



## MINUTES -DRAFT

### Providence School Board Regular Meeting

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-25 issued by the Governor of Rhode Island, the Providence School Board held this meeting remotely. A recording is available on the Providence School Board YouTube channel at [bit.ly/pvdschoolboard](https://bit.ly/pvdschoolboard)

October 21, 2020

#### CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order – Acting Chair, Vice-President Pande called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call--Board Members Present: Nina Pande, Travis Escobar, Diagneris Garcia, Muyideen Ibiyemi, Elizabeth Goldberg, Mark Santow and Kinzel Thomas.

Board Member Nicholas Hemond was not in attendance.

2. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Harrison Peters shared with the Board that this week RIDE honored educators around the state. He highlighted the Providence 2020 Teacher of the Year awardee, Ms. Ekaete Okon, teacher at Carl G. Lauro Elementary.

The superintendent said that Ms. Okon is a dedicated and inspiring educator, and during their conversations, she shared with him that "first and foremost, you have to know where these children are coming from. If you know where they are coming from and you try to have empathy for them, it makes a huge difference."

Superintendent Peters updated the board on school building and classroom ventilation, installing fans, HEPA filters, and readjusting of HVAC systems to increase fresh air intake.

Every teacher should have the proper PPE (mask, hand sanitizer and wipes). If additional supplies needed to contact their supervisor or the network leaders.

Superintendent Harrison expressed his appreciation to the grant team, who worked very hard for the \$10 million, a three-year TSL grant which the district was awarded to help develop world class talent, including a principal residency program.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda

**A motion was made to approve the agenda**

**MSV – Thomas, Ibiyemi (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. Public Comment-Right to Be Heard- There were no public comments

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS**

5. School Board Comments – There were no school board comments

**CONSENT AGENDA**

6. Approval of Minutes - July 29, 2020
  7. Home School Candidates
- A motion was made to approve the consent agenda**  
**MSV – Thomas, Ibiyemi (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

**REPORT ON CONTRACTS**

8. American Reading Company (Amendment)
  9. Multistate Association for Bilingual Education (MABE)
  10. Amendment to Catapult Learning Contract
  11. Council of Great City Schools
  12. Stephanie Pagliarini- RIC School Psychology Training Program
  13. Michael Ashby- RIC School Psychology Training Program
  14. Children and Youth Cabinet of RI at TSNE Mission Works
  15. CBS Therapy Services
- A motion was made to approve items eight to 15 as one vote.**  
**MSV – Ibiyemi, Goldberg (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

**PRESENTATIONS**

16. School Reopening Plan – presented by Superintendent Harrison Peters, Zack Scott Chief Operating Officer  
**Item 16 was informational only, no votes taken.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

17. Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1) Personnel; RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(9) Level B Grievances  
**A motion was made to enter into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1) Personnel; RIGL 42-46-5 RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(9) Level B Grievances**  
  
**MSV – Thomas, Ibiyemi - MOTION APPROVED (7-0) on a roll call vote: Pande, Escobar, Garcia, Goldberg, Ibiyemi, Santow, and Thomas.**

*Board Member Travis Escobar subsequently left the meeting*

**REPORT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

18. Report on Executive Session Votes – There were five (5) votes taken
  - 1) **A motion was made to uphold the Superintendent’s recommendation related to personnel.**  
**MSV – Thomas, Santow - MOTION APPROVED (6-0)**
  - 2) **A motion was made to uphold the Superintendent’s recommendation related to grievances.**  
**MSV – Santow, Thomas - MOTION APPROVED (6-0)**

- 3) **A motion was made to uphold the Superintendent’s recommendation related to grievances.  
MSV –Thomas, Santow - MOTION APPROVED (6-0)**
- 4) **A motion was made to seal the minutes  
MSV – Thomas, Ibiyemi - MOTION APPROVED (6-0)**
- 5) **A motion was made to come out of Executive Session  
MSV- Thomas, Goldberg (6-0) MOTION APPROVED**

**A motion was made to seal the minutes in public session  
MSV – Thomas, Santow (6-0) MOTION APPROVED**

**ADJOURN**

19. Adjourn Meeting

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.  
MSV- Thomas, Santow (6-0) MOTION APPROVED**