

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
797 WESTMINSTER STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 (6:00 PM)

ROLL CALL

Mark Santow
Travis Escobar
TyRelle Stephens
Toni Akin
Erlin Rogel
George Matouk

Zackary Scott, Christopher Petisce, Brian Lemay, Salvador Pellerano

1.0 Convene Meeting

1.1 Call to Order

Call to Order

Recommendation: Call the meeting to order

Meeting called to order by president Rogel at 6:02 pm

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 . (xx) - (xx)

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call

Roll Call

Recommendation: Roll Call

Night Jean Muhingabo Carolina Roberts-Santana Muyideen Ibiyemi were absent.

1.4 Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent's Comments

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

Superintendent comments were in reference to the Spring break Academy was a success by having 1,700 students across the district that came for extra academic support. 898 elementary students, 347 middle school and 471 high school students. Free meal distribution during the vacation was a success, giving out 7,200 boxes of food which is the equivalent to 144,000 meals and it's about 180,000 pounds of food given out families and community. He continued to thank the many partners and

volunteers that help make this a true community event. Announcement of the Edward England Bradford scholarship application is now open and will end on May 5, 2023. This is open for all families regardless of income all are encouraged to apply for \$750.00 scholarship. Eat, play and learn is back, this is a partnership that would have access to year-round learning in several locations of College Vision Summer Prep, Inspiring Minds, Kids bridge summer learning program, Boys and Girls Club, Southern Learning Center, and Generation Tech. These programs offer free meals, recreation opportunities and summer youth jobs. Survey Works had 39% participation which surpassed that TAP goal.

2.0 Approve Agenda

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Approve agenda as presented

Recommendation: Approve agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**Toni Akin**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

3.0 Public Comments

3.1 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.

Amanda Vetelino (Hope HS Teacher) Ms. Vetelino spoke in regards criterion based hiring process Katelyn Crudale (ASF@Broad Parent) Ms. Crudale spoke in regards to the school ASF@ Broad school closing Jessica Sylvester (DelSesto MS Teacher) Ms. Sylvester spoke in regards to the reassignment of the current Principal Mr. Capello at Delsesto Middle School Enrique Sanchez (State Representative) Mr. Sanchez spoke in regards to the principal and asst principals, not handling the problems at the school (Central).

4.0 School Board Member Comments

4.1 School Board Comments

School Board Comments

Recommendation: No recommendation required

Travis Escobar and George Matouk are going to be reinstating the CTE Committee to begin in May. This board will consist of six members. CTE programs to run throughout the summer

5.0 School Board Committee Updates

5.1 Policy Committee

Policy Committee updates and highlights.

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

Policy Committee didn't meet last month due to no quorum. The committee has been working offline that will manifest at the next meeting on May 3. Revised Race Equity Policy and MTSS (Multi tiered System of Support) to be discussed at the next meeting.

5.2 Finance Committee

Finance Committee updates and highlights.

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

Ty'Relle Stephens and Toni Akin spoke in regards to the last three contracts that were voted on at the last committee meeting.

5.3 Health & Wellness Committee

Health & Wellness Committee updates and highlights.

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

Toni Akin spoke in regards to the Health & Wellness Committee.

6.0 Consent Agenda

6.1 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 (**Travis Escobar**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve consent agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

6.2 Approval of Minutes - March 15, 2023

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Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Travis Escobar)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve minutes as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Mark Santow Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes
Toni Akin Yes
Erlin Rogel Yes
George Matouk Yes

6.3 Engage Learning, LLC

Recommendation: Approval is recommended

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Travis Escobar)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval is recommended'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Mark Santow Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes
Toni Akin Yes
Erlin Rogel Yes
George Matouk Yes

6.4 Brown University

Recommendation: Approval is recommended

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Travis Escobar)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval is recommended'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Mark Santow Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes
Toni Akin Yes
Erlin Rogel Yes
George Matouk Yes

6.5 West Ed

Recommendation: Approval is recommended

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Travis Escobar)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval is recommended'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Mark Santow Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes
Toni Akin Yes
Erlin Rogel Yes
George Matouk Yes

7.0 Action Items

7.1 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 **(Mark Santow)** Moved, Member **(Toni Akin)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends removal'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Toni Akin	Yes
Erlin Rogel	Yes
George Matouk	Yes

8.0 Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

There were no items pulled

9.0 Presentations

9.1 FY 24 Budget Update

Budget update presentation presented by Zachary Scott and Christopher Petisce. Board members asked questions in regards to the upcoming budget.

9.2 21st Century Media Centers Initiative and School Safety/Security Updates

Media Centers initiative and School Safety/Security updates were presented by Salvador Pellerano and Brian Lemay. Board members asked questions in regards to the presentation.

10.0 Executive Session

Votes to go into Executive Session were take and meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

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

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 – Non-Renewals

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(George Matouk)** 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 – Non-Renewals'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion . **6 - 0**

Mark Santow	Yes
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Travis Escobar Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes
Toni Akin Yes
Erlin Rogel Yes
George Matouk Yes

11.0 Report on Executive Session Votes

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Report on Executive Session Votes

Recommendation: N/A

Motion to support the Superintendent's recommendation by Ty'Relle Stephens, second by Mark Santow. Vote 6-0 (Ty'Relle Stephens, Mark Santow, Travis Escobar, Erlin Rogel, Toni Akin, George Matouk). Motion to seal the minutes by George Matouk, second by Toni Akin. Vote 6-0 (Ty'Relle Stephens, Mark Santow, Travis Escobar, Erlin Rogel, Toni Akin, George Matouk). Motion to come out of Executive Session by Ty'Relle Stephens, second by Mark Santow Vote 6-0 (Ty'Relle Stephens, Mark Santow, Travis Escobar, Erlin Rogel, Toni Akin, George Matouk).

12.0 Adjourn

12.1 Adjourn Meeting

Adjourn Meeting

Recommendation: No recommendation required