

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
September 12, 2005
NO. 623

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

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)(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.

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| MSV | Oredola, Inoa | <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | 6 - 0 |
| Inoa | Yes | Touray | Yes |
| McClure | Yes | Wise | Yes |
| Crenca | Yes | Oredola | Yes |

The open session was called to order by Ms. McClure at 6:40 PM

MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MSV Oredola, Wise 6 - 0

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

RECOGNITIONS: None

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

Presented by President Mary E. McClure on behalf of the Providence School Board.

Resolved, the Providence School Board appoints Donnie W. Evans Ed.D as superintendent of schools and approves a three year contract effective September 19, 2005.

MSV McClure, Touray 6 - 0

MOTION TO CHANGE ORDER OF BUSINESS TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE POLICY & PLANNING TOPIC.

MSV Wise, Touray 2 - 4 (Crenca, McClure, Inoa, Oredola) Motion Failed

POLICY & PLANNING:

Topic: Military Recruitment/ FERPA Policy – Current PSD Practices re: Disclosure of Student Information and Military Recruitment Access within context of FERPA Guidelines and NCLB Requirements

Presenter: K. Rose, Director of Public Engagement and S. Rapport, Chief Legal Counsel

Board Issues:

- What systems are in place to inform parents/families?
- Communication vehicles to inform families of Opt-Out provision
- Is opt-in a viable strategy for PSD practice?
- Cost-benefit of mailings to parents w/ return stamped envelopes
- District options if no active dissent

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- Defining consistent district-wide practice for military recruitment access
- Policy guidelines for access by colleges, military, and others
- What are opt-in strategies employed by other districts?

Next Steps: Plan of action be brought back to the Board for review at the October 11th Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

| NAME | ISSUE/AGENDA ITEM |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Rep. Tom Slater | Sodexo |
| Vilisia Rivers Davis | Sodexo |
| Beatrice L. Wiggins | Hiring/Promotions |
| Juan Garcia | Sodexo |
| Daniel Schleifer | Military Recruiting in our Schools |
| David Neale | Military Recruiting in our Schools |
| Priscilla Read | Military Recruiting in our Schools |
| Rep. Joe Almeida | Sodexo |
| State Senate Harold Metts | Sodexo |
| Amy Myrick | Military Recruiting in our Schools |
| Mary Smith | Maintenance Contract |
| Joseph P. Buchanan | Military Recruiting in our Schools |
| Bobbie Houlihan | Sodexo |
| Doris De Los Santos | Sodexo |
| Lisa Gordon | Sodexo |
| Andrew Sawtelle | Military Recruiting in our Schools |
| Blossom Kirschenbaum | Kennedy Plaza |
| Kevin Clement | Contract for Maintenance/Food Service |
| Elizabeth Winangun | Sodexo |
| Mario Mancebo | Sodexo |
| Steve Smith | Wellness International etc. |
| Terrell Osborne | Bid Facilities Contract |
| Maria Alvarado | PTO Gentro America Association |
| Dauida Ross | Bussing |
| Dr. Wallace Sillanpoa | Military Recruiting in our Schools |

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 9-2-05 Approval of Minutes
 - 9-3-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Recall
 - 9-4-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Recall/Hope High School
 - 9-5-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Recall/Change of Status
 - 9-6-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status
 - 9-7-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status/Hope High School
 - 9-8-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/New Hire
 - 9-9-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/New Hire/Hope High School
 - 9-10-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/New Hire (corrected)
 - 9-11-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/Recall
 - 9-12-05 Nomination of Teacher/Change of Status
 - 9-13-05 Nomination of Parent and Public Engagement Specialists
 - 9-29-05 Nomination of School Based Coordinators for Career & Technical Education
 - 9-14-05 Home School Candidates (corrected w/ 2 students added)
 - 9-15-05 Sodexo Food Contract First Renewal
- MSV Oredola, Inoa 6 – 0 (Mr. Wise recused from vote on resolution 9-15-05)

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL NOMINATION RESOLUTIONS

9-16-05 Director of PAIS: Ms. Nkolika Onye
MSV Oredola, Wise 6 - 0
9-17-05 Director of Del Sesto High School: Ms. Mary Kate Carbone
MSV Touray, Wise 6 - 0
9-18-05 Principal Hope High School Arts: Mr. Scott Sutherland
MSV Inoa, Touray 6 - 0

