

# Providence Schools

Regular School Board Meeting  
March 16, 2022

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
797 WESTMINSTER STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 (6:30 PM)

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### ROLL CALL

VP Garcia

Kinzel Thomas  
Diagneris Garcia  
Mark Santow  
Travis Escobar  
Elizabeth Goldberg  
Jesus Nunez  
TyRelle Stephens  
Night Jean Muhingabo

### Convene Meeting

#### 1. Call to Order

Call to Order

**Recommendation:** Call the meeting to order

President Tomas called the meeting to order at 6:27. A quorum is present

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Roll Call

Roll Call

**Recommendation:** Roll Call

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### 4. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent's Comments

**Recommendation:** No recommendation required.

Dr. Montanez gave comments about vaccines and masks. Top priority will be given to several areas of concern.

### Approve Agenda

### 5. Approval of the Agenda

Approve agenda as presented

**Recommendation:** Approve agenda as presented.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Travis Escobar)** Moved, Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

### Recognitions

### 6. PPSD Cares Award(s)

PPSD Cares Award(s)

**Recommendation:** N/A

### Public Comments

### 7. Public Comment - Right to Be Heard

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Public Comment: Members of the community who wish to address the School Board must sign-up by 4 p.m. the day of the School Board meeting. Instructions to sign-up for public comment during virtual meetings are available on the Providence School Board website: <https://www.providenceschools.org/domain/118>. An individual may speak for up to three minutes. Comments may also be submitted in writing. Groups or organizations are encouraged to appoint a spokesperson. PLEASE NOTE: The School Board welcomes comments from the public but does not engage in dialogue with the public during school board meetings.

**Recommendation:** No recommendation required.

Marquis Brown Jones was the first to speak. Next was Anita Bruno, speaking about the Superintendent vetting process. Next was Lisa Niebels a parent and grand parent of Providence students. She also spoke about the importance of having a permanent Superintendent. Next was Melissa Hughes who is involved in PPSD at several levels and had concerns about collaboration and sharing of information and the letter she just received was in seven different languages. Cindy Robles was next and shared concern about the search for a permanent Superintendent. Mr. Watson spoke about a situation that occurred at Mt. Pleasant with a student who needed to be detained. Next was Ramona Santos Torres. She spoke about visiting classes and found disappointing environments in the schools. Bella Noka was next and spoke about standing up for the disadvantaged children and the person chosen to lead should be a very special person indeed. Mr. Chris Bull was next and is a teacher at PCTA and his concern was about a permanent Superintendent and the grading policy that cannot give a zero and who cannot fail. Next was Michelle Miller and spoke against the mask mandate. Ms. Rosa Aguiar spoke against the mask mandate. Becky DeStefano spoke next also against the mask mandate. Maddalena Cirignotta also spoke against the mask mandate. Adriana Bonilla was next and spoke against the mask mandate. Mr. Enrique Sanchez empathized with those who spoke against the mask mandate, but spoke about parent involvement and wished the search for a permanent Superintendent was more transparent. Ms. Williams' remarks concerned DelSesto Middle school and her son had been suspended. Ms. Roberta Engles was next and is a teacher in PPSD and her remarks concerned the Turnaround Action Plan and that information should be more transparent. Next was Mr. Weeks spoke that even though he moved to RI he kept his son in the Boston School System and was surprised about a teacher who was dismissed. He recommends that case be revisited. Brother Gary spoke the plight of minority students in PPSD. Ms. Shirley Frances Frasier spoke on the need for a permanent superintendent as soon as possible. The following documents were

