

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 2352 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI, on **Tuesday, January 9, 2007.** 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, Mrs. Iacovelli, Dr. Morelle, Dr. Ottaviano, Mr. Papitto as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, Dr. Robert E. Fricklas, Assistant Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: District Business Managers: Lisa Cournoyer, Smithfield, Melissa Devine, Johnston, Linda Celona, North Providence, Miriam Goodman, Woonsocket.

Routine Matters:

Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to approve Agenda Items 1-4, which was moved by Dr. Dellith and seconded by Dr. Morelle, carried by all.

1.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of December 5, 2006

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved:

Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Dr. Morelle

Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Papitto

2.0 Bills for the month of December, 2006

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved:

Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Dr. Morelle

Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Papitto

Communications and Reports:

3.0 Resignation of Joanne Moretti, Teacher, SAP

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the resignation of Joanne Moretti, Teacher, in the SAP Program.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Dr. Morelle

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

4.0 Resignation of Tracy Anderson, Speech Language Pathologist

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the resignation of Tracy Anderson, Speech Language Pathologist.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Dr. Morelle

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

Appointments:

5.0 Nothing to report.

Old Business:

6.0 High School Principal Reform Training

The Executive Director reported that at the December meeting, which discussed Component V – “Policy Infrastructure and Data Use” , it was agreed that the group will not meet again until guidance is received from RIDE on policy development.

Mr. O'Brien, Chair, discussed the recent meeting with Commissioner McWalters regarding a template anticipated from RIDE which will only be guidance, not an actual policy.

7.0 Strategic Planning – Financial Collaboration

Mr. O'Brien, Chair, welcomed the Business Managers to today's meeting. He reported that one of the goals identified at the Strategic Planning Session in August 2005 was Cooperative Purchasing. Mr. O'Brien distributed copies of a letter from RIDE that will be sent to all Superintendents and Business Managers regarding an RFP for school supplies with the State and the Providence School Department. RIDE is encouraging other districts to participate in this program.

Discussion took place regarding the Collaborative's participation with the RFP along with the possible cooperative purchasing of the following items -- healthcare, transportation, fuel, or paper. Implementation at the Collaborative was discussed and it was suggested that the Business Managers meet and pool their information and RFP's. Mr. Craig Enos will survey the districts regarding a vendor list.

Dr. Dellith motioned to support participation in the statewide RFP and to begin work on Collaborative purchasing, which was seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Dr. Morelle

Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Papitto

8.0 Professional Development

The Executive Director reported that the next Strategic Planning Goal, professional development, will be discussed at the February 6th Board meeting. Curriculum Directors and Assistant Superintendents are invited to attend this meeting in order to discuss the professional development plan and to share information.

9.0 Annual Meeting

The Executive Director advised the Board of the date of the NRIC Annual Meeting – March 22, 2007. However, due to a conflict with the Cumberland district, it was suggested we go back to the originally scheduled date of March 29 and change banquet facilities. Debbie Jannetta will check on suggested alternates – 1025 Club in Johnston or Lancellotta's in North Providence.

New Business:

10.0 Nothing to report.

Informational Matters:

11.0 Nothing to report.

With no further information to report, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Dellith, seconded by Dr. Morelle, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Dr. Morelle

Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Papitto

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O'Brien, Chair

