

Regional Board of Superintendents' Meeting

Northern Rhode Island Collaborative

At

Burrillville High School

Media Center

425 East Avenue

Harrisville, RI

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Regional Board of Superintendents was held at Burrillville High School's Media Center, 425 East Avenue, Harrisville, RI, on **Wednesday, July 5, 2006**. The meeting was called to order at 1:17 p.m. by Chairman, Robert O'Brien.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following Board members were present: Dr. Cirillo, Dr. Dellith, Ms. Iacovelli, Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Macera, Dr. Ottaviano, Dr. Tindall-Gibson and Mr. Welford, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director and Craig Enos, Business Manager. Guest: Attorney Andrew Henneous.

Executive Session: - Closed session pursuant to Chapter 42-46-5(a) 1&2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island. Mr. O'Brien, Chairman, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 1:20 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Dellith, seconded by Mr. Lindberg and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Tindall-Gibson
Mr. Welford

The Meeting returned to Open Session at 1:28 p.m.

Routine Matters:

Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to approve Items 1-2, which was moved by Mr. Lindberg and seconded by Dr. Dellith, carried by all.

1.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of June 6, 2006

Moved: Mr. Lindberg
Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Tindall-Gibson
Mr. Welford

2.0 Bills for the month of June, 2006

Moved: Mr Lindberg
Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Tindall-Gibson
Mr Welford

Communications and Reports:

3.0 Correspondence from Dr. Barbara VonVillas

The Executive Director distributed copies of a letter from Dr. VonVillas recognizing the gift given to her by the Board on her retirement.

4.0 Appointment of Thomas H. Rambacher, Director of Technology

The Executive Director is recommending the appointment of Thomas H. Rambacher as the Director of Technology at a salary of \$65,000. Mr. Lindberg asked Mr. MacDonnell to distinguish between Mr. Rambacher and the other candidates and Mr. MacDonnell reported that it was his experience with technology specifically relating to the education field and Rhode Island education in particular.

Following discussion Mr. Lindberg motioned to approve the appointment of Thomas H. Rambacher as Director of Technology at a starting salary of \$65,000 for the 2006-07 school year, which was seconded by Dr. Dellith and carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Lindberg
Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Ms Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Tindall-Gibson
Mr. Welford

Old Business:

5.0 Nothing to report.

New Business:

6.0 Meeting Schedule 2006-07

Due to the continuance of the Termination/Non-Renewal Hearings to the August meeting and attendance constraints of some Board members, Mr. MacDonnell will reschedule the meeting from August 3rd to the second week of August, date to be advised. Other meetings will be rescheduled as follows:

September 12, 2006

January 9, 2007

July 10, 2007

September 11, 2007

Mr. O'Brien entertained a Motion to approve the Meeting Schedule for 2006-07, as amended above, which was moved by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Lindberg

Seconded: Dr Ottaviano

Approved: Dr. Cirillo

Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Dellith

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Macera

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Mr. Welford

7.0 Nominations for NRIC Board Vice-Chair

Dr. Ottaviano volunteered her services as NRIC Board Vice-Chair, and Mr. Lindberg moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Ms. Iacovelli and carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Lindberg

Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Cirillo

Dr. Dellith

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Macera

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Mr. Welford

8.0 St. Lawrence Lease 2006-08

Copies of the new Lease had been distributed to Board Members prior to the Meeting and Mr. MacDonnell, Executive Director, on a question from Mr O'Brien, stated that the rental increase for 2006-08 was very slight.

Moved: Mr. Lindberg
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Dellith
Dr. Macera
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Tindall-Gibson
Mr. Welford

9.0 Employment Dismissals

Teacher Assistants
Darlene Bombardier
Darlene Champagne

Following an explanation by Mr. MacDonnell, Executive Director, that neither Ms. Bombardier nor Ms. Champagne meet RIDE certification requirements, Dr. Dellith moved to approve the dismissals, seconded by Mr. Lindberg, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Tindall-Gibson
Mr. Welford

10.0 Program Consolidation Teacher Assistant Reductions in Staffing

Mr. MacDonnell, Executive Director, stated that program consolidation was necessary because of declining enrollment. This recommendation eliminates the teacher assistants in the classrooms which are being consolidated. Mr. Lindberg moved to approve the consolidation, seconded by Dr. Dellith, carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Lindberg
Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Ms Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Tindall-Gibson
Mr. Welford

11.0 Employment Non-Renewals

Teacher Assistants

Theresa Fagan (SAP)
Andrew Dagesse (SAP)
Lisa Villucci (RAP Floater)
Jennifer Manco (RAP)
Krystal Cagnon (SAP Floater)
Isabel Farinho (SAP Floater)

Mr. Lindberg moved to approve the Employment Non-Renewals resulting from the consolidation process, seconded by Dr. Dellith, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Mr. Lindberg	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Cirillo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Dellith		Dr. Dellith
			Ms. Iacovelli
			Mr. Lindberg
			Dr. Macera
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Tindall-Gibson
			Mr Welford

12.0 Termination/Layoff Hearings

Program Coordinators

Mary Ellen Dubuc
Martha Perkins
Jane Signorelli-Slade

This item to be postponed and Hearings to be continued until the August meeting, date to be determined. Moved by Mr Lindberg, seconded by Dr. Dellith, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Mr Lindberg	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Cirillo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Dellith		Dr. Dellith
			Ms Iacovelli
			Mr. Lindberg
			Dr. Macera
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Tindall-Gibson
			Mr. Welford

13.0 Informational Matters

Mr. MacDonnell was asked to share his impressions from his meeting with the

Commissioner of Education, Mr. Peter McWalters. The meeting was called by the Commissioner to discuss each of the four Collaboratives' current services and to determine the possible capacity for a future opportunity in the area of Professional Development. Mr. MacDonnell was asked if it would be better to give the opportunity to the Collaboratives that are the strongest (Northern and East Bay) or to share the responsibility regionally. Mr. MacDonnell indicated that the NRIC Superintendents would want to have direct input into professional development offerings and would prefer a regional approach versus another model. Under a regional collaboration yet to be determined, the districts would need to ensure to RIDE their participation in the plan. Mr. MacDonnell and Mr. O'Brien will be attending a follow-up meeting on August 18th and will confirm the regional approach is desirable and to encourage RIDE to support a person to assist if possible in the High School Reform agenda.

Mr. Lindberg requested an Agenda item for the next meeting to allow us to begin pulling together a plan for a series of discussion meetings for High School Principals over the next year related to Leadership and the High School Reform initiatives. Mr. Lindberg will work with Mr. MacDonnell on this proposal.

Dr. Macera shared her success concerning the Virtual Learning Academy offered through the Collaborative and voiced support for a RIDE collaboration on Professional Development. It should start with us and it will help all of us. We should invite RIDE to come and hear our needs concerning Professional Development.

Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Dellith, seconded by Dr. Macera and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Dr. Macera

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Tindall-Gibson
Mr. Welford

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Viau

