

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
October 24, 2005
NO. 626

A regularly scheduled meeting was held in the Providence Professional Development Room in the Administration building located at 797 Westminster Street, Providence, RI.

Ms. McClure called the meeting to order at 5:35 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)(9), that this public body convene in executive session to conduct hearings and hear grievances filed pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

<u>MSV</u>		<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>			
Hamolsky	Yes	Inoa	Yes	Touray	Yes
McClure	Yes	Wise	Yes	Crenca	Yes
Oredola	Yes				

The open session was called to order by Ms. McClure at 6:45 PM

MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MSV Crenca, Inoa 7 – 0

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

RECOGNITIONS: None

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

Motion to uphold the Superintendent's decision to deny the PTU's grievance because the School Board did not violate the contract.

MSV McClure, Oredola 7 – 0

Motion to uphold the Superintendent's decision to deny the AAPPSA grievance because the School Board did not violate the contract.

MSV McClure, Oredola 7 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Blossom Kirschenbaum	High Schools
Rudolpho Vargas	Minority/Majority Hirings
Steve Smith	High Schools

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA:

10-18-05	Approval of Minutes
10-19-05	Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status
10-20-05	Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/Recall
10-21-05	Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/New Hire
10-22-05	Nomination of Parent and Public Engagement Specialist
10-23-05	Resolution Amending Resolution 8-9-05 adopted August 22, 2005
10-24-05	Nomination of Coaches
10-25-05	Home Schooling

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON BUSINESS CONTRACTS

10-26-05 Independent Contractor Josie Reyes-Carvalho

MSV Touray, Wise 7 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. General Updates

- School Board Candidates search extended to October 28, 2005
- November 1st reception at 9:30 AM in the Cooley Heath Science and Technology High School library to celebrate the signing of an articulation agreement with Gibbs College which will make available dual enrollment course options for students.
- Registration for advanced academic program is extended through November 1, 2005^t

2. The superintendent proposed a realignment of staff to clarify direct lines of accountability across functions and a realignment of support staff to assist level directors to better serve schools. New positions include: Deputy Superintendent, Facilitator of District Reform, and Grant Writer.

TOPIC REVIEW: High School Renewal

Dr. Evans and Mr. Pope, Executive Director of High Schools, Jonny Skye-Njie, Youth Development Facilitator, and Brian Baldizar, High School Reform Facilitator presented the Board with a High School Action Plan.

BOARD ISSUES

Why is there an absence of Arts & Music in all reform conversations?

How do fiscal realities fit in with action plan?

What does a performing arts/academy look like?

How might athletics be impacted?

How will we accommodate varied interest of students to avoid tracking students early?

How can we include a broad sense of literacy to include visual, audio, etc?

What about PAIS curriculum is the same or different from other high schools?

What will the new high school (Harrison/Adelaide) have for a theme?

Does the composition of high school design teams include parents, students, community, staff?

What is the process to insure rigorous curriculum and core content across schools?

Do we have an assessment of PSD requirements as aligned with external state regulations?

What is our vision of high schools to address multiple student needs such as scheduling options?

What is ongoing right now for high school reform as required by high school regulations?

How will an assessment database be used to inform rigorous courses?

How will we insure equity in educational rigor across all high schools?

What are ways to reflect student issues such as access to advanced placement courses, safety, and health?

How do we hope to insure teacher quality for reform efforts?

FUTURE MEETINGS

Oct 27, 2005 Special Meeting Amendments to Employee Classification System

Nov 14, 2005 Neighborhood Schools

Nov 28, 2005 Public Engagement Policy

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GOVERNANCE

Board Sub-Committee Assignments

- Policy Development Committee: Ms. McClure (chair), Ms. Oredola, Mr. Wise, Ms. Inoa, Dr. Burns
Draft Charge: Revise Policy on Policy Development to incorporate concepts from Broad Institute, for example--types of policy, policy development models, monitoring.
Draft Policy to be presented at December board meeting
- Orientation Committee: Dr. Hamolsky (chair), Mr. Touray, Mr. Crenca, Ms. Gonzalez
Draft Charge: Plan content and structure of orientation for newly appointed board members.
Work to be completed by December 15.
- Wellness Committee: Grace Gonzalez
State mandated district wellness sub-committee
Professional Development hosted by Healthy Schools, Healthy Kids at Crowne Plaza Hotel on
November 17th 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM or 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Crenca reported on Council of Great City Schools (CGCS) Conference held in Atlanta GA Oct 19 – 23. and urged the district to invest in CGCS membership.

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:15 PM

MSV Oredola, Wise 7 – 0

Submitted by:

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