
EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING OPEN SESSION – July 7, 2025

I. Call to Order - Open Session

The East Providence School Committee met in open session on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the library at Martin Middle School. Members Present: David Luiz, Chair, Antonio deSimas, Vice Chair, Anthony Ferreira, Clerk, Jessica Beauchaine and Ryan Queenan. Superintendent Forand and Assistant Superintendent Lisa Benedetti-Ramzi were also present. Mr. Luiz called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence were observed.

II. IV. Consent Agenda

1. **Communications** – Enrollment numbers and monthly technology data.
2. **Home School Requests** – There were eleven requests to homeschool students.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**

June 10, 2025 Open Session School Committee Meeting
June 26, 2025 Open Session School Committee Meeting
June 9, 2025 Building Committee Meeting

4. Personnel Report

Appointments – Abigail Medeiros, Resource Teacher at Martin Middle School, effective 2025-2026 school year; Emmalee Sanders, Physical Education Teacher at Waddington/Myron J. Francis, effective 2025-2026 school year; Susana Augusto, Pre-K Special Education Teacher at Oldham, effective 2025-2026 school year; Margaret Correia, School Psychologist for the District, effective 2025-2026 school year; Newell Roberts, Physical Education Teacher at Hennessey/Oldham, effective 2025-2026 school year; Julie Pallante, Pre-K Coach at Oldham, effective 2025-2026 school year; Emilee DeBonis, Science Teacher at Martin Middle School, effective 2025-2026 school year; Sidney DeMello, Pre-K Special Education Teacher at Oldham, effective 2025-2026 school year; Nicholas Kirby, Music Teacher at Silver Spring/Pre-K, effective 2025-2026 school year; and Anne Vernon, Assistant Principal at Myron J. Francis, effective 8/12/2025.

Resignations – Candace Breen, Lunch/Recess Attendant at Kent Heights, effective 6/16/2025; Michael Hubert, Controller in Administration, effective 7/26/2025; Cristina Lyman, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel in Administration, effective 7/9/2025; and Diona Lomax, Paraprofessional at Waddington, effective 6/16/2025.

Retirements – None

Leaves of Absence – None

Recalls – Science Teacher at East Providence High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

5. Bill List

- Voucher No. 1037 dated 6/11/2025 - \$750.00
- Voucher No. 1038 dated 6/24/2025 - \$94,008.85
- Voucher No. 1040 dated 7/2/2025 - \$2,573,634.62

6. Stage III Invoices - MMS/Waddington Projects for June 2025

- Ai3 Basic Services MMS - \$59,078.54
- Ai3 Supplemental Services MMS - \$5,582.04
- Ai3 Basic Services Wadd - \$46,980.70
- Ai3 Supplemental Services Wadd April - \$2,607.50
- Peregrine Group - \$62,920.00
- Shawmut MMS - \$3,692,867.61
- Shawmut Wadd - \$595,805.77
- Stephen Turner, Inc. MMS - \$5,988.55
- Stephen Turner, Inc. Wadd - \$3,134.75
- Thielsch Engineering - \$2,338.65
- Willscot (May) - \$1,998.78
- Willscot (June) - \$2,900.46

Stage III Total - \$4,482,203.35

7. EPHS Camp Fogarty/RI National Guard Trip on July 31, 2025

Motion by Ms. Beauchaine seconded by Mr. Queenan and carried by unanimous consent to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

III. Discussion /Action Items

1. Bus Transportation Contract

Motion by Mr. deSimas, seconded by Mr. Queenan and carried by unanimous consent to approve the contract for student bus transportation as submitted.

2. Martin Middle School Auditorium Ceiling Demolition

Motion by Mr. Beauchaine, seconded by Mr. deSimas and carried by unanimous consent to table this item.

IV. Budget Workshop I

Superintendent Forand presented the 2025-2026 school budget and highlighted new staff positions and cuts, staffing changes for next year; federal grants; and significant changes in line items of the budget. Federal funds for Title II, III and IV grants are currently frozen. State aid increased by \$1.5M.

V. Announcements – The next school committee meeting on June 24th will be held at the high school. There will be another budget workshop on Tuesday, July 29th.

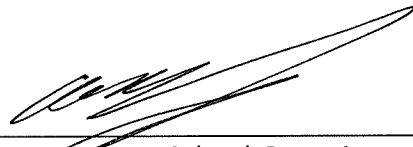
VI. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. deSimas, seconded by Mr. Ferreira and carried by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Corsi, Executive Assistant



Anthony Ferreira, School Committee Clerk