

**MINUTES  
PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD**

**Monday, April 14, 2008**

**1. Call to order at 5:30 PM**

The Providence School Board meeting was called to order by Board President Mary McClure at 5:30 PM

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bob Wise  
Grace Gonzalez  
Jill Holloway  
Maila Touray  
Mary McClure  
Philip Gould  
Ronnie Young  
Rosanna Castro

**Absent:** Katherine McKenzie

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**2. Seek to Convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel Appointments. Convene in Executive Session RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation**

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**MSV**

Member **(Wise)** Moved, Member **(Gonzalez)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Seek to Convene in Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel Appointments. Convene in Executive Session RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(8)** Nay: **0**. Motion Approved

**RE-CONVENE MEETING**

**3. Re-Convene Meeting at 6:30 PM**

**4. Board President Overview of Agenda**

**5. Superintendent's Comments**

**6. Report on Votes taken during Executive Session**

No vote taken during executive session.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

**7. Approve agenda**

Recommend approval of meeting agenda as presented

Note: The superintendent removed one contract from the agenda: Empowering Writers

**MSV**

Member **(Philip Gould)** Moved, Member **(Ronnie Young)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend approval of meeting agenda as amended'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. **MOTION APPROVED. 8 - 0**

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**RECOGNITIONS**

**8. American Association of Teachers of Italian Award to the 2008 Rhode Island Contest Exam Winners**

Students who have had exposure to Italian and to other romance languages and practices in his/her home environment (dialect included), spent 18 weeks or more in Italy or in other countries or has studied or is studying the third year of another romance language.

The School Board officially recognized four students from Esek Hopkins Middle School: **Dalien Guzman; Kristy Berddugo; Kevin Hernandez; Michelle Capeles**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**9. Public Comment**

Blossom Kirschenbaum	Superintendent's Contributions
Claricio Santiago	Student Placement

**POLICY & PLANNING**

**10. Quarterly Facilities Report**

Mark Dunham, CFO provided the 2008 first quarter update of the facilities plan.

**Active Projects**

- Adelaide Avenue High School.
- Central High School.
- Hanley Vocational School.
- Career and Technical Educational Facility.
- Free Standing Athletic Complex.
- Nathan Bishop Middle School.
- West Broadway Elementary School.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**11. Consent Agenda Approval**

**MSV**  
Member (Grace Gonzalez) Moved, Member (Maila Touray ) 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: 8 Nay: 0. MOTION APPROVED. 8 - 0

**12. Personnel Actions**

Probationary Teacher-Change of Status

**13. Home School Candidates**

Home School Candidates

**14. Minutes**

3.24.08 Minutes

**REPORT ON PERSONNEL**

**15. Employee Services Administrator**

Jill M. Connolly Employee Services Administrator Effective: May 5, 2008 Salary: \$70,000

**MSV**

Member (Ronnie Young) Moved, Member (Maila Touray ) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'The Superintendent recommends School Board approval.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 8 Nay: 0. MOTION APPROVED. 8 - 0

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REPORT ON CONTRACTS

**16. Gateway Healthcare Youth Guidance Division**

RECOMMENDATION: Administrator recommends Board Approval

17. Empowering Writers - CONTRACT WITHDRAWN BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

**18. Contract Approvals**

Administration recommends approval of Gateway Healthcare Youth Guidance Division

**MSV**

Member (Jill Holloway) Moved, Member (Rosanna Castro) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Administration recommends approval of the contracts as amended.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 8 Nay: 0.

MOTION APPROVED. 8 - 0

ACTION ITEMS

**19. Resolution Authorizing Changes in Signatures on Certain Bank Account**

Administration recommends School Board approval.

**MSV**

Member (Maila Touray ) Moved, Member (Bob Wise) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Administration recommends School Board approval.'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 8 Nay: 0.

MOTION APPROVED. 8 - 0

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

**20. West Broadway Committee Report**

The Superintendent recommends the Board convene in workshop for West Broadway committee presentation and administration recommendations.

**21. Nathan Bishop Report**

Denise Carpenter, Executive Director of Middle Schools, advised Board on responses to Nathan Bishop steering committee questions on the working vision for Nathan Bishop Middle School going forward.

GOVERNANCE

**22. Reform Governance in Action Policy Drafts**

Management Oversight Policy Draft\_4.02.08

School Board Meetings Policy Amendment with Draft Workshop language\_4.7.08

Communications staff will work with the Board to implement the Reform Governance in Action Communication Plan. The Board is encouraged to clarify and confirm communication strategies and roll-out plan.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Board Meeting Calendar

Apr 21	Public Hearing on Budget
Apr 26	Board Retreat (10:00AM)
Apr 28	Special Meeting to Adopt Budget
May 12	Regular Meeting

Mr. Touray requested budget hearing being moved to Central High School Auditorium

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SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

**24. School Board Comments**

Members of the School Board may offer remarks at this time.

Mr. Wise: Looking forward to the public dialogue with the Board on 2008 - 2009 budget

Mr. Touray - Acknowledged high school graduation results and offered his congratulations to staff

Ms. Castro - Shared information of improvements in graduation rates across racial/ethnic groups and increased numbers of students applying to and entering college. Additionally, what are the reasons for the enrollment decline in providence schools -- what are the factors and where are the students going?

Mr. Young: Remarked that it is important for the Board share successes with the public and celebrate our student achievements on a frequent basis. .

ADJOURN

**25. Adjourn Meeting**

**MSV**

Member (**Jill Holloway**) Moved, Member (**Rosanna Castro**) seconded to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. **MOTION APPROVED. 8 - 0**

RETIREMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

**26. Retirements/Resignations**