

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

March 12, 2007

NO. 663

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 5:30 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>	8 – 0		
McKenzie	Yes	Holloway	Yes		
McClure	Yes	Wise	Yes	Castro	Yes
Touray	Yes	Crenca	Yes	Gonzalez	Yes

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

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

MOTION TO SEAL THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES:

MOTION to approve changes to deputy superintendent contract.

MSV McClure, Touray 8-0

MOTION to approve separation agreement as amended.

MSV McClure, Wise 8-0

RECOGNITIONS:

Yosa Yon, Central High School 1st Place in Annual Shakespeare Acting & recitation Competition
Ari Brisbon, Hope Arts 3rd Place in Annual Shakespeare Acting & recitation Competition

POLICY & PLANNING

At-Will/Non-Union Employee Policy 1st Reading

- A 2nd reading will be scheduled for the March 26th Board meeting.

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Research Agencies Policy 1st Reading

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Board Issues

- Exception for SALT surveys explicit in the policy
- Clarify bullet re: types if agency
- Superintendent's responsibility
- Add bullet under conditions to insure rigorous notification procedures to include multiple approaches (Connect-Ed and written)

Youth Risk Behavior Survey must be administered this term.

Update on High School Accreditations

Board Issues

- Question re: timeline to accelerate accreditation process
- How can we use accreditation standards for continuous improvement
- How much time does each school spend on the self-study process (1000s of hours)
- How many high schools in the state are not accredited
- What resources do the accreditation agencies provide to the district? Professional development
- Colleges value accreditation – does PSD high school lack of accreditation influence college acceptance?
- Request for process and timeline

PUBLIC COMMENT

NAME	ISSUE
Grant Dulgarian	Fire Code
Steve Smith	School Improvement Team
Martha Brunzos	West Broadway Elementary

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTIONS 3-1-07 THROUGH 3-10-07

- 3-1-07 Approval of Minutes
- 3-2-07 Nomination of LTS 2nd Semester/Change of Status
- 3-3-07 Nomination of Athletic Coaches
- MSV Castro, Crenca 8 – 0

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON PERSONNEL:

- 3-4-07 Nomination of Acting Elementary Principal-(for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year only)
- 3-5-07 Nomination of Acting Elementary Assistant Principal-(for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year only)
- Salary **AMENDED** reduced from \$84,193 to \$76,790.
- MSV Touray, Gonzalez 8 – 0

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ON BUSINESS CONTRACTS

RESOLUTIONS

- 3-6-07 Consultant Costa
- 3-7-07 Learning Stretch Educational Consultants
- 3-8-07 Request for Proposal: Independent Evaluator for Career & Technical Education
- MSV Holloway, Touray 8 – 0

ACTION ITEM: MOTION TO APPROVE

- Resolution 3-09-07 High School Reform Portfolio of Schools Policy (IEC)
- MSV Touray, Wise 8 – 0

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ACTION ITEM: MOTION TO APPROVE

Resolution 3-10-07 Wellness Programs (JLC)

MSV Touray, Holloway 8 – 0

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Report on planning process for West Broadway transition to the Pell Complex that includes a community task force to inform future planning.
- Report on initial planning process for the facilities plan. Community workshops will be scheduled to follow a presentation to the School Board on April 2, 2007.
- RIDE'S response to the district's plan to achieve compliance with the state's Basic Education Program indicated a gap in library media services in the high schools. The district will focus efforts to eliminate the gap for the next school year.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Mar 26 th School Board Workshop	6:00 PM Professional Development Room	Curriculum Audit, Reading Program & Budget Review
Mar 27 th School Board Special Meeting	6:00 PM School Board Room	Teacher Hearing
Apr 02 School Board Workshop	6:00 PM Professional Development Room	Dejong Facilities Plan
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

GOVERNANCE

Wellness	Grace Gonzalez
Special Education Advisory	Rosanna Castro
Superintendent Evaluation	Bob Wise & Katherine McKenzie, Grace Gonzalez
Board Self-Evaluation	Jill Holloway, Bert Crenca, Rosanna Castro

MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN REFORM GOVERNANCE IN ACTION TRAINING HOSTED BY THE CENTER FOR REFORM OF SCHOOL SYSTEMS.

Resolved by the Providence School Board this 12th day of March, 2007, with pleasure we accept the invitation of the Center for Reform of School Systems to participate in Reform Governance in Action, Cohort III, which starts in July 2007 and concludes in February 2009. We are sufficiently informed about the purpose, goals, and scope of work to commit to the conditions outlined in the application. Accordingly, we commit ourselves to full and active participation by all participants, meeting all deadlines for required deliverables on time, and the production of high quality work. We commit our best effort. We understand that CRSS can terminate our participation in the program should we fail to keep the commitments in this application.

MSV McClure, Touray 8 – 0

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS None

MOTION TO RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00 PM

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

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MSV Touray, Wise 8 – 0

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REPORT on EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES:

MOTION TO DENY PTU GRIEVANCE .

MSV Touray, McKenzie 8-0

MOTION TO REJECT SUSPENSION AGREEMENT WITH DIRECTION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT TO CONSIDER TERMINATION.

MSV McKenzie, Touray 8-0

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:20 PM

MSV Touray, Wise 8 – 0

Submitted by:

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