

MINUTES
PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD
NOVEMBER 14, 2011

CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order 6:30pm – Board Acting President Nina Pande called the meeting to order at 6:36PM

Board Members Present: Nina Pande, Magaly Sanchez, Brian Lalli, Natalia Rosa-Sosa and Keith Oliveira

Board Members Absent: Maila Touray, Robert Wise, Julian Dash and Nicholas Hemond

2. Superintendent's Comments – Superintendent Lusi excused herself for being late but she had to attend a Fidelity meeting. Then she spoke briefly on the 5 PLA's that were mentioned in an article in the Providence Journal and told everyone the first engagement session for the PLA's would take place Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 6:00PM. She mentioned the meeting with Angela Romans and the Youth Cabinet Meeting and she also mentioned the meeting tomorrow night with the Parent Teacher Advisory Council.

APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda

Due to the fact that the Superintendent had a prior commitment and could not be here at the start of the meeting, the Board voted to take the agenda out of order and begin with Public Comment

MSV – Lalli, Sanchez (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Right to be Heard – Began at 6:37PM and ended at 6:46PM
 - Lauren Zurier – She is the parent of 2 children in the Providence School System who came speak in favor of Paula Shannon's appointment to Chief Academic Officer. She stated she had worked with Paula for the last year and a half and in working with Paula she found her to be very creative, flexible and very sincere. She also stated that Paula Shannon would be an asset to the District.
 - Osiris Harrell – I recently visited the Amistad School in CT and I implore all of you to do the same. What I saw there was frightening and I feel that before you support something you need to visit so you could get the real picture. One moment we were

in a discussion and there came up the No Excuse Policy. There were children dressed in navy blue and khaki and the others were dressed in light blue and khaki. I asked the head of the school why were the children dressed in different colors and he replied the children here have to earn their colors.

- Steve Smith – There was a meeting on the Innovation Schools and I was not invited. I was not even given an update and that I found very odd. I was at a meeting today and was asked if I was accompanying the Superintendent and I said no and the person was very shocked that I was not invited and I told them I didn't even know about it. I feel that we should give all of our schools the same opportunities prior to them being identified. I believe that we are in much better shape than we were last year.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments – No comments made

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Minutes 10-24-11
7. Personnel Actions
8. Home School Candidates
9. Consent Agenda Approval: Minutes 10-24-11; Personnel Actions; Home School Candidates

MSV – Lalli, Oliveira (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

REPORT ON PERSONNEL

10. Deputy School Controller – John Welch – Effective: 11/16/11; Salary: \$60,000.00

MSV – Sanchez, Lalli (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

11. Chief Academic Officer – Paula Shannon – Effective: 11/15/11; Salary: \$135,000.00

MSV – Sanchez, Oliveira (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

12. Executive Director of Federal Programs and Family & Community Engagement – Tomas Ramirez - Effective: 11/15/11; Salary: \$122,421.00

MSV – Oliveira, Sanchez (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

13. Director of Communications – Christina O'Reilley – Effective: 11/15/11; Salary: \$85,000.00

MSV – Sanchez, Rosa-Sosa (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

14. Assistant to the Director of Grant Funding – Amy DaCosta – Effective: 11/15/11; Salary: \$52,000.00

MSV – Lalli, Sanchez (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

15. School Transformation Coordinator – Kristi Bond – Effective: 11/15/11; Salary: \$87,320.00

MSV – Sanchez, Oliveira (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

16. Pre-K Program Site, Beautiful Beginnings

MSV – Lalli, Sanchez (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

17. Pre-K Program Site, Ready to Learn Providence

MSV – Oliveira, Sanchez (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

18. Michael Faggella-Luby PhD

MSV – Lalli, Rosa-Sosa (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

19. Natalie Olinghouse PhD

MSV – Oliveira, Sanchez (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

20. Teachscape

MSV – Sanchez, Oliveira (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

21. Contract Approvals: Pre-K Program Site, Beautiful Beginnings; Pre-K Program Site, Ready to Learn Providence; Michael Faggella-Luby PhD; Natalie Olinghouse PhD; Teachscape

GOVERNANCE

22. Future Board Elections

ACTION ITEMS

23. Vote on Superintendent Search

The Board voted on this item with the condition that there would be a Workshop on the Process for the Superintendent Search within 10 days.

MSV – Sanchez, Oliveira (4-1) MOTION APPROVED 1 ABSTENTION

24. Update/Resolution on Innovation Schools (PLA)

MSV – Sanchez, Lalli (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

FUTURE MEETINGS

25. November 21, 2011 – Policy Committee Meeting; November 22, 2011 – Full Board Hearings; November 28, 2011 – December 10, 2011 – Full Board Hearings

RETIREMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

26. Retirements & Resignations

8:30PM - A Motion was made to Convene in Executive Session – MSV – Sanchez, Lalli

Roll Call: Oliveira Aye, Rosa-Sosa Aye, Pande Aye, Sanchez Aye, Lalli Aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION

27. Vote to Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)Personnel; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)Collective Bargaining & Litigation & Innovation Schools; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)School Board Job Performance & Board Retreat; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(9)Level B Grievances

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

28. There were votes taken in Executive Session

ADJOURN

21. Adjourn Meeting – The meeting adjourned at 11:00PM