



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Special Meeting
PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
797 WESTMINSTER STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
Wednesday, September 29, 2021 (6:30 PM)

ROLL CALL

UPON ROLL THESE BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS Diagneris Garcia
 Travis Escobar
 Mark Santow
 Muyideen A. Ibiyemi
 Elizabeth Goldberg
 TyRelle Stephens

Kinzel Thomas and Nick Hemond were not in attendance.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Staff members Laura Hart, Rachel Palumbo, and Charles Ruggiero.

Convene Meeting

1. Call to Order

Call to Order

Recommendation: Call the meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:32.

Approve Agenda

2. Approval of the Agenda

Approve agenda as presented

Recommendation: Approve agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Travis Escobar**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried**.

6 - 0

Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes

Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

Consent Agenda

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be approved by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of any member of the Board and action upon separately.

Recommendation: Approve consent agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve consent agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Mark Santow Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

4. Finance Committee Minutes - August 11

Recommendation: Approval of Minutes

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of Minutes'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Mark Santow Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

5. Rosetta Stone

Rosetta Stone

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Mark Santow Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

6. WestED

WestED

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes

7. RULER Program

RULER is an evidence-based, well-designed, and classroom-based program that systematically promotes students' social and emotional competence, provides opportunities for practice, offers multiyear programming, and delivers high-quality training and other implementation supports. The training covers the skills of emotional intelligence and the tools developed at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence to support individual growth and to improve school climate. During the training, teams also will have time to begin developing a plan for bringing RULER back to their school, starting with how they will train the rest of their school staff.

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes

8. NorthEast Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports Training of Trainers

Each PPSD employee that completes the Northeast Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support Training of Trainers (NEPBIS TOT) will receive a NEPBIS endorsement. This endorsement prepares individuals to model PBIS within their district and/or school. Completers of the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Endorsement will have strengthened and enhanced competencies to model PBIS in the fields and at the grade levels of their base certification(s). It is understood that within this endorsement, graduates will understand and have the ability to function within the following: (a) Interconnected Systems Framework: Represents a proposed and developing interconnection of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and School Mental Health (SMH) systems to improve educational outcomes for all student, especially those with or at risk of developing mental health challenges. (b) Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI): A checklist used by school staff engaged in School-Wide PBIS to determine how well the PBIS framework is being implemented by the school staff. (c) Self-Assessment Survey (SAS): A survey used by school staff to examine the status and need for improvement of four behavior support systems: (a) school-wide discipline systems, (b) nonclassroom management systems (e.g., cafeteria, hallway, playground), (c) classroom management systems, and (d) systems for individual students engaging in chronic problem behaviors. (d) School-wide Evaluation Tool (SET): Is designed to assess and evaluate the critical features of school-wide effective behavior support across each academic school year. (e) Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS): The practice of providing high-quality instruction and interventions matched to student need, monitoring progress frequently to make decisions about changes in instruction or goals, and data to important educational decisions

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Mark Santow Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

9. Rhode Island College School Psychology Training Program

RIC has partnered with PPSD for several years to provide the district with Masters Level School Psychology interns. PPSD continues to have a shortage of school psychologists. These interns have been instrumental in assisting with service delivery and testing.

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Mark Santow Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

10. Kinvoled Contract Amendment

This amendment is needed to ensure that the district retains the ability to send out district-wide special messaging through Kinvo, which we have used frequently in past years. This feature was not included in the original contract. Kinvoled is the industry leader in high-quality, evidence based and student centered attendance interventions. The District-Wide Special Messaging feature has been used frequently in past school years to send emergency alerts to the entire student body and their parents. District-Wide Special Messaging allows the district to create special lists to send targeted communications to certain student groups, (i.e. seniors at risk of not graduating, chronically absent students, students enrolled in summer learning).

