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**Providence School Board Business Meeting
Providence, RI 02903**

May 8, 2019

CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order – Acting Chair- Vice President Pande called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Nina Pande, Travis Escobar, Diagneris Garcia, Robert Gondola, Muyideen Ibiyemi, Lorraine Lalli, and Mark Santow.

Board Members Nicholas Hemond and Kinzel Thomas were not in attendance.

2. Superintendent's Comments
Superintendent Maher shared that he had a productive meeting with the Mayor's office, the Governor's office, and members of the Rhode Island Department of Education on Providence Schools' analysis in the next few weeks. The process will include a team of education experts, and input from teachers, staff, parents and the community. He's looking forward to a report that accurately depicts the district with positives and challenges.

APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda
A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented
MSV – Gondola, Santow (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment – There were no public comments.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments –There were no school board comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approval of Minutes-- April 24, 2019
7. Retirements and Resignations
8. Personnel Actions
9. Home School Candidates (Denials)
A motion was made to approve the consent agenda
MSV – Gondola, Santow (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

ACTION ITEMS

10. Resolution Authorizing 2019 School Projects-PPBA
A motion was made to approve item 10
MSV – Ibiyemi, Gondola (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

11. Resolution in Support of Gun-Free Schools Legislation
A motion was made to approve item 11
MSV –Gondola, Santow (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

12. Food Services Vendor Selection – Sodexo
Based on the recommendation of the food services RFP review committee, and noting that the proposal included the top 10 priorities which were recommended by the Health and Wellness - Food Services RFP Subcommittee, a motion was made to approve item 12 to recommend the selection of Sodexo as the district’s food services vendor and to move forward with the RI Department of Education food services contracting process.
MSV –Gondola, Lalli (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

PRESENTATIONS

13. Family and Community Engagement Annual Update – Janet Pichardo - Director, Family & Community Engagement

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5 (a)(1) Personnel; §42-46-5 (a)(9) Level B Grievances; and §42-46-5(a)(1)--Superintendent Search.
A motion was made to go into executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5 (a)(1) Personnel; and §42-46-5(a)(1)--Superintendent Search.
The Level B Grievances were removed from the agenda.
MSV - Escobar, Santow - MOTION APPROVED (7-0) on a roll call vote: Escobar, Garcia, Gondola, Pande, Lalli, Santow, and Thomas.

Gondola and Thomas exited the meeting

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

15. Report on Executive Session Votes - There were four votes taken

A motion was made to uphold the Superintendent’s recommendation related to personnel.
MSV- Lalli, Escobar (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

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MSV- Lalli, Escobar (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

A motion was made to seal the minutes in executive session
MSV- Lalli, Escobar (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

A motion was made to come out of executive session
MSV- Lalli, Escobar (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

A motion was made to seal the minutes in open session
MSV- Lalli, Escobar (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

ADJOURN

16. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

MSV - Escobar, Lalli (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

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