



MINUTES

**Providence School Board Business Meeting
797 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903**

February 27, 2019

CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order – President Hemond called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Nicholas Hemond, Travis Escobar, Diagneris Garcia, Muyideen Ibiyemi, Lorraine Lalli, Nina Pande, Mark Santow, and Kinzel Thomas.

Board Member Robert Gondola entered the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

2. Superintendent's Comments
Superintendent Maher expressed his appreciation to the School Board, staff and the community, including all the teachers for their support and hard work for the past three and a half years. He said that it has been an honor to serve as the Superintendent of Providence Public School District, and for the next four months, with all the support, he is planning to finish strong.

APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda
A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented
MSV – Escobar, Garcia (8-0) Motion Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment
Due to the large crowd signed up for testimony, a motion was made to suspend the rule that limits the public comment period to 30 minutes comment
MSV- Pande, Escobar (9-0) Motion Approved

The following students and adults conveyed their concerns related to the Times² consolidation: Kathy Filed, Angela Tejada, Jane Brell, Maureen Farrell, Julie McLemore, Tracy Kerfoot, Tanya Gavlin, Darlene Bickham, Rachael Cassidy, Kristin DeCataldo, Jason Sibrian, Lindsay Scott, Alba Marcellin, Amelia Reyes, Astar D., Maryann Odewale, Elizabeth Rosario, Maribeth Calabro, Nicole Murray, Charles Johnson, Ana Barraza, Latoya Watts, and Yamilex Filpo.

Ms. Michelle Davison offered public comment related to the district's Community Advisory Board formation relative to comprehensive support and improvement (CSI) as part of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments

Hemond – Addressed the management agreement between Times² and PPSD, and stated that he would invite Times² leadership to the next School Board meeting to be held at PCTA. A letter to Times² Board requesting documentation, and attendance at the next meeting will be sent out.

Pande- Highlighted RIDE's recommendation for Times² for their charter renewal and noted that some financial audits were not disclosed. Called for Dr. Rudolph Moseley and Times² Board to attend the next meeting. Did not recall there was an approval for any of Times² Executive Directors.

Santow-Requested Times² financial statements for the next meeting.

Escobar- As Times² alumnus, he acknowledged teachers who contributed toward his education. He thanked them for their time, especially the youth who came out to create change. He also expressed his appreciation toward President Hemond for swift action handling the Times² matter.

Lalli- Invited teachers, community members to leave comments, and welcomed additional information. She noted that the Board could also hold a special meeting to address this issue.

Jennifer Lepre- Explained the logistics and procedures related to the proposed consolidation.

Hemond- Acknowledged Superintendent Maher and his time serving PPSD. The Superintendent search committee will be forming soon.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approval of Minutes- February 13, 2019
7. Retirements and Resignations
8. Personnel Actions

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda

MSV – Lalli, Thomas (9-0) Motion Approved

REPORT ON PERSONNEL

9. West Broadway Middle School - Assistant Principal - Amanda Gianfrancesco

A motion was made to approve item 9

MSV – Santow, Lalli (9-0) Motion Approved

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

10. TNTP Contract Summary
11. Learning A-Z Amendment
12. American Reading Company Amendment
13. NE Basecamp Amendment

14. Redflex Student Guardian Cooperative Agreement
 15. Gilbert Stuart-RYONET 2018-2019
- A motion was made to approve items 10 to 15 as one vote
MSV – Pande, Gondola (9-0) Motion Approved.**

POLICY & PLANNING

16. SY 2019-2020 Calendar
- A motion was made to approve item 16
MSV – Lalli, Pande (7-1) Motion Approved, Hemond: Nay**

Travis Escobar exited the meeting briefly.

ACTION ITEMS

17. Approval of \$20 million in School Improvement Projects
- A motion was made to approve item 17
MSV – Pande, Ibiyemi (8-0) Motion Approved**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 42-46-5 (a)(9)--Level B Grievances and §42-46-5(a)(1)--Personnel
- A motion was made to go into executive session
MSV - Pande, Thomas – Motion Approved (8-0) on a roll call vote: Hemond, Pande, Garcia, Gondola, Ibiyemi, Lalli, Santow, and Thomas**

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

19. Report on Executive Session Votes - There were two vote(s) taken
- A motion was made to seal the minutes
MSV – Lalli, Thomas (9-0) Motion Approved**

**A motion was made to come out of Executive Session
MSV- Lalli, Thomas (9-0) Motion Approved**

ADJOURN

20. Adjourn Meeting
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.
MSV – Lalli, Thomas (9-0) Motion Approved**