**Providence School Board**

**Providence School Department**

**797 Westminster Street**

**Providence, RI 02903-4045**

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

**May 22, 2024**

1. **Convene Meeting**
   1. Call to Order at 6: 00 PM

**President Rogel called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM**

* 1. Pledge of Allegiance
  2. Roll Call
  3. Superintendent’s Comments

**Board Members in Attendance:** Erlin Rogel, Toni Akin, Ty’Relle Stephens, George Matouk, Night Jean Muhingabo, Michael Nina and Melissa Hughes

**Absent Board Members – Travis Escobar & Anjel Newmann**

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**Full Board Meeting – 5/22/2024**

1. **Approve Agenda**
   1. Approval of Agenda as Amended

**At this time s Motion was to Move Item 10 after 5.0 and Item 6.5 into Executive Session**

**MSV – Hughes, Matouk (6-1) MOTION APPROVED 1 Abstention - Stephens**

**Another Motion was made to Approve the Agenda after the change was made**

**MSV – Matouk, Hughes (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**

1. **Consent Agenda**
   1. Approval of Minutes 4-24-24

**MSV – Stephens, Akin (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

* 1. Home School Candidates

**MSV – Nina, Matouk (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**

1. **Public Comment**

**Lindsay Paiva, Jennifer L. Wood, Theresa Holahan, Patrick Shelton, Catelyn Rockwal, Aubrey Johnson, Anixa Ramos Marte, Denaliz Ramos, Precious Adefusi, Edgar Alender Castro, Thomas S. Mulvey, Keona Manly, Keven Armando Cepeda, Jerrae Prayers Brown, Donovan Turner, Tanara M. Tarlue, Pro Tempore Juan Pichardo, Stephanie Hernandez**

**Everyone came out to speak on behalf of the teachers who were being non-renewed**

1. **School Board Comments**
2. **Action Items**
   1. **Approval of Funds from the Bradford Hinkling Trust**

**MSV – Muhingabo, Matouk (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

* 1. **Providence Promise**

**MSV – Matouk, Nina (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

* 1. **Funding Middle School Sports Resolution**

**This item was tabled and is being sent to Finance**

**MSV – Stephens, Nina (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

* 1. **Quality Lunch for All Students in Providence Public Schools Resolution**

**This item was tabled and is being sent to Finance**

**MSV – Stephens, Nina (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

* 1. **Open Session Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel – Teacher**

**Non-Renewal**

**This item was sent to Executive Session at the approval of the agenda**

**MSV – Hughes, Matouk (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

1. **School Board Committee Updates**
   1. Policy Committee – Melissa Hughes
   2. Finance Committee – Toni Akin
   3. Health & Wellness Committee – Night Jean Muhingabo
   4. Career & Technical Education Committee – Travis Escobar
   5. School Building Committee – George Matouk
2. **Policy & Planning**
   1. **School Closing Policy – 2ND Read & Adoption**

**At this time a Motion was made to Table this item and send it back to the Policy Committee**

**MSV – Akin, Nina (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

* 1. Graduation Policy Draft – 2nd Read & Adoption

**MSV – Akin, Nina (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

* 1. Suicide Prevention, Response and Recover – 2nd Read & Adoption

**MSV – Akin, Nina (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

1. **Report on Contracts**
   1. Amergis formerly MAXIM
   2. Effectiff
   3. Project Lead the Way
   4. Thru Consulting
   5. City Year
   6. Education Logistics, Inc. (Edulog)
   7. Generation Teach

**All of the contracts were Approved in Block Form**

**MSV – Matouk, Nina (7-0) MOTION APPROVED**

1. **Presentations**
   1. FY25 Budget Presentation Ordinance by Zachary Scott

**8:19 PM – A MOTION WAS MADE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – ROLL CALL VOTE – Nina Aye, Matouk Aye, Akin Aye, Hughes Aye, Rogel Aye, Muhingabo Aye, Stephens Aye**

1. **Executive Session**
   1. Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel – Probationary Teacher Non-Renewals
   2. Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-26-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel – Teacher Lay-Offs
   3. Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-26-5(a)(2) Litigation
   4. (6.5) Open Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4 and 42-46-5

(a)(1) Personnel – Teacher Non-Renewal

1. **Report on Executive Session Votes**
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Motion was made by Member Hughes to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of probationary teacher non-renewals.

Seconded by Member Matouk. Yes - 3, No – 4 Motion Fails

Motion Made by Member Stephens to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of for one (1) teacher layoff

Seconded by Member Akin Yes - 5, No – 0, Abstain - 2.  Motion Passes.

Motion was made by Member Muhingabo to exit the Executive Session

Seconded by Member Stephens Yes - 7, No – 0.  Motion Passes.

(After Executive Session)

Motion was made by Member Stephens to seal the minutes of the Executive Session

Seconded by Member Muhingabo. Yes – 7, No – 0. Motion Passes

Motion was made by Member Hughes to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Member Stephens Yes – 7, No – 0. Motion Passes

1. **Adjourn**
   1. Adjourn Meeting –11:42 PM

**MSV – Stephens, Muhingabo (9-0) MOTION APPROVED**