

**PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**December 12, 2005**  
**NO. 630**

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 5:40 PM

MOTION TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RIGL (a)(1),(a)(9) Personnel and Grievances.

<u>MSV</u>	Wise, Oredola	7 – 0	<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>		
Hamolsky	Yes	Inoa	Yes	McClure	Yes
Gonzalez	Yes	Wise	Yes	Crenca	Yes
Oredola	Yes				

The open session was called to order by Ms. McClure at 6:30 PM.

MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MSV Touray, Wise 8 – 0

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES:

Motion to deny grievance #7546.

MSV Touray, Oredola 8-0

Motion to deny grievances #7547.

MSV Touray, Crenca 8-0

Motion to rescind 20-day suspension for teacher discipline.

MSV McClure, Oredola 8-0

Motion to accept settlement.

MSV McClure, Wise, 8-0

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

**RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Burns, Board Emeritus, recognized outgoing Board members Hamolsky, Oredola, and Inoa with a special word honoring about each honoring their contributions to the school board and the school district. Mayor Cicilline also thanked members Hamolsky, Oredola, and Inoa and presented citations in recognition of their public service.

Superintendent Donnie Evans and the School Board recognized sixteen National Board Certified Teachers. PTU President Steven Smith presented the teachers with a citation from the RI House of Representatives. Dr. Burns did the honors of presenting each teacher with a special citation on behalf of the superintendent and school board to honor their achievement. In addition, Dr. Evans recognized Kathleen Fleenor for her Fulbright scholarship.

NAME	NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION	SCHOOL
Erin Cannon-Walsh	Elementary Teacher	A. Carnevale Elementary School
Jane Carr	School Nurse Teacher	E-Cubed Academy & Feinstein High School
Michael Comella	Mathematics Teacher	Springfield Middle School
Linda Coulombe	Art Teacher	Carl G Lauro Elementary School
Susan Dennehy	Special Education Teacher	A. Carnevale Elementary–Springfield Middle School

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David Evans	Science Teacher	Feinstein High School
Kathleen Fleenor	Instructional Literacy Coach	Springfield Middle School
Robyn Gormley-Jackson	Elementary Teacher	A. Carnevale Elementary School
Patricia Maia	Mathematics Teacher	Nathaniel Greene Middle School
Joy Martin	Bilingual Teacher	Alfred Lima Sr Elementary School
Ginamarie Masiello	Mathematics Teacher	Gilbert Stuart Middle School
Michael Miller	Special Education Teacher	Samuel S. Bridgham Middle School
Mary Ellen Raposa	ESL Teacher	Delsesto High School
Anna Saccoccio	Science Teacher	Nathanael Greene Middle School
Martha Scott	Social Studies Teacher	Mount Pleasant High School
Fredrick Taylor	Social Studies Teacher	Springfield Middle School

**POLICY & PLANNING**

Mark Dunham, CFO and Mike D'Antuono, Controller, presented a first reading of the School Activities Account policy. The policy will be placed on the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 agenda for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and Board approval.

Dr. Gallo, Deputy Superintendent, and Mr. Pope, Executive Director of High Schools, presented the first reading of the Visitors to Schools policy. The intent of the policy is to ensure equal access of post-secondary institutions, military, and career recruiters as required under federal law. The Board indicated interest in strategic guidelines to inform detailed procedures and recommended separate policies for institutions subject to federal guidelines.

Dr. Gallo provided an update on the Student Success Initiative including the creation of the PTU-PSD-Community Partner two-tiered Task Force charged to review and revise the Code of Conduct, and noted parent train-the-trainer workshops and teacher training. Data indicated that middle schools are demonstrating reductions in the numbers of infractions and out-of-school suspensions. Perry Middle School realized significant reductions in discipline referrals; corrective action funds provide for full time evaluation team services: social worker, school psychologist, and diagnostician. The next update is scheduled for February 2006.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NAME	ISSUE
Brittany Njie and Laira Metcalfe	Broad Street Sisters documentary DVD
Steve Smith	Student Success Initiative and Snow Emergency Release

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- 12-1-05 Approval of Minutes
- 12-2-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/New Hire
- 12-3-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status (as amended)
- 12-4-05 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status/RECALL
- 12-5-05 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/New Hire
- 12-6-05 Nomination of Athletic Coaches
- 12-7-05 Resolution Amending Resolution 11-24-05 adopted November 28, 2005
- 12-8-05 Nomination of Teacher Assistants to Probationary Status
- 12-9-05 Resolution Amending Resolution 11-6-05 Adopted November 14, 2005
- 12-10-05 Home Schooling

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**MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON PERSONNEL**

12-11-05                    Nomination of Director/Cooley Health & Science Technology High School  
MSV Oredola, Wise 8 – 0

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON CONTRACTS**

12-12-05                    Audiology Rehabilitation Services Ltd  
12-13-05                    RI Tutorial  
MSV Crenca, Oredola 8 - 0

**ACTION ITEMS**

12-14-05                    Approval to Renew Membership in the RI Association of School Committees  
12-15-05                    Approval to Join the Council of Great City Schools  
12-16-05                    Re-Authorizing Parent Engagement Policy  
MSV Touray, Oredola 8 – 0

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Hope High School Special Master's Report will be published this week
- The City Council Finance Committee approved the Mayor's four nominees for School Board: Rosanna Castro, Jill W. Holloway, Katherine McKenzie, Ronnie Young. The full Council is expected to confirm the appointees this month with swearing-in ceremony to follow during the first week of January.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dec 19                    Special Meeting: Teacher Termination Hearing  
Jan 09                    Special Meeting and School Board Retreat  
Jan 23                    School Board Organization Meeting – Election of Officers ([Policy BDA](#)) and Board member committee assignments

**GOVERNANCE: Board Subcommittee Reports**

- Wellness Committee: Grace Gonzalez (co-chair) reported on status of state-mandated district wellness sub-committee. Ms Gonzalez invited the Board to suggest community persons to serve on the wellness committee. The purpose of the committee is to develop policies on wellness, nutrition, and physical activity that targets reducing student obesity rates. Jonny Skye-Njie, District Reform Coordinator serves as co-chair.
- Orientation Committee: Dr. Hamolsky (chair) reported on status of committee work per Board charge to plan content and structure of orientation for newly appointed board members. The committee will meet next week to finalize recommendations for new member orientation.
- Policy Development Committee: Ms. McClure (chair) reported on status of committee work per Board charge to revise policy on policy development incorporating concepts from Broad Institute. The committee recommended no changes in the policy but ongoing work with the superintendent around accountability.

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS**

Members Hamolsky, Oredola, and Inoa reflected on their school board experience noting a desire to stay connected through community efforts. Mr. Touray suggested that a web page be added for past Board members recognizing their service term and current engagement.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:45 PM**

MSV Touray, Oredola 8 - 0

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