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON BUSINESS CONTRACTS

9-19-05 Institute for Study & Practice of Nonviolence
9-20-05 Family Service/Wellness Initiative
9-21-05 Rhode Island Historical Society (RIHS)
9-22-05 Whitmarsh Corporation
9-23-05 My Learning Plan (MLP)
9-24-05 Independent Contractor Mike Lauro
9-25-05 Tender Loving Care
9-26-05 Interim Health Care
MSV Oredola, Touray 6 - 0

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

9-27-05 Ratification of Local 1033 Contract
MSV Oredola, Inoa 6 - 0

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION

9-28-05 Award of Facilities Management, Custodial, Maintenance, & Grounds Management Services Contract to Aramark Facility Services
MSV Oredola, Wise Roll Call Vote 3 - 2 (Mr. Crenca recused from discussion and vote)
Inoa No Touray No
McClure Yes Wise Yes
Oredola Yes

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Interim Superintendent Tomas Ramirez expressed his gratitude to the School Board for their support during his tenure as interim superintendent. Mr. Ramirez noted the tireless efforts of the Executive Cabinet to insure a successful opening of schools in particular acknowledging Mr. Dunham as a "dedicated and hard working Chief Financial Officer who gives 100% of his time to the service of this school district ... who provided sound financial recommendations during this past summer of threatened financial stability." (Full text included at end of minutes).

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Sep 19, 2005 Career & Technical Education Work Session – 6:00 PM
- Sep 26, 2005 Governance: Broad Retreat Follow-Up & Board Self-Evaluation 6:30 PM
- Oct 11, 2005 Policy & Planning: Student Success Implementation & HS Renewal; Plan of Action for disclosure of student information and access to students – 6:30 PM

GOVERNANCE: No discussion

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Several Board members thanked Mr. Ramirez for his excellent service as Interim Superintendent June – September 2005.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:00 PM

MSV Touray, Oredola 6 - 0

Submitted by: Maureen Cotter Special Assistant to the Superintendent & School Board

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Addendum

Superintendent's Report

Report from Interim Superintendent of Schools Tomas Ramirez
Monday, September 12, 2005

As I come to the end of my interim appointment and prepare to welcome Dr. Donnie Evans as our new Superintendent of Schools, I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you as members of the School Board for your support and guidance during these past three months. I could not have asked for a more supportive board and a more responsive Board Chair than Mrs. Mary McClure as I had with this Board. I hope that I, along with members of the executive team, met all your expectations during this period of transition.

I can share with you that as a result of your focused commitment to the students and families of our school district, especially the many long hours away from your homes and families during the superintendent search process, and due to the hard work and dedication of the administrators, faculty and staff in our schools and in central administration, this year we evidenced one of the smoothest openings of schools we've had in recent memory, as was already referred to by Union President Steve Smith during public comment. Every school opened smoothly and on time and students were in classrooms and engaged in learning by 10:00 a.m. on day one.

I cannot say enough good things about the good work of the Executive Cabinet members Mark Dunham, Deb DeCarlo, Fran Gallo, Mike Sorum, Maria Tocco, Kim Rose, Carrie Mauer, and of course, even though he is a Yankee fan in Red Sox nation and I will not hold it against him, Jeremy Chiappetta, someone who adds exceptional value to the work of the organization. Every one of these Executive Cabinet members and the good people who work in their respective divisions need to be applauded for all their efforts in helping to make the opening of schools so successful.

In reference to Mr. Dunham, especially in light of the public comments I heard tonight, I found Mark to be a dedicated and hard working Chief Financial Officer who gives 100% of his time to the service of this school district. During these past three months, and during one of the most critical times that threatened the financial stability of the district this summer, Mark provided me with financially sound recommendations. In my three-month experience as Interim Superintendent of Schools, he has been an invaluable member of the executive team.

I thank you for your vote of confidence in having given me this opportunity to serve you as your Interim Superintendent of Schools. I look forward to helping Dr. Evans transition to his new position in the service of all our children and families. Thank you.