



## MINUTES

### Providence School Board Workshop Meeting

797 Westminster Street  
Providence, RI 02903

January 22, 2020

#### CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order – Acting Chair Gondola called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call--Board Members Present: Robert Gondola, Travis Escobar, Diagneris Garcia, Mark Santow and Kinzel Thomas.

Board Members Nicholas Hemond, Nina Pande and Muyideen Ibiyemi were not in attendance.

2. Superintendent's Comments – In an effort to increase communication between the departments, a weekly communication was launched to update administrators and principals, and to keep individuals informed about what is taking place as PPSD moves forward with RIDE.

PPSD-RIDE partnership to work on three major pieces:

- i. World-class talent- How to better recruit, retain teachers and expand on professional development.
- ii. Excellence in Learning- Work on quality and consistency in K-5 curriculum with teachers, coaches and administrators to get feedback, especially on ELA and math programs. This piece is almost finished and scheduled to roll out in the fall.
- iii. Community engagement-To engage community, students, and parents to elevate communication at the district and schools level. There are 45 community design team members who have volunteered to work on community engagement. The design team meetings are at night and on Saturdays.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda  
**A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.**  
**MSV – Escobar, Santow (5-0) MOTION APPROVED**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment  
Sachel Thompson, Parent - shared her concern in relative to personnel matter at Robert Bailey Elementary

## **SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS**

### 5. School Board Comments

Acting Chair Gondola thanked Ms. Thompson for her time and comment. He informed her that the Interim Superintendent Smith has made a notation to connect with her after the meeting.

Acting Chair Gondola noted that this marked his last meeting on the School Board. He reflected on his time serving at PPSD for the past six years, with five years as the Health Wellness Committer Chair. He expressed his gratitude to his colleagues, friends and community for entrusting him with the work at PPSD for the past six years.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### 6. Approval of Minutes - December 11, 2019

**A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.**

**MSV – Thomas, Santow (5-0) MOTION APPROVED**

## **REPORT ON CONTRACTS**

### 7. Project Lead The Way

### 8. Genesis Center

### 9. Douglas Food Stores Inc.

**A motion was made to approve item 7 to 9 as one vote**

**MSV – Thomas, Santow (5-0) MOTION APPROVED**

## **POLICY & PLANNING**

### 10. Classroom Observation Policy-Amendment- Second Read and Approval

**A motion was made to approve item 10**

**MSV – Santow, Thomas (5-0) MOTION APPROVED**

### 11. Wellness Policy Amendment - First Read

**Discussion only, no vote taken**

## **ADJOURN**

### 12. Adjourn Meeting

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.**

**MSV – Thomas, Santow (5-0) MOTION APPROVED**