

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
January 23, 2006
NO. 633

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 5:10 PM

The School Board held a brief informational session to orient new school members to the agenda

MOTION TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RIGL (a)(1), (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.

MSV		Roll Call Vote:	7 – 0		
McKenzie	Yes	Holloway	Yes	Touray	Yes
McClure	Yes	Castro	Yes		
Wise	Yes	Crenca	Yes		

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

MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MSV Touray, Wise 7 - 0

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. McClure, Ms. Castro, Ms. McKenzie, Mr. Touray, Mr. Wise, Mr. Crenca, Ms. Holloway

A. Election of Board Officers

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| ✓ President: Ms. McClure | Nominated by Mr. Touray, second Wise | 7 – 0 |
| ✓ Vice-President: Mr. Touray | Nominated by Mr. Wise, second McKenzie | 7 – 0 |
| ✓ Secretary: Mr. Wise | Nominated by Ms. McClure, second McKenzie | 7 – 0 |

B. School Board Liaison Assignments

- ✓ District Wellness Committee Grace Gonzalez
- ✓ Special Education Advisory Committee – To Be Determined

RECOGNITIONS: None

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Smith Curriculum, Assessments, and Policy

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA Resolution 1-11-06 through 1-19-06 noting amendment to Resolution 1-17-06.
 MSV Touray, McKenzie 7 – 0

1-11-06 Approve Minutes of Jan 13, 2006

1-12-06 Nomination of Probationary Teachers/Change of Status

Resolved, the following individuals are hereby appointed provided that they 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.

LAST	FIRST	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE	SALARY
Russo	Matthew	Gregorian/Gr. 6	1/23/06	2 nd step Masters
Suzzi	Louise	Broad St./Gr. K ESL (<i>job fair</i>)	1/4/06	3 rd step ESL
Vieira	John	DelSesto High School/Spanish (<i>job fair</i>)	1/23/06	2 nd step B+30
Webber	Amy	Woods/Gr. 2 (<i>job fair</i>)	1/23/06	10 th step Masters

1-13-06 LTS 2nd Semester/Change of Status

Resolved, the following individuals are appointed as long-term substitute teachers for the term of the regular teacher's leave not to exceed a semester only by such appointment, not to be renewed except by reappointment by the School Board. These appointments conform to the Employee Classification Plan and will not exceed the number of authorized positions in the respective category.

LAST	FIRST	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE	SALARY
Asadorian	Jamie	Messer Annex/Gr. K	1/23/06	10 th step
Clesas	Elizabeth	D'Abate/Gr. 3	1/23/06	5 th step B+30
Fantozzi	Joseph	Hanley Vocational/Graphic Arts	1/23/06	9 th step
Sarro	Melissa	D'Abate/Gr. 2	1/23/06	5 th step

1-14-06 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/Change of Status

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. (***All new hire employees start at 1st step until previous employment experience can be verified.*)

LAST	FIRST	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE	SALARY**
Boothman	Tracy		1/23/06	9 th step M+30
Garabedian	Jane		1/23/06	3 rd step B+30

1-15-06 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/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. (***All new hire employees start at 1st step until previous employment experience can be verified.*)

LAST	FIRST	ASSIGNMENT	EDUCATION	CERTIFICATION	EFFECTIVE	SALARY**

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Corser	Andrea		B.S./RIC/2004	Elementary, Sp. Ed.- lem./Middle	1/24/06	1 st step
Donth	Ruth		B.S./Wheelock College/1985	Early Childhood, Elementary	1/24/06	1 st step B+30
Lareau	Daniel		B.A./Salve Regina U./1987	Phys. Ed., Health	1/24/06	1 st step B+30
Mongillo	John		B.S./So. Conn. State U./1958 M.S./Central Conn. State U./1968	Middle School Social Studies, Social Studies, Middle School Science	2/27/06	1 st step Masters

1-16-06 Nomination of LTS-1st Semester 68 Days

Resolved, these appointments conform to the Employee Classification Plan and will not exceed the number of authorized positions in the respective category. The following nominations, as long-term substitute teachers for the term of the regular teacher's leave, are not to exceed a semester and not to be renewed, except by reappointment by the School Board.

