

MINUTES
PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
797 WESTMINSTER STREET
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
JUNE 13, 2011

CONVENE MEETING

1. Convene in Executive Session at 6:00PM – Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)Personnel; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)School Board & Superintendent Job Performance; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)Collective Bargaining & Litigation

The Following Board Members were Present: Kathleen Crain, Nina Pande, Robert Wise and Keith Oliveira

Absent Board Members: Maila Touray, Magaly Sanchez and Julian Dash

Brian Lalli arrived at 7:05PM

RECONVENE MEETING

2. Call to Order at 6:30PM – Due to the fact that graduations were this week we did not have a quorum so President Kathleen Crain opened the discussion at 6:37PM and everything that needed to be voted on was postponed until the next meeting on June 27, 2011.
3. Superintendent’s Comments – Superintendent Brady commented briefly on the graduations happening this week.

APPROVE AGENDA

4. **Approve Agenda as Presented**

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. Public Comment – Right to be Heard began at 6:41PM and ended at 6:50PM
 - Blossom Kirschenbaum- We all agree that minutes are taken by the Secretary and read by the Board. These meetings are supposed to be Public but are not really for the public. On May 23rd, I made a statement and I said “Look at your hands and what do you see? I see the blood of the Hope High students”. Do you know that Ronald Waltz came out with a new book @ the Annenberg Institute and no one from the Board or the district was involved? Crystal Swepson also spoke on May 23rd and

she asked the question, what do you think children need to learn? Also, Mr. Osiris Harrell did not threaten anyone on that night the word threaten was spoken by President Kathleen Crain who questioned him when he was speaking. Do you not remember Ms. Crain?

- Crystal Swepson – I am here because I have concerns regarding the decision to eliminate the Guidance Counselors at the elementary schools. There was an incident at my school today where a guidance counselor was needed that thankfully we had one. What will happen next year when a similar incident arises and we don't have a Guidance Counselor at the school? The current climate has a lot of tension at the moment. People are losing jobs and schools are closing. We need more collaboration for next year.
- Steve Smith – I feel compelled to speak on the matching process. Watching the process was difficult, demoralizing and painful. Teachers were told there were openings at the schools but when the teachers applied the Principals at the schools told them that out of 15 slots there were only 2 open. Teachers not face being out of work because they are not being laid off they are being terminated.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

6. School Board Comments – No comments made at this time

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Personnel Actions & Assignments
8. Minutes 5-23-11
9. Consent Agenda Approval: Personnel Actions & Assignments and Minutes 5-23-11

REPORT ON PERSONNEL

10. Grant Assistant/MLP Manager

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

11. Kids Bridge: A Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program for Incoming Students
12. Cambium Education, Inc.
13. NCS Pearson, Inc.
14. Tim Keirn Year 3 Curriculum Development Support and Professional Development
15. Gary Nash Curriculum Development
16. Ross Dunn Curriculum Development
17. Facing History and Ourselves Curriculum Development
18. Wireless Generation mCLASS; DIBELS Next
19. Upward Bound 2011-2012

20. Teachscape
21. Contract Approvals: Kids Bridge: A Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program for Incoming Students; Cambium Education, Inc.; NCS Pearson, Inc.; Tim Keirn Year 3 Curriculum Development Support & Professional Development; Gary Nash Curriculum Development; Ross Dunn Curriculum Development; Facing History and Ourselves Curriculum Development; Wireless Generation MCLASS: DIBELS Next; Upward Bound 2011-2012; Teachscape

POLICY & PLANNING

22. FY 2012 Federal Budget Presentation
23. Professional Standards/Code of Ethics – 1st Read
24. Home and Hospital Instruction Policy – 3rd Read and Final Adoption
25. Pregnant, Parenting and Married Students' Rights policy – 3rd Read and Final Adoption

FUTURE MEETINGS

26. June 27, 2011 – Workshop; July 11, 2011 – Regular Business

RETIREMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

27. Retirements & Resignations

Brian Lalli arrived at 7:05PM so there was a quorum to meet in Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

28. Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) School Board Job Performance; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining & Litigation

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

29. There were votes taken in Executive Session and the minutes were sealed

ADJOURN

30. The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM