

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD
November 13, 2007
Minutes

THE PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT MARY MCCLURE AT 5:45 pm

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING **BOARD MEMBERS** WERE PRESENT:

Bob Wise
Grace Gonzalez
Jill Holloway
Maila Touray (arrived 6:10pm)
Mary McClure
Rosanna Castro

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5:30 PM Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1)Personnel; (a)(2) Collective Bargaining; (a)(9) Grievances

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Castro** Moved, Member **Gonzalez** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Seek to Convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel superintendents evaluation and appointments. Convene in Executive Session RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(9) Grievances'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 5 Nay: 0. **MOTION APPROVED**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

ORIGINAL MOTIONS

- ✓ Motion to uphold the superintendent's decision to deny grievance B8102.
MSV Wise, Holloway 5 – 0
- ✓ Motion to uphold the superintendent's decision to deny grievance B8108.
MSV Holloway, Gonzalez 5 – 0

APPROVE AGENDA

4. Approve School Board Agenda

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Jill Holloway**) Moved, Member (**Maila Touray**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend approval of meeting agenda as presented.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0. MOTION APPROVED

RECOGNITIONS

5. 2007 Social Worker of the Year Penny Pare

Penny Pare, Providence school social worker, was awarded the 2007 Social Worker of the Year Award in School Social Work by The National Association of Social Work Rhode Island Chapter. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

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6. Jerry Luongo, Teacher saves a child

This recognition is for Physical Education/Health teacher, Jerry Loungo, at West Broadway Elementary for performing the Heimlich maneuver on a child as he was choking at lunch.

7. Diane West & Scott Sutherland Outstanding Contributions to the Education Profession

- At the Heart of School Reform article West, D. & Sutherland, S. (Jul-Aug 2007). At the Heart of High School Reform. "American School Counselor Association" Vol. 44, No.6.

POLICY & PLANNING

8. Update on Direct Instruction ITEM WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA BY SUPERINTENDENT

- Special Connections Overview of Direct Instruction - Wisconsin Policy Research Institute Report on Direct Instruction

Direct Instruction (DI) is an explicit, teacher-directed model of effective instruction developed by Siegfried ("Zig") Engelmann in the 1960's. DI can be distinguished from other models of explicit instruction (such as direct instruction-di) by its focus on curriculum design and effective instructional delivery.

RECOMMENDATION: Information

PUBLIC COMMENT

9. Public Comment

NAME	ISSUE
Jeff Baker	Special Education
Steve Smith	Media Facilitator Appointment
Blossom Kirschembaum	General
Beatrice Wiggins	Administrator Appointments

CONSENT AGENDA

10. Consent Agenda

All items under the Consent Agenda are adopted by a single motion unless a member of the School Board or the Superintendent requests that an item be removed and voted on separately. Consent items are considered routine and do not require discussion prior to the vote.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Touray** Moved, Member **Wise** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends School Board approval of consent agenda items.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0. MOTION APPROVED

11. Home School Candidates

Home School Candidates

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.

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends the School Board approve Home School Candidates

12. Personnel Actions

Personnel Actions & Assignments

- A. Regular Teacher/Recall
- B. Regular Teachers/Change of Status
- C. Probationary Teachers/Change of Status
- D. Probationary Teachers/New Hire
- E. Budget Analyst II

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- F. Medicaid Specialist
- G. Rescission of Coaching Positions-Winter Sports
- H. Athletic Coach

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends School Board approval.

13. Minutes

10.09.07 Minutes 10.18.07 Special Meeting Minutes 10.19&20.07 Workshop

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend School Board approval of minutes

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

14. Contract Approvals

The following contracts are presented by Superintendent Donnie W. Evans for School Board consent and approval, authorizing the Superintendent to seek bids (if applicable) and award contracts through the Board of Contract and Supply. All contracts will be adopted by a single motion unless a member of the School Board or the Superintendent requests that a contract be removed and voted on separately.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of the contracts as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Maila Touray**) Moved, Member (**Grace Gonzalez**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval of the contracts as presented.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: **Aye: 6 Nay: 0. MOTION APPROVED**