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submitted as emails to the Board and are listed here: Dear Providence School Board Members, As a member of the Community Design Team, we were told throughout the process how important community input and involvement is by RIDE. However, RIDE has not followed through on that transparency and community involvement. It is imperative that PPSD parents and students have a voice in the hiring process of a permanent superintendent, and that the hiring process is transparent. Regards, Andrew Poyant March 16, 2022 Christine Healy Waldeck 29 Nelson Street Providence, RI 02908 Esteemed Members of the Providence School Board: Thank you all so very much for your service to the families of Providence. I am a Providence resident of 27 years and a proud Mother of two. Between my 2 children, my family and I have been involved in the Providence Public Schools for 13 years. I have had the wonderful privilege of serving as a Vice President of our PTO, served as a parent leader on the Local Advisory Committee for Special Education, and served on the Parent Advisory Council. I'm here tonight to express my deep concerns over the prolonged facemask mandate upon our children. As a Mother of medically complex children, I am extremely cognizant of the dangers of infectious disease, particularly with the SARS-CoV-2 virus and variants. I empathize with all the Providence families and teachers who also have medically complex children, who are caring for elders, or who are immunocompromised, (as I, and members of my family, are also immunocompromised.) That is why I will always strongly support any student, teacher, staff member, or family member who \*chooses\* to wear a face covering for themselves. I wholeheartedly support facemask Choice for all! My concerns lie with the current policy that mandates every student to wear a face covering all day while at school. I have deep empathy and compassion for all the children who are very negatively impacted from this practice. I am particularly empathetic for all of the Providence children who are learning to read, learning multiple languages, have disabilities, sensory issues, speech delays, learning delays, social emotional issues, and are suffering health problems from wearing a facecovering for 6 plus hours per day. My daughter, who is non verbal has multiple disabilities including Autism, is not able to wear a mask for a prolonged period. In addition, she has a very difficult time understanding language, directions, social cues, facial recognition and emotions from others who \*are\* wearing a mask. According to the PPSD Health and Safety Guidance on page 3, My daughter is eligible for a facemask accommodation because PPSD will honor a waiver for " a person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of a disability as defined by the American With Disabilities

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Act.” However, I think of all the Providence children who currently do NOT have an “official” disability diagnosis, IEP or 504, but are being monitored for a disability, autism, speech delays, reading delays, ADHD... Has the district reached out to these families to offer facemask accommodations? What about the 3,360 children in the district already receiving special education services? Out of concern for the children, the district should be proactive and reach out to these students and families, since many families may not be aware of their child’s rights. The CDC has very recently acknowledged in updated recommendations that the prolonged wearing of face coverings can very negatively impact certain children, particularly “young children or students learning to read, students learning a new language, people with disabilities, people who need to see the proper shape of mouth when learning vowel sounds, and people who are deaf or hard of hearing.” In addition, a recent RI Superior Court hearing of Southwell and McKee, Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Lanphear ruled that prolonged facemasking of students caused “irreputable harm to the children of families involved in the lawsuit”. Families and teachers in the lawsuit, and many other families and teachers at a recent State House Committee hearing, and RIDE/Board of Education meeting, have testified that, because of the policy that requires their children to cover their mouths with cloth for 6+ hours per day, their children are suffering health issues such as decreased oxygen saturation levels, anxiety, lethargy, migraine headaches, untreatable face skin rashes, fungal infections, acne, impetigo, asthma attacks, depression, regression in academic skills, loss of social skills, loss of speech, loss of interest in schoolwork and school activities. The most disturbing fact about the school facemask mandate is that we simply do not have the data that proves that forcing a child to wear a facecovering that inhibits their ability to breathe, speak, or communicate is safe and effective for every child. The March 2, 2022 issue of The Atlantic recently published a powerful piece that focuses on compelling testimonies of parents and speech language pathologists about the dangers and unknowns of prolonged wearing of facemasks in school children. In the article, the author interviews many parents and experts who are extremely concerned how this practice may be damaging an entire generation of children who missed the “developmental window” of learning to speak and communicate effectively. Additionally, The CDC has now also acknowledged that many facemasks are ineffective due to incorrect fit, inappropriate fiber, and inconsistent wearing. I respectfully beseech the Providence School Board, Commissioner Infante-Green, and the Board of Education to please take the time to read the articles, updated data, and scientific studies that I have included in my

