



MINUTES

Providence School Board Regular Meeting

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-25 issued by the Governor of Rhode Island, the Providence School Board held this meeting remotely. A recording is available on the Providence School Board YouTube channel at bit.ly/pvdschoolboard

May 20, 2020

CONVENE MEETING

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

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

2. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Peters shared that he had great conversations with staff and teachers, and has held weekly Zoom calls with counselors and social workers. He wanted to make sure that he is briefed on what is going with classes and hear families' input. Distance learning has not been easy for students, teachers or parents, and he is aware that it's a burden to families. However, he has the best team to prepare for short- and long-term goals, including an instruction plan to tackle education at this time of crisis. His team is also looking at the best practices around the world to prepare for schools' reentry. His number one priority is educating student safely.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment-Right to Be Heard
Emely Garcia-Lora, PPSD student requested that her written comment to be read into the record at the School Board meeting in relation to the effects of remote learning.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments
Escobar – inquired about high school graduation plan.
Peters – there is a plan and he's about to release. He referred to Laura Hart for more details.
Hart – communication has been made to seniors, and virtual graduation plan has been posted on social media outlets. The district is working with Herff Jones, in collaboration with MarchingOrder to prepare for the upcoming virtual graduations for seniors. The district has creative plans to honor our senior.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Home School Candidates
7. Approval of Minutes - April 29, 2020
A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented
MSV – Pande, Escobar (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

8. HPE Foundation Care 24x7 Contract Renewal
A motion was made to approve item eight
MSV – Pande, Thomas (7-0) MOTION APPROVED
9. American Reading Company with Rhode Island Department of Education
A motion was made to approve item nine
MSV – Pande, Thomas (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

BUDGET REVIEW

10. FY2020-21 Proposed Budget
A motion was made to approve item ten
MSV – Pande, Thomas (7-0) MOTION APPROVED

Mr. Ibiyemi left the meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1) Personnel; RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(9) Level B Grievances
A motion was made to enter into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1) Personnel; RIGL 42-46-5 RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(9) Level B Grievances

MSV – Pande, Santow - MOTION APPROVED (6-0) on a roll call vote: Escobar, Garcia, Santow, Hemond, Pande and Thomas

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. **Report on Executive Session** -There were 12 votes taken
 - 1) **A motion was made to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation related to personnel.**
MSV – Escobar, Santow - MOTION APPROVED (6-0)
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MSV – Escobar, Santow - MOTION APPROVED (6-0)
 - 9) A motion was made to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation related to personnel.
MSV – Escobar, Santow - MOTION APPROVED (6-0)
 - 10) A motion was made to approve the superintendent's recommendation related to grievances
MSV – Escobar, Santow - MOTION APPROVED (6-0)
 - 11) A motion was made to seal the minutes
MSV – Escobar, Santow - MOTION APPROVED (6-0)
 - 12) A motion was made to come out of Executive Session
MSV- Escobar, Santow (6-0) MOTION APPROVED
- A motion was made to seal the minutes in public session
MSV – Escobar, Santow (6-0) MOTION APPROVED

ADJOURN

13. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

MSV- Escobar, Thomas, (6-0) MOTION APPROVED
