage increases are a reduction from the original option price quoted by the vendor in the contract. The new rates will save the department approximately \$432,000 over the two years.

MSV Gonzalez, Oredola 6 - 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ramirez reported on his first twelve days as interim superintendent and the district work plan for summer 2005.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- June 21, 2005 City Finance Meeting 6:00 PM
- June 27, 2005 High School Reform & PSB Self-Evaluation (2) & Teacher Non-Renewal Hearing
- July 11, 2005 Special Meeting for Budget Action
- July 25, 2005 Teacher Quality
- August 22, 2005 Fall Start Up Plans

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

None

GOVERNANCE

School Board self-evaluation

Motion to convene to executive session pursuant to RIGL (a)(1) Personnel.

MSV Oredola, Frye 6 – 0

Motion to seal the minutes of executive session.

MSV Wise, Hamolsky 6 – 0

Motion to adjourn at 10:10pm.

MSV Oredola, Gonzalez 6 – 0

Submitted by:

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