

MINUTES
PROVIDENCE SCHOOL BOARD
797 WESTMINSTER STREET
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
DECEMBER 12, 2011

CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order 6:30pm –Due to the fact that Acting President Nina Pande could not be here tonight Board Member Brian Lalli stepped up to run the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM

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

Board Members Absent: Nina Pande and Maila Touray

2. Superintendent's Comments – Superintendent Lusi congratulated Central High School staff and students on their NEASC Accreditation. Dr. Lusi also said she and the Mayor would be visiting The Mayors Institute in Boston tomorrow to increase community and business efforts. In closing Dr. Lusi wished everyone Happy Holidays.

APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda

A Vote was taken to Table Item # 9 The Executive Director of Human Relations & Labor Relations to 12/19/11 and to change the order of the Agenda and hear the Report on Contracts after the Report on Personnel

MSV – Wise, Dash (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Right to be Heard – Began at 6:36PM and ended at 6:42PM
 - Jean Link – Asked a few questions about the ARAMARK budget. She wanted to know how it was possible to approve the ARAMARK budget this year for the same amount of last year when we closed down several schools and they no longer maintained them.
 - Steve Smith – Wished everyone a Happy Holiday. He also stated he didn't know why everyone was so impressed with Achievement First and their borderline presentation. I can say Feinstein High School closed down and the students spoke

out and when they did the teachers were accused of using their students. He also stated five schools closed even though they made AYP. Achievement First is against a longer school day and they are copying materials. We need consistency and we need to value the people who work for us.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments
 - Brian Lalli informed everyone his term was up and this might be the last meeting he would attend if he was not reappointed.
 - Nick Hemond informed everyone there would be a Policy Committee Meeting on the 19th.
 - Robert Wise - Thanked Brian Lalli for the years of service he has put into the School Board and children of Providence.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Minutes 11-28-11
7. Personnel Actions
8. Consent Agenda Approval: Minutes 11-28-11; Personnel Actions
MSV – Sanchez, Oliveira (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

REPORT ON PERSONNEL

9. Executive Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations
This item was tabled for the next meeting 12/22/11
10. Director of Partnerships and Development – Jennifer Steinfeld
MSV – Dash, Wise (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

11. Contract for CCRI – CISCO Training Academy
 12. Contract for Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)
 13. Title I, No Child Left Behind, Supplemental Educational Services contracts for SES providers
 14. PASCO Scientific – Professional Development Services
 15. Contract for Young Leaders Fellowship Brother Ray Smith
 16. Contract for redesign LLC
- A Vote was taken to take contracts 11-16 as a group**
MSV – Wise, Sanchez (7-0) MOTION APPROVED
A Vote was taken to approve contracts
MSV – Wise, Sanchez (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

17. Contract for Family Liaison, Andrea Aruajo Family Center at Juanita Sanchez Educational Complex
 18. Contract for Carlos Bryant – Intervention Specialist
 19. Contract for Shawndell Burney – Intervention Specialist
 20. Contract for Deborah Meiklejon, RIPIN (Rhode Island Parent Information Network)
- Contracts 17-20 were put on for informational purposes only, they will be voted on December 19, 2011**

POLICY & PLANNING

21. Advanced Placement Policy – 2nd Read
22. Student Assignment Policy – 2nd Read

GOVERNANCE

23. Financial Update

WORKSHOP

24. Update on Improvements to Student Registration and Placement
25. Update on Innovation Schools & Community Forums

FUTURE MEETINGS

26. December 19, 2011 – Special Meeting & Policy Committee Meeting; January 9, 2012 – Regular Business Meeting; January 23, 2011 – Workshop Meeting

RETIREMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

27. Retirements & Resignations

7:37PM - A Roll Call Vote was taken to Convene in Executive Session

Hemond Aye, Oliveira Aye, Rosa-Sosa Aye, Lalli Aye, Sanchez Aye, Wise Aye, Dash Aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION

28. Move to convene in Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(9) Hold a hearing on a grievance filed Pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining & Litigation; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1) Superintendent's Search; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(9) and Reconvene in Open Session

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

29. There were no votes taken

ADJOURN

30. Adjourn Meeting – The meeting adjourned at 8:40PM