

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
November 28, 2005
NO. 629

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),(a)(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.

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

The open session was called to order by Ms. McClure at 7:05 PM.

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

MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MSV Touray, Wise 8 – 0

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTE:

Motion to uphold recommendation for suspension of teacher.

MSV McClure, Touray 8-0

Motion to uphold recommendation to terminate teacher.

MSV Touray, Crenca 8-0

RECOGNITIONS: High School Debate Students for outstanding achievement in "Bridge-to-College" debate tournament hosted by Montclair State University in Montclair, NJ on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>ACHIEVEMENT</u>
Synthia Durango	Mt. Pleasant	1 st place Junior Varsity Division 3 rd place Junior Varsity Team Division
Jamie Cadet	Mt. Pleasant	6 th place Junior Varsity Division 3 rd place Junior Varsity Team Division
Nina Mazel	Classical	9 th place Junior Varsity Team Division
Leyhana Silva	Classical	9 th place Junior Varsity Team Division
Eli Diaz	PAIS	5 th place Novice Division 2 nd place Novice Team Division
Pedro Cepeda	PAIS	16 th place Novice Division 2 nd place Novice Team Division

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PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION TO LIMIT PUBLIC COMMENT TO 30 MINUTES.

MSV Touray, McClure 3 – 5 (No: Wise, Inoa, Oredola, Gonzalez, Hamolsky)

Motion failed.

NAME	ISSUE		NAME	ISSUE
S. Aldredge	Adelaide Ave Bldg		Steve Smith	Resolutions 11- 35, 36, 37 - 05
David Kennedy	Adelaide Ave Bldg		Catherine Orloff	Adelaide Ave Bldg
Robert Dorr	Adelaide Ave Bldg		Vivian Mareno	Adelaide Ave Bldg
Blossom Kirschenbaum	Adelaide Ave Bldg		Senator Juan Pichardo	Adelaide Ave Bldg
Steven Fishback	Adelaide Ave Bldg		Henry Marciano	Adelaide Ave Bldg
Susan Fonseca	Adelaide Ave Bldg		Beatrice Wiggins	School size & DelSesto HS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

- 11-23-05 Approval of Minutes
- 11-24-05 Nomination of Regular Teachers/Change of Status
- 11-25-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status
- 11-26-05 Nomination of Regular Teachers/Change of Status/RECALL
- 11-27-05 Nomination of *Probationary* Teachers/Change of Status/RECALL
- 11-28-05 Nomination of *Probationary* Teachers/New Hire
- 11-29-05 LTS 1st Semester/Change of Status
- 11-30-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/New Hire
- 11-31-05 Nomination of Debate Coach
- 11-32-05 Nomination of Academic Decathlon Coach
- 11-33-05 Home Schooling
- 11-34-05 Student Exclusions

MSV Inoa, Oredola 8 – 0

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT ON BUSINESS CONTRACTS

- 11-35-05 Urban League of Rhode Island
- 11-36-05 Audiology Rehabilitation Services Ltd
- 11-37-05 RI Tutorial

Resolutions 11-35-05, 11-36-05, 11-37-05 withdrawn by the Superintendent.

11-38-05 System Support Corporation

MSV Touray, Oredola 8 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- 2005 National Board Certified Teachers: GinaMarie Maisiello, Joy Martin, and Anna Saccocia
- Student Activities Account: Policy development underway to define use and parameters of student activity funds by school administrators.
- Parent Engagement: Supports the goal of one caring adult in a child’s life, i.e. parent and/or adult in the school.

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TOPIC REVIEW

Family Engagement Policy – T. Ramirez, Assistant Superintendent Staff Development & Public Engagement; J. Gonzalez, Director of Public Engagement

The Family Engagement Policy requires an annual evaluation to review policy content and/or challenges that limit parent participation.

Focus Questions:

- How do we know parent engagement strategies are connected to student learning objectives? How do we measure parent engagement strategies?
- In what ways can the school through policy and practices, exert influence on family behaviors linked to student learning and outcomes?
- To what extent and in what ways are we engaging high school parents and families in school related activities?

Board Issues:

- Is Connect-Ed interactive for parent surveys? Single survey/one question capable at present
- How do you measure success of parent engagement? Epstein's research-based family engagement standards can be used to measure success of plan. External evaluation process required by state and national accreditation process for high schools.
- What does family engagement look like? How can we define and measure engagement outcomes versus solely attendance at school events?
- What are mobility implications on engagement?
- Parents that have more than one child and children in different grades/schools – how do we help parents?

School department is in process of planning a design to solicit inputs on dimensions and indicators of effective parent engagement.

Next Steps: The Parent Engagement Policy will be on the Dec 12, 2005 School Board agenda 2nd reading and vote to approve.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Dec 12 Student Success Update

Student Activities Accounts Policy 1st Reading

Student Access Policy 1st Reading

Family Engagement Policy 2nd Reading

Jan 09 Special Business Meeting and School Board Orientation Retreat

Jan 23 School Board Organization Meeting – Election of Officers ([Policy BDA](#))

GOVERNANCE

None

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Crenca: Noted the Adelaide Avenue building site discussion. –

Ms. Inoa: Commended the growth of public engagement and changes in practice to welcome students.

Dr. Hamolsky: Board approved new building site with insufficient information. However, executive session information filled gaps and recommends that both sides present issues at same time in public hearings..

Ms. McClure: Board is required to express interest in new building sites before research can be initiated. Public comment on the issues is ongoing at public hearings. Report on RI Association of School Committees (RIASC) quarterly chair's meeting: RIASC provides training for Board members. Current focus targets collective bargaining topics. RIASC is preparing its legislative agenda for this session of the

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General Assembly. Board members are encouraged to monitor the issues to insure that PSD interests are represented as part of the statewide agenda.

Oredola: Noted that constituent services protocol needs to be addressed as priority. Superintendent Evans assured Board that creating a call center and establishing protocols was a top priority to address board concerns about constituent services.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:15 PM
MSV Touray, Oredola 8 - 0

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