

Providence School Department
797 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903

Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 (5:30pm)

Minutes

1.0 Convene Meeting

1.1 Call to Order- Meeting Called to Order by Muyideen Ibiyemi 5:34pm

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

In Attendance: Clare Turner; Colene VanBrunt; James Scott; Jennifer Connolly; Zachary Scott, Sandra Stuart; Nkoli Onye; Denezia Fahie; Carian Diaz; Joan Jackson; Dr. Stephen Peters; Matt Juda; Dr. Melissa Watts; Amy Harrington

Moved, Seconded (2-0)

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-June 15, 2023

Recommendation to approve minutes as presented

Moved, Seconded by (2-0) Motion Approved

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

4.1 **Savvas Learning Company**

Colene VanBrunt presented for the Savvas Learning Company contract for the purchase of curriculum, site licenses and professional development and teacher resources. Committee members asked for information regarding college transfer credits. Questions asked from committee members.

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

4.2 **Cengage Learning**

Calculus and Financial Algebra textbooks and digital platform bundles

Colene VanBrunt presented for Cengage Learning for the purchase of updated textbooks and digital platform bundles for AP Calculus and Financial Algebra for six high schools. Tax information is requested or the committee. Questions asked from committee members.

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

4.3 **TNTP**

Professional development and coaching for leaders

Claire Turner; Zachary Scott presented for the TNTP contract for a renewal for professional development and coaching of leaders. TNTP been partnered with PPSD since 2020 and its purpose is to provide support, launch implementation of new school leader evaluation systems, and facilitate professional learning for Principals and Asst. Principals with the focus of building instructional leadership. Questions asked from committee members.

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

4.4 **District Management Group LLC (DMG)**

Breakthrough Coaching

Joan Jackson; Jaime Davis; Matthew Juda, Amy Harrington; Dr. Stephen Peters; Dr. Melissa Watson presented on behalf of the DMG contract for renewal for breakthrough coaching for nineteen elementary, seven middle and eight high schools. Administrators spoke on behalf of their experiences. Questions asked from committee members. Committee was impressed with the contract. Committee is recommending quarterly testimonials from students. Acceleration/Breakthrough presentation given as a handout and discussed.

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

4.5 CTAC-

Motion to pull C-TAC Contract (contract needs to revision)

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

4.6 **Edmark Reading Program**

Jennifer Connolly presented for the Edmark Reading Program for a new contract for a highly specialized reading program for students with disabilities, it teaches them 300 sight words, dulch sight words that are challenging.

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

4.7 **Educated Edge (Coaching)**

Restorative Practicing Coaching

Sandra Stuart presented for a new contract with Educated Edge for restorative practice coaching. This contract would be for coaching at all the middle and high schools. This company used in the past since 2017, a company centered on youth and adult-centered instructive practices. Trainings provided with principals, Asst. principals, school psychologist, counselors, social workers and new behavior interventionists. Program paid out through Project Aware Grant

Questions asked from the committee members

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

4.8 **Educated Edge (Training)**

Restorative Practices Training

Sandra Stuart presented for a new contract with Educated Edge for restorative practices training. This contract would support with the training for middle and high schools, which focuses on principals, Asst principals, school psychologist, counselors, social workers and new behavior interventionists. Questions asked from the committee members

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

4.9 **IIRP- International Institute RP**

Restorative Practices to train the trainor

Sandra Stuart presented for a new contract with IIRP Institutional Institute for RP for restorative practices to train the trainor, provided training for ten district members paid out through Project Aware Grant.

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

4.10 **Star Autism Support**

STAR Autism Program for specialized curriculum

Jennifer Connolly presented for the STAR Autism Program for specialized curriculum for district special education classrooms. This program includes services that help students with disabilities. Questions asked from the committee members

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

4.11 **Go React**

Video coaching & assessment software

Sandra Stuart presented for a new contract with GoREACT for video coaching and assessment software. Software used by district teachers and program staff to document, observe, and reflect and provide feedback on teaching practices during clinical experiences and observation cycles. Contract funded by ESSER. Only district in the state to have a certification program to certify teachers to become MLL certified.

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

4.12 **Bridges to Academic Success**

ELA/ELD Math SIFE resources

Sandra Stuart presented for the renewal of the contract with Bridges to Academic Success for ELA/ELD Math (SIFE) students with interruptive formal schooling sources for high school newcomer programs. This platform would provide

culturally- responsive curricula, resources and trainings for secondary educators of SIFE. Founding source Title III

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

4.13 **Effectiff, LLC**

Interpretation & Translation (Amendment)

Sandra Stuart presented for an amendment of this contract to support the increase in upticks for services that the district uses. Contract originally presented previous.

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

4.14 **Nonviolent Schools of RI**

Professional development and training

Nkoli Onye; Carian Diaz; Denezia Fahie presented for the renewal of the Non-Violent Schools RI contract for professional development and training in equity leadership, Kingian Nonviolence training. RESPECT Conference held at the Marriot where students presented their action projects. Hosting an academy for the first time Respect Equity Leadership Academy funded and held at Brown University.

Gilbert Stuart has started leadership trainings

JSEC has started the Equity Leadership Academy in August and will last through June. Packet provided to committee with information on upcoming events

Questions asked from committee members

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

4.15 **Valeo**

Professional development and training

Nkoli Onye; Carian Diaz; Denezia Fahie presented for the extension of the current contract with Valeo for professional development and training. This was a previous contract with this vendor. The professional development designed to train teachers to serve as Equity Leadership Team Ambassadors. Esser III funding.

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

Recommendation: Approval of Contracts

5.0 **Adjourn**

5.1 Adjourn Meeting- Meeting Adjourned by Muyideen Ibiyemi 7:26 pm

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

Next School Board Meeting July 19, 2023