

**PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**February 12, 2007**  
**NO. 660**

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 5:35 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>	9 – 0		
McKenzie	Yes	Holloway	Yes	Young	Yes
McClure	Yes	Wise	Yes	Castro	Yes
Touray	Yes	Crenca	Yes	Gonzalez	Yes

Ms. McClure re-convened the meeting at 6:45 PM

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

MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MSV McKenzie, Wise 9 – 0

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

✓ President: Ms. McClure	Nominated by Mr. Wise, second Holloway	9 – 0
✓ Vice-President: Mr. Touray	Nominated by Mr. Wise, second McKenzie	9 – 0
✓ Secretary: Mr. Wise	Nominated by Ms. McClure, second McKenzie	9 – 0

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES: None

RECOGNITIONS: None

**POLICY & PLANNING**

Wellness Policy 1<sup>st</sup> reading presented by Mike Lauro, Supervisor of math, Science, Health, & Physical Education

Providence Schools 2007 Legislative Agenda presented by Kim Rose, Special Assistant to the Superintendent  
Highlights include Education Funding Formula and Cost Adequacy Study; Recommendations for Mandate eliminate moratorium on charter schools

**Board Issues**

- What other ways can we be funding education?
- How can we keep stakeholders informed of legislative agenda
- Appreciate submitting gun legislation based on MPHS student

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High School Renewal Policy 1<sup>st</sup> Reading presented by Brian Baldizar, High School Supervisor

Board Issues

- What's the purpose of the high school reform policy – how will it be monitored?
- Data on college retention rates (2<sup>nd</sup> year)
- Do we have information on why students drop out?
- How do we incorporate appropriate guidance counseling for students?

MOTION TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENT TO EXCEED THE 30 MINUTE LIMITATION  
MSV Wise, Castro 9 – 0

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Please see attached listing of public comment speakers.

Superintendent's Report on West Broadway School

The superintendent's recommendation is to close West Broadway elementary school, relocate K – 4 students to the Pell Complex and use West Broadway as swing space for Central High School and Hanley Career & Technical Center students next year. The School Board is expected to vote on February 26, 2007 pending .

The proposed public hearing date of February 20, 2007 may be postponed due to school vacation.

Members of the community are invited to participate in a West Broadway community planning effort to look beyond the next school year and develop recommendations for the future.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTIONS 2-1-07 THROUGH 2-26-07

2-1-07	Approval of Minutes
2-2-07	Nomination of Probationary Teacher/Change of Status
2-3-07	Nomination of Long Term Substitute Teachers in Pool/New Hire
2-4-07	Nomination of LTS 2nd Semester/Change of Status
2-5-07	Nomination of LTS-1st Semester 68 Days
2-6-07	Nomination of Athletic Coach
2-7-07	Nomination of Exhibition Projects Coordinator/Classical High School (Perkins Grant Funded)
2-8-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Athletic Director)
2-9-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Coaches)
2-10-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Emergency)
2-11-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Emergency, Job Fair)
2-12-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Emergency, Seniority)
2-13-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Long-Term Substitutes)
2-14-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Long-Term Substitutes in Pool)
2-15-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Regular/Probationary Teachers in Pool)
2-16-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Non-Renewal, Program Reorganization)
2-17-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Job Fair)
2-18-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (More Senior Returning from LWOP)
2-19-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (More Senior May Occupy)
2-20-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (More Senior in a Temporary Assignment)
2-21-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Temporary Assignment)
2-22-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Displaced Long Term Substitute in Pool)
2-23-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Program Reorganization)
2-24-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Program Reorganization, Article 12)
2-25-07	Resolution Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts (Program Reorganization, Emergency)
2-26-07	Home School Candidates (4)

MSV Castro, Crenca 9– 0

MOTION TO CHANGE ORDER OF BUSINESS TO ALLOW SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

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Mr. Touray noted his support for superintendent's recommendation to close West Broadway elementary school decision noting the fiduciary responsibility of the School Board.

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

Resolution 2-27-07 ~~Chief Operations Officer~~ Amended to Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Tomas Hanna  
MSV Holloway, Castro 9 – 0

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

2-28-07 Institute For Learning  
2-29-07 ASAP Software  
2-30-07 Student Information System & Management Services  
MSV Touray, Young 9 – 0

**ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

Resolution 2-31-07 Policy CBC Superintendent's Responsibilities  
MSV Young, Touray 9 – 0

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

Resolution 2-32-07 Providence School Board – Providence Teachers' Union Memorandum of Agreement  
MSV Touray, Crenca 9 – 0

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- NECAP: Grade 3- 8 scores evidenced growth that exceeded the state's overall growth with improved proficiency scores across the Board in Language Arts and Math.
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey: The superintendent will recommend a policy change to allow passive consent for specific organizations.
- State of the Schools address will note department successes and growth and the overall state of affairs in the school district on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Workshop	5:30 PM Professional Development Room	District Indicators of Success
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Special Meeting Teacher Hearing	6:00 PM Superintendent's Conference Room	
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Meeting	6:30 PM School Board Room	TBA
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Board Workshop	6:00 PM Professional Development Room	Curriculum & Budget Review
Apr 09	School Board Meeting	6:30 PM School Board Room	Human Resources Update
Apr 23	School Board Workshop	6:00 PM Professional Development Room	Grade Configurations

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Crenca: acknowledged the public comment on West Broadway Elementary School. He noted the importance of the process for school closings and other major decisions that need appropriate vetting prior to decision-making.

Ms. Holloway: How do we get the facts out to the public in a timely manner and in more than one language?

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Mr. Touray congratulated Andre Thibeault, Interim COO and Mark Dunham, CFO for their assistance in upgrading the pool at Pleasant View School to allow interscholastic competition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:15 PM

MSV Young, Wise 9 – 0

Submitted by:

Maureen Cotter

Special Assistant to the Superintendent & School Board

## Public Comment Speakers

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>ISSUE/AGENDA ITEM</b>
Grant Dulgarian	DeJong/Gilbane Plan
Gary Duffey	West Broadway
Charles Pinning	West Broadway
Osiris Harrel	West Broadway
John Zayas	West Broadway
Sandy Bell	Wellness Policy
Steve Adams/Matt Phun	West Broadway
Evelyn Soto	West Broadway
Kerri Martello	Literacy/West Broadway
Martha Brunzos	West Broadway
Tobias Haller	West Broadway
David Haller	West Broadway
Jean Link	West Broadway
Bryan Principe	West Broadway
Kathleen Rehder	West Broadway
Michelle McKenzie	West Broadway/Community Engagement
Elsa Casalo	West Broadway
Eric Rehdz	West Broadway
Maria Rodriguez	West Broadway
Representative Steven Costantino	West Broadway
Sam Zurier	Nathan Bishop
Cesar A.Woel	West Broadway
Janet Keller	West Broadway
Rosales Rene	West Broadway
Paula Cordero	West Broadway
Hector Salguero	West Broadway
Blossom Kirschenbaum	Accountability
Michael Kenny	West Broadway
Mary Lee Partington	West Broadway
Blanca Marroquin	West Broadway
Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo	West Broadway