

Providence Schools

Providence School Board Regular Board Meeting
June 22, 2022

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
797 WESTMINSTER STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
Wednesday, June 22, 2022 (6:30 PM)

ROLL CALL

VP Garcia
Kinzel Thomas
Mark Santow
Jesus Nunez
TyRelle Stephens
Night Jean Muhingabo

Convene Meeting

1. Call to Order

Call to Order

Recommendation: Call the meeting to order
Called to order at 6:38 by President Thomas

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll Call

Recommendation: Roll Call

4. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent's Comments

Recommendation: No recommendation required.
Superintendent Montanez was unable to attend tonight.

Approve Agenda

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5. Approval of the Agenda

Approve agenda as presented

Recommendation: Approve agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) 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: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
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Jesus Nunez	Yes

Recognitions

6. Recess Rocks RI Champion Winner

PPSD Cares Award(s)

Recommendation: N/A

Awards were presented to John Passerelli and John Anderson for their outstanding work. Jessie Jasper made the presentation for Recess Rocks.

Public Comments

7. 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.

Melissa Hughes spoke first. John Sebastien and Tino Lopez spoke about John Gallo as a great Principal. Alexandria Garcia spoke next. Alex Lucini also spoke. Asia Mosca sent in a message that President Thomas read: Hello Providence School Board

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President Thomas, I am writing to you as a proud Providence school parent of two children that go to Mount Pleasant High School. I would like to say that Mount Pleasant High School is going in the right direction. The administration is very student focused and ready to engage families. I have been in Mount Pleasant as a Parent volunteer Ambassador since March 1st and have truly enjoyed my experience there , I will be returning next school year. Mount Pleasant and all the staff there have treated me like a family and have supported me while I volunteered there . I am grateful that my children go to Mount Pleasant High School and that I can give back to such a great school and it's staff. Thank you for your time. Asia Mosca

School Board Member Comments

8. School Board Comments

School Board Comments

Recommendation: No recommendation required

President Thomas first wished to thank all of those in PPSD that have worked so hard during very difficult times, including parents and all partners that sacrifice to care about their children's education. Dr. Santow mentioned that the case in which he was involved with others was settled with an agreement that seems fair. Mr. Stephens spoke and thanked his colleagues for their hard work. Mr. Escobar thanked Mr. Thomas for his leadership in this past year.

School Board Committee Updates

9. Policy Committee

Policy Committee updates and highlights.

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

Dr. Santow mentioned there will be Policy Committee meetings through the summer especially in the area of updating the By Laws.

10. Finance Committee

Finance Committee updates and highlights.

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

Mr. Ibiyemi spoke about the Finance Committee that has contracts brought up tonight.

11. Health & Wellness Committee

Health & Wellness Committee updates and highlights.

Recommendation: No recommendation required.

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Dr. Goldberg spoke about the Health and Wellness Committee work and initiatives that have been accomplished this school year.

Consent Agenda

12. 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 **(Travis Escobar)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve consent agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

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Mark Santow	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
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13. Approval of Minutes - May 18, 2022

Approval of Minutes - (), 2021

Recommendation: Approve minutes as presented

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Travis Escobar)** Moved, Member **(Night Jean Muhingabo)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve minutes as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **8** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 8 - 0**

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Night Jean Muhingabo Yes

14. Action Sports

Recommendation: Approval of Action Sports Contract

ORIGINAL - Motion

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15. School Neuropsychology Institute KIDS Inc.

Recommendation: Recommendation is to review

ORIGINAL - Motion

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16. Pearson Assessments

Approve agenda as presented

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17. Data Recognition Corporation

Approve agenda as presented

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18. Catapult Learning

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19. Ernst & Young

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Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
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20. Materials & Services FY23

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Jesus Nunez Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo Yes

Presentations

21. AVenture Expansion Presentation

Sandra Stuart introduced John Gallo, Scott Sutherland and Soledad Barreto who presented the A Venture program. They answered questions from the Board members.

22. SchoolWorks Presentation

Dr. Alvarez led the presentation and she and her team answered questions from the Board.

Action Items

23. SchoolWorks Contract FY23

Recommendation: SchoolWorks FY23 Contract

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(TyRelle Stephens)** Moved, Member **(Jesus Nunez)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'SchoolWorks FY23 Contract'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas Yes
Mark Santow Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
Jesus Nunez Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo Yes

Executive Session

24. Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§42-46-5(a)(3) – Security

Recommendation: Seek to convene in Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§42-46-5(a)(3) – Security

25. Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel - Non-Renewal

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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 Action

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 Action'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Kinzel Thomas	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
Jesus Nunez	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes
Night Jean Muhingabo	Yes

26. Executive Session Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel Teacher Suspension

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 Action

This item be continued.

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 Action'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(xx)** Nay: **(xx)**. The motion (). **(xx) - (xx)**

Report on Executive Session Votes

27. Report on Executive Session Votes

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Recommendation: N/A

Item # 25 Non-Renewal motion to continue by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Nunez passed in favor 6-0. Item #26 Teacher Suspension motion to continue by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Nunez and passed 6-0 in favor. Item #24 Security presentation there was no vote taken. Motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session

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by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Muhingabo passed 5-0, Dr. Goldberg having left before the vote. Motion to come out of Executive Session by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Muhingabo and passed in favor 5-0.

Adjourn

28. Adjourn Meeting

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Recommendation: No recommendation required

Meeting adjourned at 10:38

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Moved, Member (**Jesus Nunez**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'No recommendation required'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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