15. Consultant/Sarah Dinklage-Contract

Consultant Summary/See Karen

To provide Substance Abuse Counseling Services, at the Middle & High School Level. Locations of the schools are Springfield, Perry, Roger Williams, Hopkins, Bridgham, Stuart, Hope, Central, Classical, Mt.Pleasant, Adelaide, Health & Science, and Providence Academy. The schools agree to implement the provisions of this program.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends school board approval

16. Johnson & Wales Contract

Teachers will explore barriers to inclusion as well as to learn how to work together collaboratively. They will learn to work using the BASE methodology. Each week the teachers will utilize one co-teaching model and demonstrate in the classroom. Starting November 28, 2007 for eight weeks to January 23, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION: Director recommends School Board Approval

17. Contract for Kent County YMCA/Camp Ikwanesett Trailblazers Program

The ESY camp program provides extended school year services to students with disabilities who have been referred to the program through the IEP process. The program offers a wide variety of developmental activities, communication lessons, therapies and other related services in a country setting. This is an inclusive summer program includes typically development children and children with disabilities. Social skills development for students with autism is emphasized using a thematic approach.

RECOMMENDATION: Administrator recommends Board approval.

18. Contract for Young Leadership Fellows - Adelaide High School

Ray Smith- Consultant

Mr. Ray Smith, Founder of the Young Leadership Fellow, will be used by Adelaide Avenue School to bring the training for teachers and students around culture building, de-escalation principles and conflict management. In these workshops, teachers will learn effective strategies to develop leadership abilities in our students that will in turn improve the culture of Adelaide Avenue School.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration Recommends School Board Approval

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19. Contract Young Leadership Fellows - E-Cubed High School

Ray Smith - Consultant

Ray Smith is an important element in this work as he brings his Young Leadership Fellows and De-Escalation Training Program to E-Cubed Academy. The YLF will help in training the teachers and students in conflict management and resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration Recommends School Board Approval

20. System Support Corporation Contract

Contract Details

The Title I Non-instructional funds will be used to support the maintenance and software licensing at 10 Parochial Schools that service Providence resident children. There are approximately 500 poverty level Providence resident students that attend the non public schools in Grades K-8 that are being serviced. The main focus of instruction is on Reading/Language Arts and Mathematics but a vast array of additional software programs are available as part of a comprehensive bundle purchased with the License Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends School Board Approval

REPORT ON PERSONNEL

21. Interim Executive Director for High Schools

Recommended Candidate

Catherine Oneppo Interim Executive Director for High Schools Effective:9/04/07 Salary:\$103,810

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends School Board approval.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Touray** Moved, Member **Castro** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends School Board approval.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: **Aye: 6 Nay: 0 MOTION APPROVED**

22. Facilitator of Communications & Media Relations

Recommended candidate

Christina O'Reilly Facilitator of Communications & Media Relations Effective: 12/3/07 Salary: \$68,682

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends School Board approval.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Touray** Moved, Member **Wise** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends School Board approval.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: **Aye: 6 Nay: 0 MOTION APPROVED**

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

ITEM WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA BY SUPERINTENDENT

GOVERNANCE

28. Reform Governance in Action Committee Reports

Draft Policies RGA Work Plans / Reform Governance in Action Updates

1. Core Beliefs & Commitments Policy
2. School Board Meetings & Committees Policy
3. Board Constituent Services Policy
4. RGA Work Plans

RECOMMENDATION: Information

FUTURE MEETINGS

29. Future School Board Meetings <http://www.providenceschools.org/pesb>

Dec 10 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM School Board Room - TBD

Jan 04 Workshop 5:30 PM School Board Room - Reform Governance in Action

Jan 05 Workshop 8:30 AM School Board Room - Reform Governance in Action

Jan 14 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM School Board Room - Election of Board Officers

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Reconvene in executive session at 7:40 PM

Motion

Member **Castro** Moved, Member **Gonzalez** seconded to approve the motion to convene in Executive Session RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 6 Nay: 0. MOTION APPROVED

ADJOURN

Motion to seal the minutes of executive session and adjourn at 9:00 PM.

MSV Gonzalez, Holloway 6 – 0 MOTION APPROVED

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