

Providence Schools

Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday April 28, 2022

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
797 WESTMINSTER STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
Thursday, April 28, 2022 (6:30 PM)

ROLL CALL

VP Garcia

Kinzel Thomas
Diagneris Garcia
Travis Escobar
Elizabeth Goldberg
Jesus Nunez
TyRelle Stephens

Susan Stuart, Molly Hannon, James Boyd, jr., Colene Van Brunt, Patricia Royal, Krystal Lofton, Misha Palsons, Matt Joseph, Joseph Capello, Marc Catone, Nick Domings, Zack Scott, Joan Jackson, Lindsay Shanahan, Alan Kushner,

Convene Meeting

1. Call to Order

Call to Order

Recommendation: Call the meeting to order

President called order at 6:36.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll Call

Recommendation: Roll Call

Three members were absent but a quorum was present.

4. Superintendent's Comments

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Superintendent's Comments

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

Dr. Montanez discussed the progress that has been made and now there is a foundation for success.

Approve Agenda

5. 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: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes

Public Comments

6. 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.

Ms. Williams gave comment.

School Board Member Comments

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7. School Board Comments

School Board Comments

Recommendation: No recommendation required

President Thomas congratulated Dr. Montanez on his appointment to be permanent Superintendent and that the Board is ready to work together for success. He thanked Providence councilman Narducci for his work. He congratulated Patricia LaSalle and others for their hard work at last month's meeting especially with the many members of the public that came to give comments. Mr. Stephens echoed congratulations to the Superintendent and to Sandra Stuart for the new Wellness office. Mr. Escobar commented to accomplish a legislative affairs committee and voice and support to the community.

School Board Committee Updates

8. Finance Committee

Finance Committee updates and highlights.

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

Dr. Goldberg commented on the contracts that the Finance Committee approved- Latino for Education, Teach for America, Amplify Education for a new science curriculum, Handshake will allow to recruit new talent, Energy Efficient Investments to replace boilers where necessary. Mr. Escobar comment favorably on the TFA contract. Mr. Scott answered questions from the members. VP Garcia reported on the Health and Wellness Committee and thanked Solight Sou, the coordinator for her hard work and welcomed Sandra Stuart for the creation of the Wellness Office.

Consent Agenda

9. 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

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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: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes
Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Jesus Nunez Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

10. Approval of Minutes - March 16, 2021

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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: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes
Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Jesus Nunez Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

11. Latinos for Education FY23

Recommendation: Admin recommends for approval

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Admin recommends for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes
Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Jesus Nunez Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

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12. Teach for America FY23

Recommendation: Admin recommends for approval

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Admin recommends for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes
Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Jesus Nunez Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

13. Amplify Education

Recommendation: Admin recommends for approval

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Admin recommends for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes
Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Jesus Nunez Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

14. Handshake FY22

Recommendation: Admin recommends for approval

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Admin recommends for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

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TyRelle Stephens Yes

15. Energy Efficient Investments

Recommendation: Admin recommends for approval

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Admin recommends for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes

Diagneris Garcia Yes

Travis Escobar Yes

Elizabeth Goldberg Yes

Jesus Nunez Yes

TyRelle Stephens Yes

16. Home and Hospital Instruction Policy (2nd Read)

Review of revised Home and Hospital Instruction Policy

Recommendation: Admin recommends for approval

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Admin recommends for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes

Diagneris Garcia Yes

Travis Escobar Yes

Elizabeth Goldberg Yes

Jesus Nunez Yes

TyRelle Stephens Yes

17. Home School Candidates

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: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes

Diagneris Garcia Yes

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Travis Escobar Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Jesus Nunez Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

There were no items pulled from Consent Agenda.

Presentations

18. Budget Update

Recommendation:

Mr. Zach gave the presentation on the FY23 Budget and answered questions from the Board.

19. Mt Pleasant High School Update

Recommendation:

Joan Jackson introduced Tiffany Delaney, Principal of Mount Pleasant. Mr. Or, Dr. Harvey, Michael Marino, Ai Ling Chang who gave the presentation and answered questions.

Executive Session

20. 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

Entered Executive Session at 8:20. Mr. Ruggierio conducted the proceedings.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** 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 **Carried. 6**

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Travis Escobar Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Jesus Nunez Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

21. 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 **(Jesus Nunez)** 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 **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes
Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Jesus Nunez Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

22. 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 **(Elizabeth Goldberg)** 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 **Carried. 6 - 0**

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Travis Escobar Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Jesus Nunez Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

23. 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 **(xxxxx)** Moved, Member **(xxxxx)** 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: **(xx)** Nay: **(xx)**. The motion (). **(xx) - (xx)**

Report on Executive Session Votes

24. Report on Executive Session Votes

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Recommendation: N/A

3 votes were taken to uphold the recommendation 1 vote was held to seal the minutes

1 vote was held to come out of Executive session

Adjourn

25. Adjourn Meeting

Adjourn Meeting

Recommendation: No recommendation required

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Travis Escobar)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'No recommendation required'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

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