

MINUTES

Providence School Department
797 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
APRIL 9, 2012

CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order – Board President Keith Oliveira called the meeting to order at 6:35PM
Board Members Present: Keith Oliveira, Nina Pande, Julian Dash, Barbara Wong and Natalia Rosa-Sosa
Nicholas Hemond arrived at 7:03PM

Board Members Absent: Maila Touray, Robert Wise and Magaly Sanchez
2. Superintendent's Comments – Recognitions for the Hope High School Soccer Team
 - Superintendent Lusi congratulated the Hope High School Soccer Team. She then read a letter from Thomas Mezzanotte on Hopes athletic accomplishments.
 - Superintendent Lusi congratulated Carleton Jones for his new position with the Boston Public Schools and let him know that he would be greatly missed within the district.

APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda
The School Board may vote to approve any revision, adoption, and/or ordering of the Agenda. The Superintendent may withdraw, note changes or amendments to agenda items at this time.
A Motion was made at this time to amend the Agenda
Item #10 was changed from an Action Item to an Informational
MSV – Pande, Wong (5-0) MOTION APPROVED
The order of Item #11 was changed and put before Item #10
MSV – Pande, Wong (5-0) MOTION APPROVED
A Vote was taken to approve the Agenda after the changes were made
MSV – Pande, Wing (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Right to be Heard – Began at 6:45PM and ended at 6:54PM
 - Richard Purnell – A member of the Martin Luther King Elementary School PTO who wanted to let the Board know that an Assistant Principal was greatly

needed at the school. I have contact NAESP and learned that they advocate for an AP being provided where there are 400 or more students in a school. I spoke to you last summer and expressed my concern about MLK needing an Assistant Principal especially when they received more students when the other schools were closed. Now I am here again because right now the school has 400 plus students and they are in dire need of an AP which should be added to the budget. Now with the new evaluation process the Principal is really busy and could really use the help to run the school more smoothly.

- Alicia Bell – I am the parent of a first grader and I also belong to the PTO. I would like to reiterate what Mr. Purnell has just said. I ask your careful consideration to make sure that an AP position has been added to the budget for MLK. The population has grown and we are 1 of 3 schools in the district without an Assistant Principal.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments

- Keith Oliveira - I want to let everyone know that we have confirmed 3 interviews for the Superintendents position. We are holding 2 interviews on Friday and one on Saturday. We also have High School graduations coming up and we are looking at who will be attending those graduations. Hope High School will be holding their NEASC session 4/29 – 5/2 and Nicholas Hemond and I participated in the Classical High School NEASC session. I would also like to acknowledge Carleton Jones for leaving the district. I know you took a lot of the heat when we made the decision to close schools down and I would like to thank you for it. I would also like to congratulate you and thank you for everything you did for the district.
- Nina Pande – I would like to thank Mr. Jones for all of his service. You were our saving grace in the district.
- Julian Dash – I would also like to piggy back on what my colleagues have said and thank Carleton Jones for everything he did for the district.

CONSENT AGENDA

Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends School Board approval of Consent Agenda items.

6. Minutes 3-26-12
7. Home School Candidates
8. Personnel Actions

9. Consent Agenda Approval: Minutes 3-26-12; Home School Candidates; Personnel Actions
MSV – Pande, Rosa-Sosa (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

ACTION ITEMS

10. Discussion/Action on 2012-2013 Budget Action
This item was changed from Action to Informational and will be voted on 4/16/12
11. Letter in Support of H-7863
MSV – Pande, Rosa-Sosa (6-0) MOTION APPROVED

RETIREMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

12. Retirements & Resignations

8:07PM - A Motion was made to Convene in Executive Session

MSV – Pande, Rosa-Sosa (6-0) MOTION APPROVED

Roll Call: Wong Aye, Rosa-Sosa Aye, Hemond Aye, Oliveira Aye, Pande Aye, Dash Aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Executive Session Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(9) Level B Grievances; RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining & Litigation
A Motion was made to move out of Executive Session
MSV – Pande, Dash (6-0) MOTION APPROVED

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

14. There was a vote taken and the minutes were sealed
A Motion was made to seal the minutes
MSV – Pande, Rosa-Sosa (6-0) MOTION APPROVED

ADJOURN

15. The meeting adjourned at 10:10PM
A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting
MSV – Pande, Dash (6-0) MOTION APPROVED