



Enclosure 2a
April 24, 2018

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
March 6, 2018

COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Chair McConaghy welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education, declared a quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: Daniel McConaghy, Amy Beretta, *Colleen Callahan, Barbara Cottam, Karen Davis, **Gara Field, Jo Eva Gaines, Marta Martinez, ***Thalia Philippe, and *Lawrence Purtill

* Arrived at 5:35 p.m.

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*** Ex-officio, non-voting member

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Amy Beretta and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Council on Elementary and Secondary Education accepts the agenda for the March 6, 2018, Meeting

Vote: 6 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Daniel McConaghy, Barbara Cottam, Amy Beretta, Karen Davis, Jo Eva Gaines, and Marta Martinez

NAYS: 0

Members Callahan, Field and Purtill arrived after the acceptance of the agenda.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2018, WORK SESSION

On a motion duly made by Amy Beretta and seconded by Karen Davis, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Council on Elementary and Secondary Education accepts the minutes of the January 30, 2018, Work Session

Vote: 4 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Barbara Cottam, Amy Beretta, Karen Davis, and Marta Martinez

NAYS: 0

Chair McConaghy and Members Gaines and Purtill had to recuse themselves from the vote as they did not attend the January 30, 2018, Council Work Session.

Members Callahan and Field arrived after the approval of the minutes.

Chair McConaghy recognized Member Martinez for being named Artist in Residence at Trinity Rep.

3. OPEN FORUM

Chair McConaghy noted for the record that no one signed-up for Open Forum.

4. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Wagner began by reporting that RIDE continues to engage with school districts as they react to the horrific events in Florida. She shared that schools are being faced with the difficult task of remaining safe places while helping advance student voices as they advocate for issues that are of importance to them.

Next, Commissioner Wagner reported that last week, he, along with 25 RIDE staff members and 38 other educators across the state, participated in the “Shadow a Student” for the day initiative. This empathy-building experience will provide RIDE the opportunity to better understand the impact policy decisions have from a student’s perspective, and than use that lens to better inform the day-to-day work.

Commissioner Wagner ended his remarks by reminding Council members of his upcoming State of Education Address to be held on March 19, 2018.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Conversation with Providence School Department – Becoming a Learning Organization: PPSD’s Journey

Superintendent Maher thanked Commissioner Wagner and his team for the conversations and support around what is going to be a very challenging series of events as students activate their voices.

Next, the Providence team introduced themselves and Superintendent Maher began the presentation by revealing that the district has shifted from a top-down model and more towards a school-based, decision-making, learner-centered model. The goal is to help empower principals and teachers in figuring out the right decisions for students.

The Providence Team gave an overview of the Division of Teaching and Learning's strategic work to date, which will ensure academic achievement: Professional Learning around standards-based instruction; Curriculum Strategies; Instruction Strategies; and Assessment Strategies.

b. 2017 Charter Annual Report and Preview of Fall 2018 Charter Renewals

Paula Barney, RIDE's Charter School Coordinator, went over a high-level report of charter school performance for the 2016-17 school year. The report identifies each charter school's performance according to the review system's indicators of academic, financial, organizational, and compliance performance, and is based on the most recent available data.

Ms. Barney shared the summary of annual ratings for each indicator, starting with the 2015-16 school year, for the six charters (Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy, Hope Academy, The Learning Community Charter School, Segue Institute for Learning, Southside Elementary Charter School, and Times2 Academy) coming up for renewal later this year. She also outlined the Tier designation used to differentiate each charter's renewal process and gave a snapshot of the charter schools that will be coming up for renewal over the next five years.

6a - Endorsement of the RI Standards for Educational Leaders

On a motion duly made by Amy Beretta and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

VOTED: That the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education endorses the refreshed Rhode Island Standards for Education Leaders, to replace the 2008 version of the Standards for Educational Leadership in Rhode Island

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

Daniel McConaghy, Amy Beretta, Colleen Callahan, Barbara Cottam, Karen Davis, Gara Field, Jo Eva Gaines, Marta Martinez, and Lawrence Purtill

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Colleen Callahan and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

VOTED: That the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education adjourns.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

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YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.