

Providence School Department
797 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903

Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2023 (3:00pm)

Minutes

1.0 Convene Meeting

1.1 Call to Order- Meeting Called to Order by Muyideen Ibiyemi 3:03pm

Board Members: Muyideen Ibiyemi, Toni Akin- Ty'Relle Stephens absent

In Attendance: Cynthia Ramirez; Lino Cambio; Sadeq Sohrabie; Craig Cuellar; Christopher Sanacore; Rebecca Salzman-Fiske; David Conrady; Scott Sutherland; Colene VanBrunt; James Scott; Jennifer Efflandt; Zachary Scott, Brian Lemay; Salvador Pellerano; Sandra Stuart; Ruth Corley; Molly Hannon; Christopher Petisce, Kristen Henson; Nathan Biah

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi (2-0) Motion Approved

2.0 Approve Agenda

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation to approve agenda as presented

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Minutes-May 11, 2023

3.2 Approval of funds from the Bradford Hinkling Trust

Recommendation to approve consent agenda as presented

Recommendation to approve minutes as presented

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi (2-0) Motion Approved

4.0 Report on Contracts -

Motion to change order of agenda to present Facilities

Contract out of order. An additional contract presented to the committee that did not appear on the agenda. Catapult Learning presented, item be listed on the school board agenda as an action item.

4.1 Handshake- College/ University recruitment & Engagement

Cynthia Ramirez presented for the renewal of this contract with Handshake, which is a tool/online platform that connects students on college campuses with open positions. Questions asked from committee members

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.2 Sodexo Food Services- Renewal of a contract

Lino Cambio Supervisor of Sodexo Services presented for the Sodexo Food Services Contract. This contract provides food services to all PPSD students and programs. Questions asked from committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.3 NAF- Year of planning and membership fees

Christopher Sanacore, Director of special projects presented for a new contract with NAF. This contract will support PPSD's TAP Pillar by creating and developing work-based learning programs in three of the redesign high schools. Kristen Hensen, Teaching and Learning Nathan Biah, Principal of Alvarez high is where one of the schools that will participate in the program spoke in reference as well. Committee member's remarks on this contract, as being a good program.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.4 Imagine Learning (Edgenuity/Odysseyware)

David Conrady, Teaching and Learning presented on the renewal and extension of Imagine Learning Edgenuity/Odysseyware. This platform utilized for students at the high school level to earn missed credits due to the loss during the pandemic, attendance, or other reasons a student did not gain first time credit acquisition. Also used for summer learning for high school level students. The vendor has agreed to provide quarterly or bi-annual updates on the progress for the schools and district.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.5 Cambridge Educational Services (SAT)

David Conrady, Teaching and Learning presented on the new contract with Cambridge Educational Services to provide SAT program preparation. Updated version of contract provided to the committee. Questions asked from committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.6 Branching Minds

Sandra Stuart, Chief of Student Support presented on behalf of Julie Lombardi, Special Education Manager for a new contract Branching Minds for MTSS-Social Emotional, Behavior Data and Intervention Management System and Platform. Platform used to store academic, attendance and SEL data. Currently, the district does not have a system that could track MTSS efficiently. Questions asked from committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.7 Engage Learning, LLC

Jennifer Efflandt, Director of ELL presented the renewal of Engage Learning contract for coaching, licenses and professional development. Engage Learning has provided coaching to teachers for the last two years. The MLL office has used this platform to collect coaching data. Questions asked from committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.8 West Ed

Jennifer Efflandt, Director of ELL presented the renewal for the West Ed contract for consultation services to support the development and program launch with the goal of increasing the percentage of teachers holding and or using ESL or Bilingual/Dual Language certification. Questions asked from committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.9 Effectiff, LLC

Jennifer Efflandt, Director of ELL presented the renewal of Effectiff, LLC for in-person interpretation, translation, video interpretation services and document translation services for the district schools/offices in over 350 languages. Questions ask from committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.10 Vista Higher Learning

Jennifer Efflandt, Director of ELL presented the renewal of Vista Higher Learning for English Language Development (ELD) Instructional resources for Multilingual Learners and Newcomers enrolled in grades K-12. This curriculum offers a web-based platform and printed materials designed to structure learning activities in all languages domains to increase English language acquisition. Questions asked from committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.11 Cengage Learning

Jennifer Efflandt, Director of ELL presented the renewal of Cengage Learning for English Language Development (ELD) instructional resources for secondary (ELD) Multilingual Learners. This curriculum offers a web-based platform and printed materials designed to structure learning activities in all languages domains to increase English language acquisition. Questions asked from committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.12 Curriculum Associates, LLC (MLL)

Jennifer Efflandt, Director of MLL presented the renewal of Curriculum Associates for (MLL) Data Management. This platform is web-based that houses and analyzes MLL data that can be accessed and utilized for the district, school and classroom levels. Questions asked from the committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.13 Renaissance Learning

Sadeq Sohrabie, data Strategist Fellow Craig Cuellar, Transformational Officer of Secondary Schools presented the renewal of Renaissance Learning for computer adaptive assessment system (STAR) Learning. Platform servers to provide valuable data on student reading and math performance K-12. Questions asked from the committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.14 Imagine Learning (Imagine Math)

Ruth Corley, Supervisor of Math, presented a new contract for Imagine Math program for middle and high schools. This purchase covers a computer course and professional development. Questions asked for the committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.15 Mind Education

Ruth Corley, Supervisor of Math, presented a new contract for Mind Education. This purchase would be a math online program to supplement the core math curriculum K-5 and to accelerate learning so that students have increase access to grade level standards. Questions asked for the committee members.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.16 Bootstrap, LLC

Ruth Corley, Supervisor of Math, presented a new contract Bootstrap, LLC. This purchase will provide training and access to curriculum for math, professional development to teachers and computer electives for three middle schools Esek Hopkins, Nathan Bishop and Roger Williams. Questions asked from the committee.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.17 US Math Recovery Council

Ruth Corley, Supervisor of Math, presented a new contract Us Math Recovery Council for professional development and resources for math interventions. Questions asked from the committee

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.18 Curriculum Associates iReady

Rebecca Salzman-Fiske, ELA Supervisor, presented a new contract for Curriculum Associates iReady ELA products, Magnetic Reading. Questions asked from committee members

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.19 Facilities Contract

Salvador Pellerano, Brian Lemay and Zackary Scott presented a new contract for ABM Industries, Integrated Facilities Management. ABM had the highest quality but the lowest bidder. Committee requested additional information, references due to the school board. Performance based quarterly updates be provided.

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

4.20 Catapult Learning

An additional contract presented to the committee that did not appear on the agenda. Item list catapult Learning presented, on the school board agenda as action item.

Recommendation: Approval of Contracts

Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

5.0 Presentations- Presented by Zachary Scott, Christopher Petisce

5.1 FY Materials and Services for School Board

Materials and Services for School Board was presented in an excel spreadsheet.

5.2 May 2023 Local Budget Projections

Presented and explained by Christopher Petisce and Zachary Scott. Committee members given handout.

6.0 Adjourn

6.1 Adjourn Meeting- Meeting Adjourned by Muyideen Ibiyemi 5:13pm

7.0 Moved Toni Akin, Seconded Muyideen Ibiyemi by (2-0) Motion Approved

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