



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

July 29, 2020

CONVENE MEETING

1. Call to Order – Acting Chair, Vice President Pande called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

President Nicholas Hemond arrived at 6:44 p.m.

Board Member Mark Santow was not in attendance.

2. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Harrison Peters stated that earlier he had the pleasure of joining a meeting with the President of Brown University, Christina Paxson, along with Commissioner Infante-Green to discuss Brown University's pledge of \$10 million, a commitment to fund education for Providence students. Additionally, Brown has committed to resurface Hope High School's Media Center and its library, and a pilot tutoring program which will be staffed by Brown.

In response to culturally responsive learning and anti-racist teaching, Superintendent Peters has encouraged educators to sign up for the Diversity, Equity and Belonging Virtual Learning Day in mid-August, which was organized by Chief Equity and Diversity Officer Dr. Barbara Mullen.

Superintendent Peters expressed his gratitude to Providence residents, George and Malinda Matouk of Matouk Linens in Fall River, MA, who have donated 50,000 reusable face masks with personalized Providence Schools logo on it.

He also acknowledged his staff, Art Nevins, Zack Scott and many others who worked around the clock, days, nights, and weekends to prepare for the reopening plan, and it has been submitted to RIDE.

President Hemond subsequently joined the meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda

MSV – Pande, Thomas (6-0) MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment-Right to Be Heard

Cynthia Jones- 4th grade teacher at Anthony Carnevale Elementary sent written comment on a personnel matter.

Elizabeth Goldberg- parent of PPSD student and school board appointee spoke in support of the School Reopening.

Maya Chavez, teacher of PPSD, expressed a concerns on the School Reopening Plan and equity.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments

Pande- Reserved her comments for a later presentation

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approval of Minutes - February 12, February 26, March 11, and May 10, 2020

A motion was made to approve item six

MSV – Pande, Thomas (5-0) MOTION APPROVED

Due technical difficulties, Board Member Ibiyemi was not present to vote for item 6

Board Member Ibiyemi sustainably joined the meeting

REPORT ON PERSONNEL

7. Summary Personnel Report

Informational only, no vote taken.

REPORT ON CONTRACTS

8. American Reading Company (ARC)
9. Center for Collaborative Classroom (CCC)
10. College Board - Springboard
11. Reading Plus
12. Wilson Language Training, Corp
13. IXL Learning Company
14. I-SAFE Enterprises, LLC
15. Rosetta Stone (Language Immersion)

16. McGraw-Hill Education

A motion was made to amend item 16, which was approved by the Finance Committee at the July 27, 2020 meeting to reflect a change in the contract amount from \$275,484.28 to \$279,554.08

MSV – Pande, Thomas (6-0) MOTION APPROVED

A motion was made to approve item 16 as amended.

MSV – Pande, Thomas (6-0) MOTION APPROVED

17. Edulog Logistics LLC
18. School Food Service Program - Sodexo and NE Dairy
19. Otis Elevator Change Order Request
20. Catapult Extension
21. NovaTime Time and Attendance System with Andrew Technology

**A motion was made to approve items 8 to 21 as one vote.
MSV – Pande, Thomas (6-0) MOTION APPROVED**

ACTION ITEMS

22. Resolution Requesting the Providence Public Schools All-City Elementary Band be Named in Memory of Anthony Coelho

**A motion was made to approve item 22
MSV – Pande, Thomas (6-0) MOTION APPROVED**

Item 26 was taking out of order.

PRESENTATIONS

23. School Reopening Plan – presented by Superintendent Harrison Peters, Zack Scott Chief Operating Officer and Dr. Barbara Mullen, Chief Equity and Diversity Officer
24. Turnaround Action Plan - presented by Victor Capellan and Kelvin Roldan, RIDE
25. 2020-2021 CRP Presentation – presented by Zack Scott, Chief Operating Officer
Items 23 to 25 were informational only, no votes taken.

BUDGET REVIEW

26. 2020-2021 Local Budget Presentation & Ordinances
**A motion was made to approve item 26
MSV – Pande, Thomas (6-0) MOTION APPROVED**

ADJOURN

27. Adjourn Meeting
**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.
MSV- Pande, Thomas (6-0) MOTION APPROVED**