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written letter. Please acknowledge that NOT ALL children can safely, nor effectively, wear a face covering regardless of whether or not they have a disability. Please advocate for inclusive, less invasive solutions that do not involve our children being forced to wear an ineffective medical apparatus in order to receive an education. If the facemask mandate is tied to school funding, I implore the Board to seek other sources of funding that will not require our children's safety, educational experience, and bodily autonomy to be compromised. Please advocate for proper ventilation and working windows in all classrooms. Please make sure that all sinks are working, and there is ample soap, working air driers, or paper towels for proper hand hygiene. Please help advocate for paid sick and family leave so families and teachers can stay home, and keep sick children home without fear of losing wages. Please help families gain access to diversified healthcare. Please be cognizant of the fact that many children and teachers may be already immune from previous COVID infection. Esteemed Members of the Board, it is my sincere hope, that, after taking the time to read the articles, data, and updated CDC recommendations regarding accommodations, the Board will recognize and respect the special, diverse, and unique needs of all of our precious children. Please follow the examples of other districts in the State of RI, and help Providence Public Schools become Facemask Optional. Going OPTIONAL is the best way forward so teachers and students who desire to wear face mask can feel free to do so, while simultaneously ensuring that all Providence children are treated fairly, and have equal access to their education and services. THANK YOU very much. I deeply appreciate your time and consideration. Christine Healy Waldeck Providence 401-441-9694 Good afternoon, I am requesting that my email be read in addition to any person who is present at the Providence School Board meeting tonight during the Public Input agenda item. I officially request the Board reviews the Mask Mandate that is still inflicted on the students in Providence schools. My request is not to have the masks banned but rather, made optional. I understand the vaccination rate in Providence is low, however, there has been ample time/opportunity/access to free vaccines for those who want them. Making the masks optional gives any person who might still be anxious/cautious of contracting/spreading COVID, the opportunity to feel safe and protected. I have two sons in Providence public schools. Allergy season is approaching and asking these students to sit with their faces covered all day while suffering severe seasonal allergies is not only unfair, it is inhumane. Last year they had the option of distance learning, this year they do not. Please consider my request as a concerned parent and read aloud during the meeting. Best regards, Jennifer LeBeau Sent by

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electronic mail to [boardservices@ppsd.org](mailto:boardservices@ppsd.org) Providence School Board 797 Westminster Street Providence, RI 02906 March 16, 2022 Dear President Thomas and Members of the Providence School Board, My name is Aarav Sundaresh and I am a Providence resident and Providence teacher. I'm writing today to express my support for community input in decision-making for PPSD and a transparent process for the good of our kids and public schools. Specifically, we need a process for hiring a new PPSD superintendent today! Prior to the state takeover of Providence Schools, I understand that the School Board had a transparent process in hiring a superintendent. We need that again-- the new superintendent should be chosen in a clear process that involves the community and the PPSD School Board. I hope that the School Board pushes RIDE for the immediate posting of the position, as well as a blueprint for the timeline, plans for community involvement, and metrics with non-negotiable timelines and commitments. Further, I hope the School Board calls for an end to the state takeover. After two and-a-half years, the takeover has failed to meet the promise of efficient, effective and responsive district administration-- one of the Turnaround Action Plan's four foundational principles. Thank you for your attention to this matter and your ongoing advocacy for Providence students. Please contact me with any questions. Sincerely, Aarav Sundaresh 54 Locust St. Providence, RI 0290 From: [pilarmcloud@yahoo.com](mailto:pilarmcloud@yahoo.com) Date: March 14, 2022 at 4:26:22 PM EDT To: [boardservices@ppsd.org](mailto:boardservices@ppsd.org) Subject: A concerned community member/partner Good evening Providence school board, I write this with a heavy heart as I am thoroughly confused by the actions that I have seen or the lack thereof, in regards to the treatment of our black and brown students since the take over. There seems to be a lot of moving parts but nothing is transparent and nothing seems to make sense. People are coming and going, teachers administrators like we are in the land of Oz! Yet the community seems to be able to get no answers, there are no open meetings where we can express ourselves our concerns be taken seriously and have serious action done to address them. The board seems to be very quiet on a lot of issues, and only one or two people on the board seem to have the passion, dedication and wherewithal to go out and fight for our students! My nonprofit ASC Youth Organization has been a community partner with PPSD for more than five years now. We have been out in the community working with young people from Nathaniel Greene middle school to Mount Pleasant high school. In all schools in between. Yet I have not heard one parent or one child from the community say that their educational experience has improved since the takeover. I have heard about people being fired, I have heard about administrators

