

# **Regional Board of Superintendents' Meeting**

Northern Rhode Island Collaborative

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## **20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

### **Minutes**

The Annual Meeting of the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative was held on **Wednesday, March 29, 2006** at Twelve Acres in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

The Executive Director, Julian E. MacDonnell, welcomed our special guest speaker, Governor Donald L. Carcieri, and his wife, members of the original Board of Superintendents for the Regional Center for Special Services and Northern Rhode Island Collaborative, along with representatives from the R. I. Department of Education, school districts, school committee members, Northern Rhode Island Collaborative's employees and guests. Mr. MacDonnell then introduced Chairman, Mr. Robert O'Brien.

Mr. Robert O'Brien called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Upon determining representation from each school district, Mr. O'Brien declared a quorum.

#### **Report of Executive Director:**

Mr. Julian MacDonnell recognized the continued support and leadership of the Board of Superintendents and their school committees and, on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Collaborative, gave special recognition to Mr. Robert Guillette, former Executive Director, along with the original 1973 Board of Superintendents for the Regional Center for Special Services and the 1986 Board of Superintendents for the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative. Mr. MacDonnell reported that the mission today is the same as in 1986 – to provide exceptional educational services and programs for our members in a cost effective manner. Mr. MacDonnell also expressed his thanks for the dedication and commitment of the NRIC staff, all of our community partners, and parents in support of the Collaborative's programs.

Mr. MacDonnell introduced our honored guest, Governor Donald L. Carcieri, as our keynote speaker. Governor Carcieri presented a special citation from the Office of the Governor to Robert O'Brien, Chairman, and Julian E. MacDonnell, Executive Director, on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative.

#### **Speakers:**

- Governor Donald L. Carcieri
- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bernier, parents of RAP Student at St. James, and Educational Advocate, Lynn DeMerchant.

**Employee Recognition:**

Robert Dagesse, Teacher, SAP Program  
Diane Zimmerman, Teacher, SAP Program  
Harry Weaver, Occupational Therapist

**Partnership Recognition / Special Partner Awards:**

Regional Vocational Assessment Center:

Sharyn Davis, Green Acres Country Day School, North Providence, RI

Regional Alternative Program:

Anne Dillon, Home Depot, Smithfield, RI

Specialized Alternative Program:

Melanie Moe, Goff Junior High School, Pawtucket, RI  
Kathleen Schnell, Holiday Inn, Providence, RI  
Joseph P. Hannon, Tina Pereira, Sister Theresina Scully & Sister Mary Dumond, of  
St. Teresa's School, Pawtucket, RI

**Old Business:**

Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

Nothing to report.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. O'Brien, entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., which was moved by John Tindall-Gibson and seconded by Donna Ottaviano, carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra A. Jannetta