

MINUTES

Providence School Department
797 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
OCTOBER 11, 2011

CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order at 6:00 PM – Vice-President Nina Pande called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

Board Members Present: Nina Pande, Keith Oliveira, Natalia Rosa Sosa, Julian Dash, Magaly Sanchez, Brian Lalli, Robert Wise, Maila Touray and Nicholas Hemond

2. Superintendent's Comments – Superintendent Lusi spoke briefly on the 5 PLA's that were mentioned in an article in the Providence Journal

APPROVE AGENDA

3. **Approve Agenda as Presented**
MSV – Oliveira, Dash (9-0) MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment – Right to be Heard began at 6:04PM and ended at 6:15PM
 - Julie Latessa – Teacher in the system spoke about employee contributions and policies on trust. She also stated that common sense is not being used. She said last year the teachers were under attack now this year it's the principals and assistant principals. The school department created its own advisory board. What about vacation time and work schedules? There are lots of glitches in the system. If things don't change there will be a mass exodus of good people in Providence. There is a lack of respect for employees.
 - Kathleen Crain – Spoke in favor of recess in the schools. She read a school schedule from her son's school which did not include time for recess. Classes were long and she stated that parents want to know what's happening in that long period of time. She also suggested that there be better communication with parents.
 - Lauren Green – She's the parent of a first grader who said there are 100's of articles written and books written on recess and how the study showed how there was better behavior in the classroom when children were allowed recess. The study shows that children who were allowed time for recess did a lot better in the

classrooms. Our teachers and children are being pushed in the wrong direction. Recess after lunch is good, it would promote healthy eating and exercise which will do away with poor behavior in the classrooms.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments

- Nina Pande – The recess policy is not a set policy. On the 17th of October we will be having a working group session and I would love for all of you to attend so we could start setting a new format.
- Maila Touray – Is there any mechanism in place to include the community in policy making decisions?

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Personnel Actions

MSV – Touray, Sanchez (9-0) MOTION APPROVED

REPORT ON PERSONNEL

7. Principal of George J. West Elementary School – Sandra Stuart – Effective: 10/12/11; Salary: \$95,999.

MSV – Sanchez, Touray (9-0) MOTION APPROVED

8. Assistant Principal of Roger Williams Middle School – Leonard Kiernan – Effective: 10/12/11; Salary: \$89,438.

MSV – Touray, Oliveira (9-0) MOTION APPROVED

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

9. University of Connecticut Center for Behavioral Education and Research - Info

GOVERNANCE

10. Ratify Procedures for School Board Teacher Disciplinary Hearings

MSV – Dash, Lalli (9-0) MOTION APPROVED

6:30PM – A Motion was made to Convene in Executive Session

ROLL CALL: Touray Aye, Hemond Aye, Oliveira Aye, Rosa-Sosa Aye, Pande Aye, Sanchez Aye, Lalli Aye, Wise Aye and Dash Aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Seek to Convene in Executive Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) To discuss the job performance, character or physical or mental health of certain teachers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

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

ADJOURN

13. The meeting adjourned at 12:15PM