

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
797 WESTMINSTER STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 (6:00 PM)

ROLL CALL

Mark Santow
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi
TyRelle Stephens
Night Jean Muhingabo
Toni Akin
Erlin Rogel
Carolina Roberts-Santana
George Matouk

Scott Sutherland, Sandra Stuart, James Scott, Charles Ruggerio, Zachary Scott

1.0 Convene Meeting

1.1 Call to Order

Call to Order

Recommendation: Call the meeting to order

Meeting called to order at 6:13 pm by Interim President Mark Santow

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call

Roll Call

Recommendation: Roll Call

Mr. Travis Escobar was absent. All others were present. There was a quorum.

1.4 Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent's Comments

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

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

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Election of officers

Recommendation: Election of officers

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Muyideen A. Ibiyemi)** Moved, Member **(Carolina Roberts-Santana)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Election of officers'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

2.2 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 removal.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

2.3 General Laws §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel - Non-Renewal

Recommendation: The School Board vote on the stated purpose.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(xxxxx)** Moved, Member **(xxxxx)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The School Board vote on the stated purpose'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(xx)** Nay: **(xx)**. The motion **()**. **(xx) - (xx)**

3.0 Approve Agenda

3.1 Approval of the Agenda

Approve agenda as presented

Recommendation: Approve agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) 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: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

4.0 Public Comments

4.1 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 did not show.(Jean Rossi) Next speaker was Assistant Principal Amanda Rinalducci from Nathaniel Greene MS. Next speaker Marques Maxson-Taylor did not show. Next speaker Chris LeStrange. Next speaker Katelyn Crudale. Next, Sherri Mooney. Next, Katherine Lopez. Next speaker did not show (Rosauri Marte) Next, speaker Michelle Miller and final speaker was Matthew Taibi.

5.0 School Board Member Comments

5.1 School Board Comments

School Board Comments

Recommendation: No recommendation required

Dr. Ibiyemi acknowledged the last speakers comments in reference to (Mr. Taibi Local Teamsters 251 School and Van Drivers) Dr. Ibiyemi wanted to possibly speak with the Superintendent and or Administrators in regards to Mr. Taibi concerns about school bus contracts. Dr. Ibiyemi wanted to possibly have a discussion and have follow up by the next school board meeting. TyRelle Stephens spoke on the new appointees to the board. He spoke to the crowd in reference to school closings and providing his information on how to get in contact with him. Recommendation to reinstate CTE Committee.

6.0 School Board Committee Updates

6.1 Policy Committee

Policy Committee updates and highlights.

Recommendation: No recommendation required.
No votes on any contracts, discussion on revision of a few policies. Bylaw revisions.
Next policy meeting is March 1.

6.2 Finance Committee

Finance Committee updates and highlights.
Recommendation: No recommendation required.
Dr. Ibiyemi spoke on behalf of the contracts that were passed. Toni Akin is interested in serving on that committee. Dr. Ibiyemi was please to have feedback on the Yondr contract from the Asst. Principal. Next meeting is scheduled March 8.

6.3 Health & Wellness Committee

Health & Wellness Committee updates and highlights.
Recommendation: No recommendation required.
Night Jean Muhingabo spoke on behalf of the Health & Wellness Committee New appointee Carolina Roberts-Santana is interested in joining this board. Next meeting is scheduled March 22.

7.0 Consent Agenda

7.1 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 **(Muyideen A. Ibiyemi)** 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**

Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

7.2 Approval of Minutes - January 18, 2023

Approval of Minutes - January 18, 2023
Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Muyideen A. Ibiyemi)** 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**

Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

7.3 Comadre Speakers Collaborative Contract

Recommendation: Approval for Comadre Speakers Collaborative Contract

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Muyideen A. Ibiyemi)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval for Comadre Speakers Collaborative Contract'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

7.4 E- Rate Maintenance Contract

Recommendation: Approval of E- Rate Maintenance Contract

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Muyideen A. Ibiyemi)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of E- Rate Maintenance Contract'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

7.5 E-Rate Internal Connections

Recommendation: Approval of E-Rate Internal Connections

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Muyideen A. Ibiyemi)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of E-Rate Internal Connections'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Yes

George Matouk Yes

7.6 Yondr Amendment

Recommendation: Approval of the Yondr Amendment

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Muyideen A. Ibiyemi)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of the Yondr Amendment'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

7.7 National Center for Grow Your Own FY 23 + FY 24 Contract

Recommendation: Approval for National Center for Grow Your Own FY 23 + FY 24 Contract

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Muyideen A. Ibiyemi)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval for National Center for Grow Your Own FY 23 + FY 24 Contract'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

8.0 Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

There were no items pulled

9.0 Presentations

Moved to Executive Session

10.0 Executive Session

10.1 Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel - Non-Renewal

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

7:08pm Went into Executive Session

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Muyideen A. Ibiyemi)** 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: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
Carolina Roberts-Santana	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

10.2 Legal Presentation on non-renewal of teachers and legal standards

Recommendation: Information regarding Legal Presentation on non-renewal of teachers and legal standards.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(xxxxx)** Moved, Member **(xxxxx)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Information regarding Legal Presentation on non-renewal of teachers and legal standards'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(xx)** Nay: **(xx)**. The motion **()**. **(xx) - (xx)**

11.0 Report on Executive Session Votes

There were eight votes taken in Executive Session. 1st vote to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation: Moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Ms. Akin 8-0 2nd vote to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation: Moved by Mr. Matouk and seconded by Ms. Akin 8-0 3rd vote to deliberate on Superintendent's recommendation: Moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Dr. Santow 7-1 (Mrs. Roberts-Santana dissenting) 4th vote to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation: Moved by Dr. Ibiyemi and seconded by Mr. Muhingabo Vote 7-1 (Mr. Stephens dissenting) 5th vote to deliberate on Superintendent's recommendation: Moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Matouk vote 8-0 6th vote to uphold Superintendent's recommendation: Moved by Dr. Santow and Dr. Ibiyemi vote 6-2 (Dissenting Mr. Stephens and Mr. Muhingabo) 7th vote to uphold Superintendent's recommendation: Moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Roberts-Santana vote 8-0 8th vote to come out of Executive Session Moved by Mr. Stephens and Mrs. Roberts-Santana vote 8-0

11.1 Report on Executive Session Votes

Report on Executive Session Votes

Recommendation: N/A

12.0 Adjourn

12.1 Adjourn Meeting

Adjourn Meeting

Recommendation: No recommendation required

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Carolina Roberts-Santana)**
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)