

**MINUTES
PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD
May 28, 2008**

The Providence School Board meeting was called to order by Board President Mary McClure at 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Mary McClure, Philip Gould, Kathy McKenzie, Jill Holloway, Grace Gonzalez, Rosanna Castro, Maila Touray

ABSENT: Bob Wise, Ronnie Young

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consent Agenda Approval

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.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends School Board approval of consent agenda items.

MSV Gonzalez, McKenzie 7 - 0

2. Personnel Actions

- Personnel Actions & Assignments
- Rescission of Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts
- Long-Term Substitute Teachers-135 Days
- LTS 2nd Semester/Change of Status

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

3. JP Associates

JP Associates will continue to provide new and experienced teachers and administrators in schools implementing Direct Instruction Reading Mastery and Corrective Reading summer training and in-classroom coaching. JP Associates will once again provide a project manager who will provide on-site and off-site coaching for central office administrators and principals. This contract provides 407 days of professional development and coaching.

4. Contract with Dell/ASAP Software (Connect-ED)

Dell/ASAP Software will provide the Connect-ED service to the Providence Public School District. ConnectEd, a web-based software application, provides a tool for district and school administrators to communicate with parents and families to improve communications and engagement, notify families about student absences and notify parents about emergency conditions. The system allows administrators to record, schedule, send, and track unlimited, personalized voice messages to all students, parents, teachers, staff, board members and other related individuals.

5. Sopris West Educational Services

Sopris West will conduct professional development courses as outlined within the contract that are designed to prepare educators from the Providence School District to implement various Sopris West Educational Services curriculum programs with fidelity. These sessions will be offered during the time period from May, 2008 September 30, 2008, with the proposed dates and times to be confirmed by Sopris West.

6. East Bay Educational Services

Middle Schools Provide inquiry science support services for all personnel assigned kits. This will include kit delivery based on the districts identification at each district middle school. The services shall include kit preparation, delivery to all schools; provide lists of assigned kits to principals and other district administrators when requested, and notification of all training needs for teaching staff. Provide for classroom use, in fully trained teachers classrooms, up to 196 COMPLETE Classroom middle school science (grade 6 elementary included) kits. Each kit will be configured by EBEC to support up to 125 students and one teacher. Elementary Schools Provide inquiry science support services for all personnel assigned kits based on the districts identification at each district elementary school. This will include kit delivery as well as kit preparation, lists of assigned kits to principals and other district administrators when requested, and notification of all training needs for teaching staff. Provide for classroom use the following COMPLETE Classroom science kits, each to support up to 30 students and one teacher for elementary school grades 3 - 5.

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7. CRS Education Consulting/Professional Development Trainings

CRS Education Consulting Contract Summary

In an effort to enhance parent/teacher relations, all Providence Public School teachers will participate in a 2-hour workshop, How to Get Parents on Your Side, as part of their required 38 hours of Professional Development during 2008-2009 school year.

8. East Bay Educational Collaborative

To provide to the district professional development sessions for high school teachers in Rhode Island Grade Span/Grade Level Expectations (GSEs/GLEs) for the following content areas at a location specified by the district for their summer institute for district high school teachers: Physics & Chemistry (Physical Sciences) Biology (Life Sciences) Earth & Space Sciences Included in above presentations, integrated approach with Physics, Chemistry, and Biology English Language Arts High School Mathematics

9. Contract Approvals

The 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 by the Superintendent.
MSV Holloway, Castro 7 - 0

10. WORKSHOP

A curriculum audit is a service designed to reveal the extent to which officials and professional staff of a school district have developed and implemented a sound, valid, and operational system of curriculum management. Such a system, set within the framework of adopted board policies, enables the school district to make maximum use of its human and financial resources in the education of its students. Dr. James Scott, Lead Auditor, will present the findings of the PPSD curriculum audit.

PDK Audit Findings presented by Dr. James Scott, Lead Auditor

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM

11. Retirements and/or Resignations

List of recently received names retiring and/or resigning-for informational purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION: Information only. No action required.

Submitted by:

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