

Providence School Board
797 Westminster Street
School Board Room
April 17, 2006
Minutes #641

A scheduled workshop was held in the Providence School Board Room at 797 Westminster Street, Providence, RI.

Ms. McClure called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

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

<u>MSV</u>		<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	8 – 0		
Holloway	Yes	Touray	Yes	Gonzalez	Yes
McClure	Yes	Castro	Yes	Young	Yes
Wise	Yes	Crenca	Yes		

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

MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MSV Touray, Wise 8 - 0

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

Physical Restraint Policy 1st Reading: removed from the agenda at the request of the Superintendent.

Superintendent's Goals: The Board President reported on the Superintendent's six month review and district strategic goals. The Superintendent will continue to focus the work of the district on:

- Create and sustain a sense of urgency around student achievement to drive classroom practice
- Assure accountability for performance based on the district goals
- Move forward on *Realizing the Dream* with appropriate organizational adjustments and realignment of staff

Local Budget Presentation: Mark Dunham, CFO and Ralph Salvatore, Senior Budget Officer

2006 – 2007 Superintendent's recommended Budget: \$315,908,043 representing a 5.2% increase over 2005 -2006 budget. Note: No new programs are included in the budget.

Board Questions

- What happens to PSD surplus funds and how are deficits covered?
- Does City Charter require the City to take surplus
- Status quo budget w/ \$12MM projected deficit
- How do we address \$12MM gap in the budget?
- How do we hold superintendent accountable if we don't have the money to support district initiatives?
- How do we present our needs to City and State?
- What drives up energy costs? (30% increase in utility costs)
- How do you prepare for line items: what you need versus history or projections?

DB Policy Update: Maureen Cotter, Special Assistant to the Superintendent & School Board reported on the policy and review process for Board policies under the Davies-Brickell classification system.

Public Comment

Michael Kenney

Nathan Bishop

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 4-01-06 THROUGH 4-04-06
 MSV Gonzalez, Young 8 – 0

4-01-06 Approval of 3.27.06 Minutes

4-02-06 LTS 2nd Semester/Change of Status

Resolved, the following individual is appointed as a long-term substitute teacher 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
Asermely	Maria	Laurel Hill Annex/Gr. 1	1/23/06	6 th step
Laliberte	Linda	G. J. West/Gr. 2	1/23/06	5 th step

4-03-06 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers-135 Days

Resolved, these appointments fall under the decision of the Commissioner of Education regarding substitute teachers who work 135 days during a school year in accordance with the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

LAST	FIRST	EFFECTIVE
Asermely	Maria	4/5/06
Boothman	Tracy	4/6/06
Coleman	Doreen	4/5/06
Deschamps	Kathryn	4/6/06
Eid	Sanaa	4/6/06
Javier	Rafael	4/6/06
Krapf	Alfred	4/5/06
Lanphear	Malcolm	4/6/06
Minervino	Angelo	4/5/06
Schaffel	Rona	4/6/06

4-04-06 Home School Candidate

Resolved, private home instruction for students in the Providence Public Schools is approved for the 2005-2006 school year. A detailed private home instruction plan has been prepared by the parents of students in the Providence School System and has been approved by the Director of Student Affairs in compliance with Chapter 16-19-2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island. Student progress will be reviewed prior to the end of the school year.

STUDENT INITIALS	GRADE	SCHOOL
DLL	3	PHI

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS 4-05-06 and 4-06-06 Business Contracts
 MSV Crenca, Young 8 – 0

4-05-06 Consultant C. Tovani

Mt. Pleasant teachers have been meeting in a study group using Consultant's Cris Tovani's book, *Do I Really Have to Teach Reading?* The consultant will model content reading strategy lessons in Mt. Pleasant classrooms. Teachers will meet with the consultant to discuss the lesson before, observe the lesson, and debrief the lesson. Teachers will also look at student work produced as a result of the lesson. Mt. Pleasant teachers will meet with the consultant to create a school-wide plan to use reading comprehension strategies in all contents. Amount: \$6,700 Source of Funds: Small Learning Community Grant
 PSD Contact: Maureen Crisafulli/Principal Mount Pleasant

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4-06-06 Medicaid Claiming Services Contract

Extend Medicaid Claiming Services Contract for six months through 12/31/06 with Public Consulting Group (PCG). PCG has held the contract since 7/1/03 and the current contract expires 6/30/06. The Department would prefer to bid the new claiming services contract to include an automated IEP component which would be very helpful to the Special Education department and should improve the Medicaid collection rate. Funds to purchase an automated IEP program are included in the department's federal special education budget request (IDEA funds), this budget will not be approved until after June 30, 2006. The lack of this vital information will impede the bid process for both the department and bidders. The department will be ready to bid the services upon award of the federal allocation. The current contract is bid as a percentage of revenue received, currently 6.5% which in Dollars is about \$175,000.
PSD Contact: Mark Dunham, CFO

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 4-07-06
MSV Young, Gonzalez 8 – 0

4-07-06 Capital Plan

Resolved, the School Board approves the PPSD 2007-2011 Capital Plan which totals \$194MM. The plan includes the following projects; completion of Central High renovation, and Hanley High renovation, the construction of a new high school, and a new athletic complex, an addition to Gregorian Elementary School to provide additional library space, and various other renovation projects throughout the district. The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to transmit this plan to the City of Providence Planning Department.

For the record: Staff should indicate in the Capital Plan:

- Note year by year dollar cost for Capital Plan
- Insure athletic complex is adequate for state level competitions
- Include projections of the student population that account for the district's commitment to reducing the drop-out rate

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The district is preparing a process to engage the community in planning for the future of Nathan Bishop. The Superintendent noted that he will be out of the country during vacation week.

FUTURE MEETINGS

April 24th Workshop Strategic Plan and CRP
May 01st Special Meeting Teacher Disciplinary Hearing
May 08th Regular Meeting
May 22nd Workshop NEASC Accreditation, High School Diploma System,
Teacher Hearing 5:30 – 7:30 PM

GOVERNANCE

- Wellness Initiative Committee: 1st reading of wellness policy will be presented at May 8th Board meeting
- Self-Assessment sub-committee: Maila Touray, Jill Holloway, Bert Crenca
Charge: Review/revise/update/evolve the current self-assessment instrument and identify a process and timeline for the board's self evaluation.

RIASC Annual Meeting May 13th Pell Center at Salve Regina University

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Board members inquired how it can make a case for adequate funding with the City and State Legislature.

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:15 PM MSV Touray, Wise 8 – 0

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