



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022

Elizabeth Goldberg
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi
TyRelle Stephens

Convene Meeting

1. Call to Order

Call to Order

Recommendation: Call the meeting to order

The roll was called and a quorum was present virtually by Zoom webinar. Chair Ibiyemi called the meeting to order at 5:37 .

Approve Agenda

2. Approval of the Agenda

Approve agenda as presented

Recommendation: Approve agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 3 - 0**

Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

Consent Agenda



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3. 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 **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve consent agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 3 - 0**

Elizabeth Goldberg Yes

Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes

TyRelle Stephens Yes

4. Approval of Minutes - December 8, 2021

Approval of Minutes - December 8, 2021

Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve minutes as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 3 - 0**

Elizabeth Goldberg Yes

Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes

TyRelle Stephens Yes

Report on Contracts

5. CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute)

School Board Contract Summary Form for CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute)

Staff Analysis: • PPSD trains ~300 people each year to promote the principles of de-escalation and conflict resolution • CPI training, hybrid model, can be completed in one school day (staff complete on-line modules prior to the in-person training) • Past trauma and restorative perspectives are included • Trainings include case studies and opportunities to apply concepts to incidents in the schools • Physical interventions have varying levels of restriction based on a model that includes likelihood and severity

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval



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Dr. Jennifer Connolly gave presentation and answered questions from Committee members.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 3 - 0**

Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

6. The School Neuropsychology Institute

Staff recommends approval of this contract to fund tuition for the three lead PPSD School Psychologists to attend the School Neuropsychology Institute to obtain a post-graduate certification. The post-graduate certification would be from August, 2022 through July, 2023. Having the three lead PPSD School Psychologists receive this certification would increase capacity of our district as better serve the needs of our students. This certification would:

- allow our lead School Psychologists to integrate neuropsychological principles into their professional practice;
- provide our lead School Psychologists with a blend of a knowledge base through a competency-based training in contemporary neuropsychological theory, assessment techniques and evidence based interventions;
- provide our lead School Psychologists with competency based skills in administering and interpreting common neuropsychological instruments for school aged children;
- and provide supervised practice of those new skills.

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval.

Amy Messenger and Leona Gonzales McGee gave presentation and answered questions from members of the committee.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **0**. The motion **Failed. 3 - 0**

Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

7. Hire Ventures LLC dba Teacherjobfairs.org

Contract Summary, Invoice

The PPSD has chosen to partner with teacherjobfairs.org due to their ability to connect schools with Teachers worldwide. The digital, face-to-face platform is easy to use and allows us to interface with candidates who may not have been able to attend an in-



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person fair and/or learn about our opportunities. In addition, it is a much safer way to connect during the ongoing global pandemic. We have also found the resume database for prospective teachers to be particularly useful. We attended two virtual teacher recruitment fairs in December for a total cost of \$1,750. These virtual fairs were well attended and we connected with roughly 70 individuals from New Jersey and Maryland that we were able to share our early contract hiring opportunities with. As such, we are here requesting funds in the amount of \$11,150 to attend ten more virtual fairs between January 13, 2022 – February 4, 2022.

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 3 - 0**

Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

8. Mystery Science

Approval of contract with Mystery Science in support of Classroom Boost Grant at Reservoir Elementary School

Recommendation: Recommended for approval

Laura gave a presentation and answered questions concerning Mystery Science.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Moved, Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommended for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **0**. The motion **Failed. 3 - 0**

Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

9. Rhode Island Convention Center - Spring 2022 Graduation

Approval of contract with Rhode Island Convention Center for Graduation 2022

Recommendation: Recommended for approval

Director of Purchasing Molly Hannon gave an introduction and answered questions as well as Laura

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommended for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **3** Nay: **0**. The motion **. 3 - 0**



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TyRelle Stephens Yes

Adjourn

10. Adjourn Meeting

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Recommendation: No recommendation required

Chair Ibiyemi adjourned the meeting at 6:21.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'No recommendation required'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(3)** Nay: **(0)**. The motion **Carried. (3) - (0)**