LAST	FIRST	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE
Deschamps	Kathryn	Springfield Middle/Math-Science	12/20/05
Gutman	Eva	DelSesto/Foreign Language	1/4/06
McGill	Justin	Central/Art	1//5/06
Russo	Matthew	D'Abate-Flynn/Phys. Ed.	1/4/06
Toher	Steven	C. Woods/Gr. 2	1/4/06

1-17-06 Rescission of Non-Renewal of Coaching Positions **AMENDED**

Resolved, the termination of employment of the Coaches listed below is hereby rescinded.

LAST	FIRST	TITLE	SCHOOL	SPORT
Chu	Don	Head Coach	Central	Volleyball-Boys
Hanson	David	Head Coach	Central	Baseball
Kavanaugh	John	Assistant Coach	Central	Outdoor Track-Boys
Mariniello	Kristen	Assistant Coach	Central	Softball
McCall	Kristen	Head Coach	Central	Outdoor Track-Boys
Rawcliff	Michelle	Head Coach	Central	Softball
Scandura	Vincent	Assistant Coach	Central	Baseball
Hafey	Steven	Assistant Coach	Classical	Baseball
Wnuk	Kenneth	Head Coach	Classical	Baseball
Cafferty	Ryan	Assistant Coach	Classical	Outdoor Track-Boys & Girls
Green	Michael	Assistant Coach	Classical	Outdoor Track-Boys & Girls
Palazzo	Robert	Head Coach	Classical	Outdoor Track-Boys & Girls
Badway	Jon	Assistant Coach	Classical	Softball

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Denton	Lisa	Head Coach	Classical	Softball
Cohen	Steven	Head Coach	Classical	Tennis-Boys
Men	Ka	Head Coach	Classical	Volleyball-Boys
Pho	Samboeun	Assistant Coach	Classical	Volleyball-Boys
Correia	Pedro	Assistant Coach	Hope	Baseball
Parillo	Richard	Head Coach	Hope	Baseball
Albanese	Robert	Assistant Coach	Hope	Outdoor Track-Boys & Girls
Spann	Thomas	Head Coach	Hope	Outdoor Track-Boys & Girls
Ciprian	Fermin	Head Coach	Hope	Softball
Antonelli	Domenic	Assistant Coach	Mt. Pleasant	Baseball
Guglielmo	David	Head Coach	Mt. Pleasant	Baseball
Lipa	Melissa	Head Coach	Mt. Pleasant	Outdoor Track-Boys & Girls
McCrink	Bernard	Assistant Coach	Mt. Pleasant	Outdoor Track-Boys & Girls
Palozzi	Linda	Assistant Coach	Mt. Pleasant	Softball
Votto	Dennis	Head Coach	Mt. Pleasant	Softball
Polinick	John	Head Coach	Mt. Pleasant	Volleyball-Boys

1-18-06 Nomination of Athletic Coaches

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	EFFECTIVE	SALARY
DiOrio, Michael	Mt. Pleasant High School Assistant Coach-Boys & Girls Indoor Track	1/10/06	8% of 1 st step
Krahe, Nancy	Mt. Pleasant High School Assistant Coach-Boys & Girls Outdoor Track	1/24/06	8% of 2 nd step
Yang, Sara	Mt. Pleasant High School Assistant Coach-Boys Volleyball	1/24/06	8% of 4 th step

1-19-06 Student Exclusions

Resolved, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 16-2-7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island; and in accordance with Policy JK, Student Discipline, adopted January 29, 2001, by Resolution 1-33-01, the following student is excluded from the Providence Public Schools for the duration, exclusion period, and reasons listed below.

EK/10/MPHS/8304265 DURATION: FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS EXCLUSION: 1/5/06 – 3/16/05 REASON: POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA (8 PACKAGES) WAIVER: YES	LM/07/NB/4006715 DURATION: FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS EXCLUSION: 12/9/05 – 2/28/06 REASON: POSSESSION OF BB GUN WAIVER: YES
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Readmission to school will not be automatic and will take place only when all conditions of the readmission procedure have been fulfilled.