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getting raises, I have heard about so many people being involved wanting to know who is telling what to whom, yet the students and their parents have yet to say publicly that they have gotten an improved education since the state takeover. What is the board doing to address this? Why are we having such a Scannable but if you will, in regards to the superintendent position? And why are community members taxpayers citizens community organizers scratching our heads wondering what the hell is going on over at PPSD and with the board that I thought was put their elected selected in order to ensure that I will black and brown students get the best education possible! Yet I have not seen this at all. And I would love some answers you can either respond back to this email or you can feel free to give me a call at 917-742-6910. Or we can set up a date and sit down and have a cuppa coffee because I would love to know what is going on! And trust me, I am not alone. Have a good day! Pilar McCloud A Sweet Creation Youth Org The Pilar McCloud Experience United Way Young Leaders Circle D.E.I Specialist

### School Board Member Comments

#### 8. School Board Comments

School Board Comments

**Recommendation:** No recommendation required

Mr. Stephens thanked each person who spoke tonight. Mr. Escobar also spoke on the importance of public comments and that RIDE should be a partner with PPSD. Dr. Santow also made remarks about the work that should and could be done. Mr. Muhingabo gave remarks as did Mr. Nunez. Dr. Goldberg thanked all those that came to the meeting tonight and related a personal story about her son and his school .VP Garcia related that Rachel Palumbo will be missed. President Thomas commented that the School Board is and should be a forum for discussion for all parents. Laura Hart was thanked for her service and good works.

### School Board Committee Updates

#### 9. Policy Committee

Policy Committee

**Recommendation:** N/A



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Dr. Santow spoke about the Policy Committee and the process of Home and Hospital Instruction Policy that is being worked on.

### **10. Finance Committee**

Finance Committee

**Recommendation:** N/A

Dr. Goldberg spoke on the contracts that were approved by the committee. Zach Scott answered questions concerning some of the contracts.

## **Consent Agenda**

### **11. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be approved by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of any member of the Board and action upon separately.

**Recommendation:** Approve consent agenda as presented.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve consent agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

### **12. Approval of Minutes - February 16, 2022**

Approval of Minutes - February 16, 2022

**Recommendation:** Approve minutes as presented

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve minutes as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

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Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

### **13. Approval of Health and Wellness Meeting Minutes - December 15, 2021**

Approval of Health and Wellness Meeting Minutes - December 15, 2021

**Recommendation:** Approve minutes as presented

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve minutes as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

### **14. Home and Hospital Instruction Policy (1st Read)**

Review of revised Home and Hospital Instruction Policy.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes

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Jesus Nunez Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes  
Night Jean Muhingabo Yes

### 15. LinkedIn Contract

LinkedIn Contract

**Recommendation:** Admin recommends approval.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Admin recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes  
Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes  
Jesus Nunez Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes  
Night Jean Muhingabo Yes

### 16. Generation Teach Summer 2022 Contract

Generation Teach Contract Summary

The program will focus on math acceleration for 90 minutes/day and will also feature 90 minutes of reading and law classes designed to develop reading and writing skills, as well as the academic background knowledge critical to successful reading in middle and high school. Generation Teach will also provide elective programming, including engineering, coding, art, and sports as secondary aspects of the program

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes  
Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes



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Jesus Nunez Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes  
Night Jean Muhingabo Yes

