

Regional Board of Superintendents' Meeting

Northern Rhode Island Collaborative

2352 Mendon Road

Cumberland, RI

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Regional Board of Superintendents was held at the NRIC Main Office, 2352 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI, on **Tuesday, October 3, 2006**. The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Chairman, Robert O'Brien.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following Board members were present: Dr. Dellith, Ms. Iacovelli, Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Morelle, and Dr. Ottaviano, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director and Craig Enos, Business Manager. Guests: RINET Staff, Sharon Hussey, Executive Director, Pam Christman, Director, Technology Programs & Network Services, and Steve Foehr, Director, Information Services.

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item #6 out of order.

6.0 RINET Information & Network Services

The Executive Director welcomed Sharon Hussey, Executive Director of RINET to the Board meeting. Ms. Hussey introduced members of her staff, Pam Christman, Director of Technology Programs & Network Services, and Steve Foehr, Director of Information Services. Ms. Hussey requested that RINET be given the opportunity to attend future Board meetings either monthly or quarterly in order to increase communication and collaboration throughout the school districts regarding RINET's information and technology services. Ms. Hussey distributed an informational packet to the Board. Ms. Christman and Mr. Foehr gave an overview of their areas of responsibility.

Discussion followed regarding the student information service, SchoolMax, and district concerns regarding its scheduling piece, digital portfolio, and budgeting piece. Mr. O'Brien requested more information from RINET and suggested further discussion take place and, therefore, invited them to attend the November meeting. It was also suggested that the districts' technology directors also be invited to attend.

Ms. Hussey, Ms. Christman, and Mr. Foehr left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Routine Matters:

Dr. Dellith motioned to approve Items 1-4, which was seconded by Mr. Lindberg and carried by all.

1.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of September 13, 2006

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

2.0 Bills for the month of September, 2006

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

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

Communications and Reports:

3.0 Resignation of Martha Perkins, Teacher (SAP)

The Executive Director recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Martha Perkins, Teacher, in the SAP Program.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

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

Appointments:

4.0 Nothing to report

Old Business:

5.0 High School Principal Reform Training

Discussion continued on this item from the previous meeting on the opportunities for High School Principal Reform Training. Mr. Stephen Lindberg distributed information on the High School Principals' Working Group components with suggested meeting dates.

Discussion ensued regarding possible facilitators, Joe Goho and/or Joann Labranche, and the first meeting date of October 17th at NRIC, future dates to be determined. Mr. Lindberg will distribute the meeting notice to all Superintendents.

Mr. O'Brien thanked Mr. Lindberg for his efforts.

New Business:

7.0 Strategic Plan – Mission/Direction of NRIC - Professional Development

The Executive Director distributed copies of "NRIC Goals 2005-06" which was developed

at the Strategic Planning Session in August 2005, along with a copy of "NRIC Services FY 2007". Discussion ensued regarding the direction of NRIC as an Educational Services Agency with a focus on professional development.

Mr. O'Brien, Chair, discussed the possibility of utilizing a portion of funds in the capital surplus fund to start up a professional development center.

Mr. Lindberg motioned to support entering into discussions to generate professional development opportunities at the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all. (Dr. Dellith was not present when this vote took place).

Moved: Mr. Lindberg
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

(Dr. Dellith did not vote)

Further discussion followed regarding the strategic planning goals, the commitment of the districts, and cooperative purchasing.

Mr. Lindberg motioned to develop a proposal regarding cooperative purchasing and bring a recommendation forward to the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Lindberg
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

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

Dr. Morelle motioned to schedule a series of meetings to complete the strategic planning process and have the Board approve the strategic plan in order to move forward. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dellith, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Dr. Dellith

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

Discussion took place on the action plan for the strategic planning goals.

8.0 Transportation Outsourcing

The Executive Director reported that this agenda item was requested by Dr. William Holland, Central Falls, who was not present at today’s meeting. The Board agreed to table this item until the November meeting.

9.0 NRIC Real Estate Opportunities

The Executive Director is requesting direction from the Board regarding investigating real estate properties for NRIC’s Main Office and a professional development center. Mr. MacDonnell reported that an appraisal of St. James School has been conducted.

Mr. Lindberg motioned to explore appraisals and review of our current property, which was seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Mr. Lindberg	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Dellith
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Ottaviano		Ms. Iacovelli
			Mr. Lindberg
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O’Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Lindberg motioned to direct the Executive Director to pursue new real estate opportunities for a new professional development center, seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Mr. Lindberg	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Dellith
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Ottaviano		Ms. Iacovelli
			Mr. Lindberg
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O’Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano

Discussion followed on the development of a plan for the new property.

The Board agreed to discuss Agenda Item #10 – Administrator Salary Increases – in Executive Session.

11.0 Adequacy Study

Mr. Robert O’Brien, Chair, advised of a meeting that took place at the State House regarding equitable funding source and a survey that will be going out to all Principals and Superintendents. Mr. O’Brien also distributed and reviewed Smithfield’s IN-SITE Report.

Informational Matters:

12.0 Information: The Executive Director distributed copies of the 2006-07 Curriculum Team Meeting Schedule and the NRIC Newsletter.

Executive Session: - Closed session pursuant to Chapter 42-46-5(a) 1&2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

At this time, Mr. O'Brien, Chairman, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 3:30 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Dellith, seconded by Dr. Morelle. An individual vote was taken and the motion was carried by all. The closed session ended at 3:50 p.m.

A vote was taken in Executive Session to table the Agenda Item - Administrator Salary Increases until the November meeting.

With no further information to report, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Dellith, seconded by Mr. Lindberg, and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Dellith	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Dellith
<u>Seconded:</u>	Mr. Lindberg		Ms. Iacovelli
			Mr. Lindberg
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O'Brien, Chair