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON PERSONNEL NOMINATIONS
 MSV Crenca, Touray 7 – 0

1-20-06 Nomination of Development Officer/Grant Writer (non-union position)

LAST	FIRST	EXPERIENCE	EDUCATION	EFFECTIV E	SALARY
Castaneda	Andrea	Gates Project Coordinator Brown U. 6/2005-12/2005 Gates Project Assistant Brown U. 4/2004-6/2005 Public Information Officer Gov. Commission on Disabilities 2002-2004 SALT Training Associate RIDE 2001-2002 Educational Researcher Catalpa Ltd. 2000-2002	B.A./Brown U./2001	1/24/06	\$60,000

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON BUSINESS CONTRACTS
 MSV Touray, Wise 7 – 0

1-21-06 Urban League of Rhode Island

The Town Teen Program, under the auspices of the Urban League, will provide after school tutorial services and serve as a liaison between school staff and families of Perry Students (for a total of eight hours per week). The in-school services will provide feedback to the Truancy Court judge regarding student involvement with Town Teen after school program daily attendance and school progress. Services include meeting with teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, and administrators regarding each student's progress. The after school services will include homework assistance and life skills workshops (i.e., violence prevention nutrition, and physical activity). Family liaison and case management services will include individual case plans during after school hours in home and community (for a total of seven hours per week) as related to Town Teen Program services.

The Urban League will provide one part-time employee for the following:

- ✓ Two hours/day/Tuesday to Friday for a total of eight hours
- ✓ After school hours in home and community for a total of seven hours
- ✓ Salary one part-time for total 15 hours per week for school year for a total of \$10,000.

District Performance Plan

Goal 1: Student Achievement Standard #: 1 Indicator #: 1, 2, 3

Goal 2: Building Capacity Standard #: 2 Indicator #: 3

Goal 3: Parent & Community Engagement Standard #: 6 Indicator #: 4, 5

Amount: \$10,000 Source of Funds: Title I PSD Contact: Luke Driver, Dean of Discipline Perry MS

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1-22-06

MSV Wise, Touray 7 – 0

1-22-06 Student Activity Account Policy (DFG)

Resolved, the School Board adopts the attached Student Activities Account Policy effective upon adoption.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

January 17, 2006 Community Forum Topic: ELL programs. More community forums are planned – calendar will be posted when available.

Bus Incidents: School department is working with Police Department to address recent student harassment issues. The school department is focusing on both short and long term solutions to resolve the issue.

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Administration Building Report: Closing due to water leak enabled workers to engage in significant clean-up

Report on "Making the Dream a Reality:" The Providence School Department next steps are to build on current successes by providing a vehicle to advance student achievement agenda.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Feb 6 th	Special Meeting Board Orientation II
Feb 13 th	School Board Meeting (Vote on teacher Lay-Offs)
Feb 21 st	Special Board Meeting (Tuesday meeting – ONLY if needed)
Feb 27 th	School Board Meeting

GOVERNANCE

Dr. Evans led the Board in a debrief Jan 9th School Board Retreat to identify next steps.

✓ Workshop Model – Implications for change in Board policy.

Board's considerations:

- Pre-meeting workshops
- Structured workshop w/ brief pre-meeting
- Sensitive to Board member's time

*Action: Superintendent will bring back a specific workshop proposal/policy to next Board meeting cognizant of School Board's time concerns.

✓ Decision-making calendar – 3-year calendar back-mapping tool to inform Board of decision-points

Board's considerations:

- Keeping calendar active in front of the Board
- Use as planning tool for Board decision-making

*Action: Superintendent will bring model of decision-making calendar forward

✓ Budget

Board's Considerations:

- Preference to balance CRP review with local budget to insure understanding of school reform initiatives
- Need for data to inform budget decision-making

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Meeting Debrief:

- Did you feel well prepared for the meeting?
Materials were adequate to be informative on the issues. It helps to know when to engage in discussion.
- What questions do you have now?
Clarifying when it is acceptable to ask questions: during superintendent's report and under School Board comments

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:07 PM

MSV Touray, Wise 7 – 0

Submitted by:

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