

Providence School Department
797 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903

Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2023 (5:30pm)

Minutes

1.0 Convene Meeting

1.1 Call to Order- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Ibiyemi at 5:40 Pm

In Attendance: Toni Akin; Ty'Relle Stephens; Chairman Ibiyemi

Herman James; Salvador Pellerano; Brian Wilson; Peter Kazarian; Thomas Morgan; Melissa Hughes;

**Meeting was livestreamed on Youtube.com Providence School Board
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2.0 Approve Agenda

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation to approve agenda as presented

Moved Toni Akin, seconded by Ty'Relle Stephens (3-0) Motion Approved

3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Minutes-November 8, 2023

Recommendation to approve minutes as presented

Moved Toni Akin, seconded by Ty'Relle Stephens (3-0) Motion Approved

4.0 Report on Contracts (list contracts/ Explanation of contracts)

4.1 **Senior School District Administrator Hiring**

Herman James, Chief Talent Officer introduced the newly appointed Chief of School Improvement and Innovation, Craig Creller. Mr. James gave a short introduction of Mr. Creller's achievements throughout his career.

Ty'Relle Stephens asked that Human Resources provide resumes. Item listed as info/action. No vote taken informational only.

4.2 **Partners Technology- Clocks, bells and intercom services**

Salvador Pellerano, Chief of Operations; Brian Wilson, Coordinator of Technology; Peter Kazarian, Facilities Manager; presented for the Partners Technology Contract. Mr. Pellerano spoke on behalf of why this contract is important. Telecommunications infrastructure within the district has become significantly outdated and difficult to maintain support that are well over 20 years old.

Questions asked from committee members.

Committee asked for a breakdown of expenditures and information of the company to be sent to the board members in preparation of the board meeting.

Motion to move item to 4.2

**Moved Toni Akin, seconded by Muyideen Ibiyemi, Ty'Relle Stephens
Abstain (2-1) Motion Approved**

4.3 Migration hours for assessments

Craig Creller, Chief of School Improvement and Innovation presented on the Instructure contract, which is an amendment to the original contract for migration hours for assessments. PPSD has used this company that provides other services to the district. This service would be to provide additional time to upload all curriculum assessments into Mastery Connect which is the software that is used.

Questioned asked from committee members

Moved Ty'Relle Stephens, seconded by Toni Akin (3-0) Motion Approved

5.0 Adjourn

5.1 Adjourn Meeting- Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Ibiyemi at 6:18

Moved Toni Akin, seconded by Ty'Relle Stephens (3-0) Motion Approved

Next School Board Meeting December 13, 2023