

**PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**January 22, 2007**  
**NO. 659**

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 5:45 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.

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 Holloway, Wise		<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	6 – 0		
McKenzie	Yes	Holloway	Yes	Young	Yes
McClure	Yes	Wise	Yes	Castro	Yes

Ms. McClure re-convened the meeting at 6:30 PM

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

MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MSV McKenzie, Wise 6 – 0

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES: None

RECOGNITIONS: None

At the Board's request, Dr. Evans reported on reasons behind the closing of West Broadway Elementary Schools.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NAME	ISSUES
Osiris Harrell	West Broadway School Closing
Martha Brunzos	West Broadway School Closing
John Zayas	West Broadway School Closing
Steve Smith	West Broadway School Closing
Elas Casalo	West Broadway School Closing
Dianne Vatecher	West Broadway School Closing
Janet Keller	West Broadway School Closing
Tobias Haller	West Broadway School Closing
Leonard Friedman	West Broadway School Closing
Megan Hienze	West Broadway School Closing
Stephanie Cannadt	West Broadway School Closing
Councilman John Lombardi	West Broadway School Closing
Jean Link	West Broadway School Closing
Yusu Sissiko	West Broadway School Closing
Mrs. Brown	West Broadway School Closing
Bryan Principe	West Broadway School Closing

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Superintendent Evans responded to community comments on West Broadway closing citing ongoing research and requirements for complying with Fire Code for young children. Follow-up meetings will be announced.

Member Young: What plans are being considered to keep the school community together when the school closes? The School Board has not yet voted to closing to the school.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTIONS 1-9-07 THROUGH 1-20-07**

1-9-07 Approval of Minutes  
1-10-07 Nomination of Probationary Teacher/Change of Status  
1-11-07 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/New Hire  
1-12-07 Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/Change of Status  
1-13-07 Nomination of LTS 1st Semester/Change of Status  
1-14-07 Nomination of LTS 2nd Semester/Change of Status  
1-15-07 Nomination of LTS-1st Semester 68 Days  
1-16-07 Nomination of Computer Network Management Specialist1-17-07. Nomination of Clerical Employees to Probationary Appointment  
1-18-07 Nomination of School Based Coordinators for Career & Technical Education  
1-19-07 Rescission of Non-Renewal of Coaching Positions (Spring Sports)  
1-20-07 Home School Candidates

MSV Wise, McKenzie 6 – 0

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

**RESOLUTIONS 1-21-07 and 1-22-07**

1-21-07 Nomination of Energy Manager (12-month non-union/non-certified position)  
1-22-07 Nomination of Energy Manager (12-month non-union/non-certified position)  
(Positions are result of Board approved Energy-Ed contract).

MSV Young, Castro 6 – 0

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

**RESOLUTIONS 1-23-07 and 1-24-07**

1-23-07 RI Middle Level Educators  
1-24-07 National Council for History

MSV Holloway, Wise 6 – 0

**ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1-25-07**

1-25-07 Amendment to Urban Collaborative By-Laws

MSV Holloway, McKenzie 6 – 0

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1-26-07**

1-26-07 Amendment to the Employee Classification /Compensation Plans

MSV Holloway, Wise 6 – 0

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Transition Plan for Deputy Superintendent/Chief of Staff role includes staff re-assignments to fulfill tasks
- RIDE School Intervention Report regarding district and school progress toward achieving AYP indicates corrective action for several PSD schools: two high schools, three middle schools, and three elementary schools.
- Lay-off and consolidation notices will affect 500+ teachers and other staff, most of whom are expected to be recalled.
- Youth Behavior Risk Survey policy implications is under review for future recommendation to the Board
- CRM Reading Evaluation workshop to be scheduled for Board
- CRM Special Education Evaluation – report to the Board is expected in the near future

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**FUTURE MEETINGS**

<del>Feb 5<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>Special Meeting Teacher Hearing</del>	<del>6:00 PM Superintendent's Conference Room</del>
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Meeting	6:30 PM School Board Room
Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Meeting	6:30 PM School Board Room
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Special Meeting Teacher Hearing	6:00 PM Superintendent's Conference Room

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS**

Member Young: Requested advance notice on issues that may generate a high level of community interest and participation in public comment at Board meetings.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:30 PM**

MSV Young, Wise 6 – 0

Submitted by:

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