

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
July 11, 2005
NO. 611

A special meeting was held at the Providence School Department at 797 Westminster Street, Providence, RI.

Ms. McClure called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM

MOTION TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RIGL (a)(1),9a)(2),(a)(9):

I 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 litigation

MSV Frye, Inoa (8-0)

The open session was called back to order by Ms. McClure at 6:50 PM

A. CONVENE MEETING

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND SEAL THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.
MSV Oredola, Inoa 8 - 0

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

RECOGNITIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

Motion to uphold superintendent's recommendation to non-renew teacher.
MSV Oredola, Frye 8 - 0

B. POLICY & PLANNING:

Student Success Policies 3rd Student Rights & Responsibilities Policy
Presenter: Dr. Gallo, Chief of Administration and Ms. Rapport, Legal Counsel

Board Issues:

- Administrator responsibilities to advise parents of student interrogations by police
- Parent outreach to inform of new policies
- Suspension notice in writing versus verbal notification
- Implementation consistency among schools

2005 Schools Projects Bond Issue

John Simmons, Chief of Administration for the City of Providence, presented information regarding this resolution, at the board's request. The \$42MM bond includes several major projects: a new school (Adelaide), renovations of existing schools (Gregorian Bath House), an athletic complex.

Board Issues

- Size of facility to meet indoor track specifications
- Resolution of conflicts between after school programs and athletic events
- Need for cultural arts center

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Budget Update

Mr. Dunham, CFO reported that the city will receive an additional \$8MM from the state, \$4.03MM will be given to the school department. Mr. Dunham stated the state gives the city the \$8MM, and the city in turns gives the school department \$4MM along with the reduced cost changes to health care, the gap will be reduced but not eliminated. The board would like to discuss how to prioritize personnel cuts.

C. BUSINESS MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>ISSUE</u> |
|-----------------------|---|
| Beatrice Wiggins | Selection process for a new superintendent. |
| Steve Smith (PTU) | Code of Conduct |
| Blossom Klirschenbaum | NCLB Opt Out option |
| Elizabeth Sperber | FERPA & NCLB opt-out option |

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

7-1-05 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.

7-2-05 Rescission of Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (AMENDED)

Resolved, the termination of employment of the teachers listed below is hereby rescinded because a vacancy in the teacher's area of certification has become available. The following names were deleted from the resolution: Mary Markey, Lay Sun, Lisa Bucci

7-3-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/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. This resolution 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 8 - 0

MOTION TO APPROVE PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS

7-4-05 Nomination of Middle School Principal-Roger Williams: Roseclaire Bulgin (\$96,318 base salary)

MSV Ordeola, Inoa 8 - 0

7-5-05 Nomination of Human Resources Generalist: Maggie Psilopoulous (effective 7.12.05 at \$42, 245)

MSV Crenca, Frye 8 - 0

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON BUSINESS CONTRACTS

7-6-05 May Institute, Inc

May Institute will provide a comprehensive set of behavioral support services for students and staff across the district. Amount: \$200,000 Source of Funds: Title I and IDEA

7-7-05 Kim Education Consultants

Consultant will work with Elementary Literacy and Reading First Coaches on balanced literacy, curriculum design, and GLE alignment. Amount: \$60,000 Source of Funds: Title One

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7-8-05 Hayes Consulting

Consultant will continue to develop the literacy and pedagogical knowledge of the coaches and teachers using data based planning and intervention instruction. Amount: \$20,000 Source of Funds: Reading 1st Grant

7-9-05 Lindeman Consulting

Consultant will continue to develop the literacy and pedagogical knowledge of the coaches and teachers using data based planning and intervention instruction. Amount: \$20,000 Source of Funds: Reading 1st Grant.

7-10-05 Lockwood Educational Associates

Consultant will work with Elementary Literacy and Reading First Coaches on balanced literacy, curriculum design, and GLE alignment. Amount: \$84,000 Source of Funds: Title One
MSV Ordeola, Crenca 8 – 0

ACTION ITEMS - Motion To Approve Resolutions

7-11-05 Resolution Authorizing and Approving the 2005 Schools Projects and the Sublease or Subleases (Tabled Resolution 6-20-05) Relating to Such Projects

MVS Inoa, Frye 8 - 0

For the record, Mr. Crenca stated his concern to support a cultural arts center.

7-12-05 Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy

MSV Frye, Inoa 8 – 0

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Progressive Support & Intervention Report

Interim Superintendent Ramirez reported on PSI meeting/support from RIDE. Schools in need of Progressive Support & Intervention: Bishop, Greene, Esek Hopkins, Hope and Mt. Pleasant High School. Mr. Ramirez noted that the state is looking at Oliver H. Perry middle school as a model for implementing a state-wide corrective action plan.

City Council Education Commission Committee Meeting

Interim Superintendent Ramirez, Ms.Ordeola, and Dr. Burns attended the June 20, 2005, meeting which addressed neighborhood school issue.

Future Meetings

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| July 25, 2005 | High School Renewal |
| August 22, 2005 | Fall Start Up Plans |

E. SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Crenca also expressed concern on how well the information is articulated to the parents and exactly what rights they have, especially when it comes to military recruitment.

Ms. Oredola noted concern especially if children are not fully informed on what is available to them after high school.

Ms. Inoa shared that she felt the military leans on economically challenged neighborhoods for recruitment.

Ms. McClure requested all pertinent information be gathered and shared with the school board.

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F. GOVERNANCE

2005-2006 School Board Calendar

Ms. McClure requested Board feedback on 2005 - 2006 Board meeting calendar.

Policy Development & Adoption Process

Ms. McClure asked the board if they had any comments or questions regarding policy development and/or if they were satisfied with current procedure.

Issues

- Reviewing policy after development
- Process for community engagement in policy development
- Policy monitoring through Performance Management Plan
- Policy review calendar
- Policy review process incorporated within policies

Next step: focus on revision of existing policy and reflect on handouts and discuss further.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:10 p.m.

MSV Inoa, Oredola 8 - 0

Submitted by:

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