**17. CTE Sole Source/Intelitek Contract**

CTE Sole Source/Intelitek Contract

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes  
Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes  
Jesus Nunez Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes  
Night Jean Muhingabo Yes

**18. National Association of School Psychologists Contract**

This purchase would provide all PPSD School Psychologists with memberships to the National Association of School Psychologists. By offering memberships to the National Association of School Psychologists, it would grant immediate access to access to resources, discounted professional development, the latest news and research in the profession, and the ability to connect with a network of 24,500 colleagues.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes  
Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes  
Jesus Nunez Yes



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TyRelle Stephens Yes  
Night Jean Muhingabo Yes

**19. American School Counselors Association Contract**

This purchase would provide all PPSD School Counselors with memberships to both American School Counselors Association as well as the RI School Counselors Association. By offering these memberships, it would grant immediate access to award-winning periodicals, discounted publications, professional development, liability insurance, ASCA National Model App, ASCA Scene; online community connecting School Counselors and monthly newsletters.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes  
Diagneris Garcia Yes  
Mark Santow Yes  
Travis Escobar Yes  
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes  
Jesus Nunez Yes  
TyRelle Stephens Yes  
Night Jean Muhingabo Yes

**20. National Association of Social Workers Contract**

This purchase would offer memberships to all PPSD Social Workers to the National Association of School Social Workers. By offering memberships to the National Association of Social Workers, it would grant immediate access to resources that allow Social Workers to advance their careers (journals, practice updates, continuing education), protecting the practice (legal resources, free ethics consultations, HIPAA resources), connection with peers and resources to advocate for social justice, legislative alerts.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

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Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

### **21. School Social Work Association of America Contract**

This purchase would fund memberships for all PPSD Social Workers to the School Social Work Association of America. By offering premier memberships to the School Social Work Association of America, it would grant immediate access to Practice Liability Insurance, bi-weekly Newsletters, members only access to website resources, discounts to webinars and conferences, resources and tools to enhance School Social Work practice, School Social Work Resource Library.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

### **22. Instructure Contract**

Instructure Contract

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

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Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

### **23. Education Pioneers Contract**

Education Pioneers - one (1) EP Impact Fellow and one (1) EP COVID Response Fellow

**Recommendation:** Recommended for approval

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommended for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

### **24. Harvard SDP Fellows for Finance and Accountability Contract**

Payments to Harvard University for the hiring of two Strategic Data Project fellows for PPSD

**Recommendation:** Recommended for approval

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommended for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

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Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes

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Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

### Action Items

#### 25. Review of Homeschool Candidates

We'll review complete homeschool application(s) to be approved by the School Board. Accompanying documentation is not available publicly to protect student-identifying information.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends approval.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Mark Santow)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

#### 26. Stage II Submission

Vote on Stage II Submission presented last month

**Recommendation:** Admin recommends approval.

Joan Jackson gave the presentation on Stage II and answered questions from the Board.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Travis Escobar)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Admin recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
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Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

### Presentations

#### 27. Turnaround Action Plan Quarterly Update

Turnaround Action Plan Quarterly Update

**Recommendation:**

Joan Jackson and Zach Scott gave the presentation and answered questions.

### Executive Session

#### 28. Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Sec. §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Teacher Termination

The School Board must vote on the stated purposes in public to enter into Executive Session.

**Recommendation:** Seek to convene in Executive Session R.I. Gen. Laws. Sec. 42-46-5(a)(1) – Personnel Action

The matter that was under consideration for Executive Session was resolved and the session was not needed.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (xxxxx) Moved, Member (xxxxx) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Seek to convene in Executive Session R.I. Gen. Laws. Sec. 42-46-5(a)(1) – Personnel Action'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (xx) Nay: (xx). The motion ( ). (xx) - (xx)

### Report on Executive Session Votes



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**29. Report on Executive Session Votes**

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**Recommendation:**

**Adjourn**

**30. Adjourn Meeting**

Adjourn Meeting

**Recommendation:** No recommendation required

Meeting was adjourned at 10:01.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'No recommendation required'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

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Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes