



RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

One Corliss Park

Providence, RI 02908

MEETING MINUTES – Hearing

Date: May 5, 2015

Time: Minutes recorded by: Helen Edwards

Minutes approved on: July 7, 2015

Interpreters: Carol Fay, Maureen McEntee

CART: Shelly Deming

Call to Order:

a. Board Chairperson Amanda Montgomery called the meeting of the RI School for the Deaf Board of Trustees to order at 7:39 pm in the Cafeteria of the School for the Deaf.

• **Roll Call of Board of Trustees**

b. In Attendance: Amanda Montgomery, Joseph Fischgrund, Jane Newkirk, Danielle Loughlin, Heather Niedbala, Lindsey Medeiros, also in attendance Sara Rapport and Maureen Cotter, Trainer for the upcoming Board Training

c. **Excused:** Nora Meah

Public Comment: None

Reports:

- Report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees
 - Brief report on Board of Trustees Training sessions. The first training will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from (9:30 am to 12:30 pm) at the School. Second session will be Saturday morning, June 27th.
- Report of the Director
 - Director Maguire Heath informed the Board that a new referral for Kindergarten was received. This enrollment looks like it may occur before the end of the year. The new student is coming from Newport PS. Several tours scheduled this week for next school year.
 - RIDE staff members from the Office of Transformation were here last week observing in eight classrooms. The feedback received was positive. They were able to see new technology initiatives in action.
 - A representative from the Governor's Office will be coming at the end of the month for a tour with two members who serve on the Board of Education. Marie Lynch facilitated setting up this meeting. Director looks forward to acquainting them with the School.
 - Five staff members will be attending the RIHAP (Rhode Island Hearing Assessment Program) Conference this Friday, May 8, 2015 There will be several nationally recognized speakers at this conference.
 - The Transition Coordinator has resigned her position effective June 30. The Board thanks her for many years of service to our students.

- Director Maguire Heath reported that the students were more comfortable and did much better with the ASLAI testing this year, which was recently conducted. Scores should be available in July.
- First year for PARCC testing went smoothly. SAT testing is also completed. Data is being analyzed for our final quarterly monitoring meeting with RIDE Office of Transformation staff .
- The school calendar for the 2015-2016 school year was presented to the Board. Teacher's Association has already viewed it and approved. Jonathan Henner motioned to accept the calendar presented. Chairperson Montgomery seconded the motion. The calendar was approved by consensus.
- The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:25 pm to discuss issues related to litigation with the Teacher's Union.
- The Board moved back into Open Session at 7:15 pm. The Board voted on a roll call vote to seal the minutes.

Action Items:

- Approval of the 2015-2016 School Calendar
The 2015-2016 School Calendar was approved by Consensus
- ASL Policy – 2nd Reading
After discussion the Board went into a roll call vote. The Board vote was unanimously in favor of the second reading with minor edits.
- **Adjournment: 7:51 pm**

