



## 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](https://bit.ly/pvdschoolboard)

**September 16, 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, Muyideen Ibiyemi, Travis Escobar, Diagneris Garcia, Liz Goldberg, Mark Santow and Kinzel Thomas.

2. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Harrison Peters briefed the School Board on school reopening status over the past three days. There are 6,500 students signed up for the virtual learning academy (VLA), and there additional 1,400 students who have expressed interest in the VLA.

He stated that the Covid-19 pandemic is real, and that all students and teachers are required to masks. If there are signs of symptoms, students and staff must not come to schools. Employees who chose not to wear mask, will face disciplinary action.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda

**A motion was made to approve the agenda**

**MSV – Pande, Santow (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment-Right to Be Heard

Jenna Karlin Diaz, parent of PPDD student, expressed her appreciation that the district shared information on school reopening, especially including publishing the walk through check lists. She asked that the district continue with the updates and progress.

#### SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

5. School Board Comments - Board reserved comments for later item on the agenda regarding the school opening plan.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

6. Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2020  
**A motion was made to approve the minutes**  
**MSV – Pande, Santow (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**

**REPORT ON CONTRACTS**

7. MTS DocuWare Cloud Renewal Contract
8. American Reading Company with Rhode Island Department of Education (Amendment)
9. OTIS
10. N2Y Contract-Special Education
11. Membership Dues for RIASC
12. Rhode Island Interscholastic League
13. Rhode Island Association of School Principals- RIASP
14. License Renewals with Follet Software Company
15. Encore Fire Protection  
**A motion was made to approve items 7 to 15 as one vote.**  
**MSV – Pande, Escobar (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**

**PRESENTATIONS**

16. School Reopening Plan – presented by Superintendent Harrison Peters, Zack Scott Chief Operating  
**Item 16 was informational only, no votes taken.**

**ADJOURN**

17. Adjourn Meeting  
**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.**  
**MSV- Pande, Thomas (8-0) MOTION APPROVED**