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Mark Santow Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

11. Skyward API integration contract for 360 High School (Title I funding)

Request for approval of contract for Skyward's API integration with Schoology for 360 High School

Recommendation: Recommendation to Approve

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommendation to Approve'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes

Mark Santow Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

12. Empower Consultant School Empowerment Grant

Empower Consultant School Empowerment Grant

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Mark Santow Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

13. Inspiring Minds FY22 (Classroom Boost Grants at Lima and Spaziano)

Contract with Inspiring Minds for Mindfulness Programming at Spaziano and Lima for two Classroom Boost Grants

Recommendation: Recommended for approval

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommended for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Mark Santow Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

14. Purchase of Medify 112 Purifiers and Replacement Filters

Purchase of Additional Medify 112 Air Purifiers and Replacement Filters for use throughout the district

Recommendation: Recommended for approval

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Moved, Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommended for approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia Yes
Travis Escobar Yes
Mark Santow Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
TyRelle Stephens Yes

Items pulled from Consent Agenda

15. Clark Literacy Consultant

Literacy consultant contract to support school-wide goals and increase student achievement in reading and writing

Recommendation: Recommendation to approve the proposed contract

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Mark Santow**) Moved, Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommendation to approve the proposed contract'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes

Report on Contracts

16. Amendment to Sodexo FY22 Contract

Request to Amend Contract with Sodexo in FY22 for the purchase of water bottles for all schools

Recommendation: Recommended for approval of half the contract amount.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**xxxxxx**) Moved, Member (**xxxxxx**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommended for approval of half the contract amount'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (**xx**) Nay: (**xx**). The motion (). (**xx**) - (**xx**)

16. Amendment to Sodexo FY22 Contract

Request to Amend Contract with Sodexo in FY22 for the purchase of water bottles for all schools

Recommendation: Recommended for approval of half the contract amount.

AMENDED - Motion

Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Moved, Member (**Muyideen A. Ibiyemi**) Seconded to approve the **AMENDED** motion 'Recommended for approval of half the contract amount. Motion to approve and allocate half of the funds requested in the proposed Amended Sodexo FY22 Contract until the district can explore water filtration systems in each school. '. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Diagneris Garcia	Yes
Travis Escobar	Yes
Mark Santow	Yes
Muyideen A. Ibiyemi	Yes
Elizabeth Goldberg	Yes
TyRelle Stephens	Yes

Policy & Planning

17. Social Media for Employees Policy & Social Media for Employees Regulation

Social Media for Employees Policy & Social Media for Employees Regulation

Recommendation: Administration recommends School Board approval.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**xxxxxx**) Moved, Member (**xxxxxx**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Administration recommends School Board approval'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (**xx**) Nay: (**xx**). The motion (). (**xx**) - (**xx**)

17. Social Media for Employees Policy & Social Media for Employees Regulation

Social Media for Employees Policy & Social Media for Employees Regulation

Recommendation: Administration recommends School Board approval.

AMENDED - Motion

Member (**Elizabeth Goldberg**) Moved, Member (**Mark Santow**) Seconded to approve the **AMENDED** motion 'Administration recommends School Board approval. Motion to rescind the current policy'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

- Diagneris Garcia Yes
- Travis Escobar Yes
- Mark Santow Yes
- Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
- Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
- TyRelle Stephens Yes

17. Social Media for Employees Policy & Social Media for Employees Regulation

Social Media for Employees Policy & Social Media for Employees Regulation

Recommendation: Administration recommends School Board approval.

NEW - Motion

Member (**Mark Santow**) Moved, Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Seconded to approve the **NEW** motion 'Administration recommends School Board approval. Motion to pass revised social media policy and regulations. '. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

- Diagneris Garcia Yes
- Travis Escobar Yes
- Mark Santow Yes
- Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
- Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
- TyRelle Stephens Yes

Adjourn

18. Adjourn Meeting

Adjourn Meeting

Recommendation: No recommendation required

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**TyRelle Stephens**) Moved, Member (**Mark Santow**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'No recommendation required'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

- Diagneris Garcia Yes
- Travis Escobar Yes
- Mark Santow Yes
- Muyideen A. Ibiyemi Yes
- Elizabeth Goldberg Yes
- TyRelle Stephens Yes