



MINUTES

Providence School Board Special Meeting

PCTA Auditorium, 41 Fricker Street

Providence, RI 02903

July 31, 2019

CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order – President Hemond called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Member Mark Santow was not present.

Board Members Robert Gondola and Muyideen Ibiyemi arrived at 6:36 p.m.

2. Superintendent's Comments

Acting Superintendent Dorothy Smith thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to speak. She also expressed her appreciation to her colleagues for their exceptional support. With the situation happening at the district, Acting Superintendent Smith is hoping that the Board will keep the voice of the district at the table, and with the expertise of the district, and some support from the State, she strongly believes PPSD will rise from this critical time.

APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented

MSV – Pande, Lalli (8-0) MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment – There was no public comment

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments

President Hemond acknowledged Acting Superintendent Smith for her brief time serving the district in the acting superintendent role, and he agreed with her that the voice of the district needs to be at the table. He also thanked Dr. Gallo for stepping in at this crucial time and considering a role as Interim Superintendent.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approval of Minutes- June 12th, June 26th, July 9th and July 10th, 2019
7. Personnel Actions

**A motion was made to remove the appointment of Dana Benton-Johnson from the Consent Agenda, Personnel Actions, and move to the Report on Personnel.
MSV – Lalli, Gondola (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**

8. Retirements and Resignations
**A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as amended.
MSV – Lalli, Gondola (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**

REPORT ON PERSONNEL

9. Nathan Bishop Middle School - Principal - Alisa Diakite
**A motion was made to approve item nine
MSV – Pande, Thomas (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**
10. West Broadway Middle School-Principal-Richard Parillo
**A motion was made to approve item 10
MSV – Pande, Thomas (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**
11. West Broadway Middle School/Assistant Principal - William Reilly
**A motion was made to approve item 11
MSV – Lalli, Thomas (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**
12. Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School-Principal-Nathan Biah
**A motion was made to approve item 12
MSV – Lalli, Ibiyemi (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**
13. Evolutions High School-Assistant Principal-Thomas Chen
**A motion was made to approve item 13
MSV – Pande, Lalli (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**
14. Mary Fogarty Elementary School-Assistant Principal-Samantha Stringfellow
**A motion was made to approve item 14
MSV – Lalli, Thomas (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**
15. Roger Williams Middle School-Assistant Principal-Rebecca Salzman-Fiske
**A motion was made to approve item 15
MSV – Pande, Lalli (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**
16. N. Greene Middle School-Assistant Principal-Luis Fernandez
**A motion was made to approve item 16
MSV – Lalli, Thomas (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**
17. DelSesto Middle School-Assistant Principal-Rebecca DelBarone
**A motion was made to approve item 17
MSV – Lalli, Thomas (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**
18. Acting Business Manager-Christopher Petisce
**A motion was made to approve item 18
MSV – Pande, Lalli (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**

19. Consideration to hire Dr. Frances A. Gallo as Interim Superintendent effective August 1, 2019
A motion was made to approve item 19
MSV – Pande, Gondola (8-0) MOTION APPROVED

20. Manager of Specialized Instruction & Social/Emotional Services - Dana Benton-Johnson
A motion was made to approve item 20
MSV – Thomas, Gondola (8-0) MOTION APPROVED

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

21. Rosetta Stone Licenses
A motion was made to approve item 21
MSV – Pande, Gondola (8-0) MOTION APPROVED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

22. Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5 (a)(2)—Litigation.
A motion was made to enter into executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5 (a)(2)—Litigation.
MSV – Pande, Gondola – MOTION APPROVED (8-0) on a roll call vote: Hemond, Escobar, Garcia, Gondola, Ibiyemi, Lalli, Pande and Thomas.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION VOTES

23. Report on Executive Session Votes- There were two votes taken

A motion was made to seal the minutes in executive session
MSV – Pande, Gondola (8-0) MOTION APPROVED

A motion was made to come out of executive session
MSV- Pande, Gondola (8-0) MOTION APPROVED

A motion was made to seal the minutes in public session
MSV – Lalli, Ibiyemi (8-0) MOTION APPROVED

ADJOURN

24. Adjourn Meeting
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.
MSV – Lalli, Ibiyemi (8-0) MOTION APPROVED