

Regional Board of Superintendents' Meeting

Northern Rhode Island Collaborative

2352 Mendon Road

Cumberland, RI 02864

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Regional Board of Superintendents was held at the NRIC Main Office, 2352 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI , on **Tuesday, November 7, 2006**. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chairman, Robert O'Brien.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following Board members were present: Dr. Holland, Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Macera, Mr. Nasif, and Dr. Ottaviano, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, Dr. Robert E. Fricklas, Assistant Director, and Craig Enos, Business Manager. Guests: Attorney Benjamin Scungio, RINET Staff, Sharon Hussey, Executive Director, Pam Christman, Director, Technology Programs & Network Services, and Steve Foehr, Director, Information Services; Tom Rambacher, NRIC Technology Director, Paul Barrett, Technology Director, Burrillville School Department, and Jonathan Gallishaw, Technology Director, Woonsocket School Department.

Routine Matters:

Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to approve Agenda Item #1, which was moved by Mr. Lindberg and seconded by Mr. Nasif, carried by all.

1.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of October 3, 2006

Moved: Mr. Lindberg

Approved: Mr. Holland

Seconded: Mr. Nasif

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Macera

Mr. Nasif

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to approve Agenda Item #2, which was moved by Mr. Nasif and seconded by Mr. Lindberg, carried by all.

2.0 Bills for the month of October, 2006

Moved: Mr. Nasif

Approved: Mr. Holland

Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Macera

Mr. Nasif

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item #8 out of order.

8.0 RINET Information & Network Services

The Executive Director welcomed back Sharon Hussey, Executive Director of RINET, along with her staff, Pam Christman, Director of Technology Programs & Network Services, and Steve Foehr, Director of Information Services, for continued discussions on RINET’s services. District technology directors were invited to today’s meeting – Paul Barrett of Burrillville and Jonathan Gallishaw of Woonsocket were in attendance.

Ms. Hussey began with the history of the development of RINET and discussion followed regarding the implementation of the student information service, SchoolMax. It was suggested that RINET visit individual districts. Superintendents were encouraged to attend the Data Warehouse Meeting on Thursday, November 9th, at SORICO.

RINET staff and Technology Directors left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Communications and Reports:

Mr. O’Brien entertained a motion to approve Agenda Items #3 to 6, which was moved by Mr. Nasif and seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

3.0 Resignation of Patricia Collins, Teacher Assistant, RAP

The Executive Director recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Patricia Collins, Teacher Assistant in the RAP Program.

Moved: Mr. Nasif
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Dr. Holland
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. Nasif
Mr. O’Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

4.0 Request for Leave of Absence, Marjorie Harnedy, IA, SAP

The Executive Director recommended that the Board approve the request for a leave of absence for the remainder of school year 2006-07 for Marjorie Harnedy, Instructional Assistant, in the SAP Program.

Moved: Mr. Nasif
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Dr. Holland
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. Nasif
Mr. O’Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

Appointments:

5.0 Appointment of Richard E. Lapierre, Social Worker

The Executive Director recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Richard E. Lapierre, as a Social Worker.

Moved: Mr. Nasif

Approved: Dr. Holland

Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. Nasif
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

6.0 Appointment of Beth Ann Coletta, Teacher, RAP

The Executive Director recommended the Board approve the appointment of Beth Ann Coletta as a Teacher in the RAP Program.

Moved: Mr. Nasif

Approved: Dr. Holland

Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. Nasif
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

Old Business:

7.0 High School Principal Reform Training

The Executive Director reported that a flyer was distributed announcing the second training session on November 16, 2006. Dan Kelley, Principal of Smithfield High School, will facilitate Component II Supports to Students along with Cranston who will share information from their district.

Mr. O'Brien indicated good feedback was received from the last meeting and suggested sample policies be discussed.

9.0 Strategic Plan – Special Meeting Date

The Executive Director is requesting the Board select a meeting date to discuss the Strategic Planning Update. The next regular Board meeting date was selected – December 5, 2006 – at D. Carlo Trattoria Restaurant in Smithfield.

10.0 Professional Development – URI Summer Leadership Series

The Executive Director reported that Don Holder of Smithfield is working on the Leadership Curriculum Training Summer Session 1 for the week of June 18th or June 29th, 2007. The cost is \$300-\$350 per participant including breakfast and lunch and will be open to northern Rhode Island leadership teams first. Location to be determined –

possibly Bryant College.

Mr. O'Brien suggested prioritizing the modules and assess who will attend for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. O'Brien reported on a meeting that took place with URI on the possible collaboration with NRIC on professional development. Mr. O'Brien distributed copies of a Needs Assessment for Smithfield Teachers for the Board's information.

Mr. O'Brien suggested that funds be set aside for professional development at NRIC possibly to be matched by the districts. Mr. O'Brien and Mr. MacDonnell will meet again with URI and will discuss at the next meeting. Mr. MacDonnell will survey the districts of their interest/needs regarding professional development.

New Business:

11.0 Annual Meeting Date

The Executive Director requested the Board select a meeting date for the NRIC Annual Meeting at Twelve Acres in Smithfield. The date of March 29, 2007 was selected.

12.0 Transportation Outsourcing

The Executive Director reported that this agenda item was requested by Dr. William Holland, Central Falls, which was postponed from the previous meeting. Dr. Holland advised that Central Falls is currently in negotiations for their transportation contract and raised the question of outsourcing, which was discussed along with bus safety.

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

The Board agreed to discuss Agenda Item #14 – Administrator Contracts – out of order in Executive Session, and therefore, Mr. O'Brien, Chairman, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 2:45 p.m. which was moved by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Dr. Ottaviano. An individual vote was taken and the motion was carried by all. The closed session ended at 3:12 p.m.

14.0 Administrator Contracts

Mr. Robert O'Brien, Chair, reported a vote was taken in Executive Session to approve the Executive Director's recommendations for the contracts of Craig Enos, Dr. Robert Fricklas, and Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr. The motion was made by Mr. Joseph Nasif, seconded by Dr. Donna Ottaviano, carried by all.

13.0 Gateway Computer Lease

The Executive Director requested the Board's approval to enter into a 3-year lease with Gateway for 50 computers. After discussion, Mr. Lindberg motioned to approve, which was seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Lindberg
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Dr. Holland
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. Nasif
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

Informational Matters:

15.0 Teacher Assistant Network - January 2007

The Executive Director provided information on the next RIDE Teacher Assistant Network in January 2007.

With no further information to report, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Ottaviano, seconded by Dr. Macera, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Ottaviano
Seconded: Dr. Macera

Approved: Dr. Holland
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Mr. Nasif
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O'Brien, Chair