



MINUTES

Providence School Board Business Meeting
PCTA Auditorium, 41 Fricker Street
Providence, RI 02903

March 13, 2019

CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order – President Hemond called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Board Members Robert Gondola, and Mark Santow were not in attendance.

2. Superintendent's Comments
Superintendent Maher thanked the community, and community advisory boards for their attendance. Over 100 community member have signed up to be on community advisory boards, and about 50 are active to help with school performance. He encouraged more participation, and following on social media for more updates.

APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda
A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented
MSV – Lalli, Escobar (7-0) Motion Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment
The following students and adults addressed the matter related to Times² Academy consolidations: Charles Johnson, Nicole Murray, Mark Fontaine, Marva Foster, Jane Brell, Maureen Farrell, Maribeth Calabro, John Reis, Jason Sibrian, Simon Martinez, Maryann Odewale, Sean Cassidy, Ana Barraza, and Rick Williams.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments
A motion was made to take item number five out of order.
MSV- Escobar, Lalli (7-0) Motion Approved

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Retirements and Resignations

A motion was made to amend the consent agenda to add the resignation of Christen Ahern from the position of Elementary Special Education Specialist effective March 13, 2019.

MSV – Lalli, Santow (7-0) Motion Approved

7. Personnel Actions

A motion was made to amend the consent agenda to add the appointment of Christen Ahern as Special Education Manager effective March 14, 2019.

MSV – Lalli, Santow (7-0) Motion Approved

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as amended.

MSV – Ibiyemi, Lalli (7-0) Motion Approved

ACTION ITEMS

8. Special Discussion relative to Times2 proposed consolidation and terms of charter continuation

A motion was made to continue item number eight to the next Board meeting, on March 27th with the understanding that: 1) a special overseer will be in place at Times² Academy at the appointment of the Providence School Department; 2) Times² will provide the documents requested in the Providence School Board letter to Times² dated March 5th; and 3) the School Board reserves the right to call a special emergency meeting on this matter within this two-week period if it finds additional information for cause of concern and immediate action.

MSV- Pande, Lalli (7-0) Motion Approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Seek to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws: §42-46-5 (a)(1)-- Personnel.

A motion was made to continue item number nine.

MSV- Escobar, Lalli (7-0) Motion Approved

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

10. Report on Executive Session Votes - There were no vote(s) taken as item number nine was continued to a future meeting.

ADJOURN

11. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

MSV - Escobar, Lalli (7-0) Motion Approved