

Providence Schools

Providence Schools Full Board Meeting
January 18, 2023

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
797 WESTMINSTER STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 (6:00 PM)

ROLL CALL

VP Garcia
Kinzel Thomas
Diagneris Garcia
Mark Santow
Travis Escobar
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi
TyRelle Stephens

Scott Sutherland, Sandra Stuart, Nikoli Onye, Sal Pellerano, James Scott, Charles Ruggeirio, Chris Patisce, Zach Scott, Oscar Paz

Convene Meeting

1. Call to Order

Call to Order

Recommendation: Call the meeting to order

Meeting called to order at 6:05 by President Thomas.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll Call

Recommendation: Roll Call

Mr. Muhingabo was absent. All others were present. There was a quorum.

4. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent's Comments

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

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Mr. Scott Sutherland gave remarks while the Superintendent is still on convalescent leave.

Approve Agenda

5. Approval of the Agenda

Approve agenda as presented

Recommendation: Approve agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes

Public Comments

6. Public Comment - Right to Be Heard

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.

First speaker was Suzy Quinn. Next was Katelyn Crudale. Michelle Miller spoke next. Patrick Shelton was next. Latrice Suriel spoke next. The next speaker was Jayleen Suriel. James Suriel spoke next. The next speaker was Keisha Roman Dickey. Geoffrey Gunter was next. Dawn Kapanakis was next. The next speaker was Jennifer Dolan. Enrique Sanchez spoke next. The next speaker was David Morales. Kristen DeHertagh spoke next. Ms. Calabro spoke for the next speaker, Ms. Lopez.

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School Board Member Comments

7. School Board Comments

School Board Comments

Recommendation: No recommendation required

President Thomas spoke first and mentioned the changes that will occur. He acknowledged the service of Mr. Nunez and presented a City Citation and a plaque from the District. This is also the final meeting of VP Garcia and presented a City Citation from Mayor Smiley and presented a plaque from the District. President Thomas made remarks that the Board's knowledge and wisdom will continue. Dr. Santow spoke and asked the public to stay for the presentation of facilities. He also thanked the leaving members for their dedication and hard work. Mr. Stephens spoke about the departure of the three Board members and wished them well. Ms. Garcia spoke to the incoming members and wished that they continue the work that has been started and that the takeover will be ended. Mr. Nunez spoke and thanked the Board for their support. Dr. Ibiyemi spoke about and thanked the departing members for their hard work and dedication.

School Board Committee Updates

8. Policy Committee

Policy Committee updates and highlights.

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

Next policy meeting on February 1st and two important policies will be worked on.

9. Finance Committee

Finance Committee updates and highlights.

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

There are contracts to be voted on tonight.

10. Health & Wellness Committee

Health & Wellness Committee updates and highlights.

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

The next meeting is scheduled for next week and community input is welcome. Ms. Garcia thanked Sandra Stuart for her leadership.

Consent Agenda

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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 **(Muyideen A. Ibiyemi)** Moved, Member **(Jesus Nunez)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve consent agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes

12. Approval of Minutes - December 14, 2022

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Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Muyideen A. Ibiyemi)** Moved, Member **(Jesus Nunez)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve minutes as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
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Action Items

13. Review of Homeschool Candidates

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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 removal.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**Jesus Nunez**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends removal'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes

14. DM Group Contract

Recommendation: Approval is recommended.

Was approved as part of the Consent agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**xxxxxx**) Moved, Member (**xxxxxx**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval is recommended'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (**xx**) Nay: (**xx**). The motion **Failed. (xx) - (xx)**

15. Teaching Strategies Contract

Recommendation: Approval is recommended.

Was approved as part of the Consent agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**xxxxxx**) Moved, Member (**xxxxxx**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval is recommended'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (**xx**) Nay: (**xx**). The motion **Failed. (xx) - (xx)**

16. City Year Contract

Recommendation: Approval Is recommended.

WAs approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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Member (xxxxx) Moved, Member (xxxxx) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval Is recommended'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (xx) Nay: (xx). The motion **Failed. (xx) - (xx)**

17. Dr. Mark Gooden Contract

Recommendation: Recommend Approval

Was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (xxxxx) Moved, Member (xxxxx) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend Approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (xx) Nay: (xx). The motion **Failed. (xx) - (xx)**

18. TNTP for Leadership Development

Recommendation: Recommend Approval

Was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (xxxxx) Moved, Member (xxxxx) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend Approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (xx) Nay: (xx). The motion **Failed. (xx) - (xx)**

19. TNTP Job Description

Recommendation: Recommend Approval

Was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (xxxxx) Moved, Member (xxxxx) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommend Approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (xx) Nay: (xx). The motion **Failed. (xx) - (xx)**

Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

There were no items pulled.

Presentations

20. Facilities Update(s) Info

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Zach Scott and Sal Pellerano gave the presentation and answered questions.

Executive Session

21. Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel Teacher Suspension

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

Recommendation: Seek to convene in Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel Action

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Travis Escobar)** Moved, Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Seek to convene in Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel Action'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
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Report on Executive Session Votes

There were three votes taken in Executive Session. One to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation: Moved by Mr. Escobar and seconded by Dr. Santow. Another motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session: Moved by Mr. Escobar, seconded by Dr. Santow. A third motion to come out of Executive Session: moved by Mr. Escobar and seconded by Dr. Santow. All motions were approved unanimously.

22. Report on Executive Session Votes

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Recommendation: N/A

Adjourn

23. Adjourn Meeting

Adjourn Meeting

Recommendation: No recommendation required



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Meeting adjourned at 10:06

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: (**xx**) Nay: (**xx**). The motion (). (**xx**) - (**xx**)