

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, May 1, 2007**. 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. Cirillo, Dr. Dellith, Ms. Fortunato, Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Macera, Dr. Morelle and Dr. Ottaviano, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, Dr. Robert E. Fricklas, Assistant Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of April 3, 2007

Moved: Mr. Lindberg

Approved:

Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Dr. Morelle
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

2.0 Bills for the month of April, 2007

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved:

Seconded: Dr. Cirillo

Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Macera
Dr. Morelle
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

Communications and Reports:

3.0 Nothing to report.

Appointments:

4.0 Nothing to report.

Old Business:

5.0 High School Principal Reform Seminar

The Executive Director reported that the last meeting of the High School Principals took place on April 24th and only one person showed up. Mr. MacDonnell advised that SORICO has received the RIDE High School Reform Grant, and they will be designing professional development. Dr. Morelle thanked the Collaborative for offering the series of seminars to the High School Principals.

Discussion followed regarding concerns with RIDE. Mr. O'Brien suggested addressing these concerns at the monthly meeting with the Commissioner. Mr. O'Brien asked the Superintendents to advise him of their specific concerns and a letter would be developed to send to RIDE.

6.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development

The Executive Director reported that seven responses were received out of eleven regarding the District Professional Development Survey. Mr. MacDonnell advised that we now have a sense of what the districts' professional development needs and priorities are and asked the Board how they want to proceed. Mr. MacDonnell distributed copies of the Curriculum Team's plan for professional development per their January 25, 2007 meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the need for a professional development facilitator/coordinator. Mr. MacDonnell advised he had recently met with Mary Ann Snider, Director of the Office of Assessment & Accountability at RIDE, regarding her interest in working with the districts on data accountability. Mr. MacDonnell distributed copies of her proposal to the Board for their review.

After further discussion, the Board agreed to form a subcommittee to meet with Ms. Snider regarding her proposal. Subcommittee members were identified as: Dr. Donna Morelle, Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Dr. Maureen Macera, and Ms. Georgia Fortunato.

Mr. O'Brien requested this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

(Mr. Lindberg left the meeting at 2:20 pm).

7.0 Building Update

The Executive Director reported that the purchase and sales agreement was drawn up by Attorney Scungio with no further information to report at this time.

Dr. Dellith questioned the legality of the Collaborative’s ability to purchase property and suggested that another legal opinion be sought to verify this information and also suggested a review by RIDE. He also expressed concern with the NRIC fund balance. Mr. MacDonnell advised that Attorney Scungio has assured us that the Collaborative is able to purchase property through the NRIC Holding Company. Mr. MacDonnell will ask Attorney Scungio to attend the next meeting.

After discussion, Dr. Dellith motioned for a strategic review of the building purchase procedures and to seek the legal opinions of David Abbott and/or Ernest Almonte, which was seconded by Dr. Macera, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Dellith	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Cirillo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Macera		Dr. Dellith
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Macera
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O’Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano

New Business:

8.0 Summer School Programs

The Executive Director asked Dr. Fricklas to review the NRIC 2007 Summer Program. Dr. Fricklas reported that the NRIC Summer ESY Program has run since the inception of the Collaborative. This year we anticipate 25 classrooms at five sites serving 31 RAP students, 93 SAP students, and 18 230-day students.

9.0 Summer School Budget

The Executive Director asked Mr. Enos to review the 2007 Summer School Budget. Mr. Enos reviewed the summer tuition rates indicating a proposed 3% rate increase for the RAP Program and a 5% rate increase for the SAP Program.

Ms. Fortunato motioned to approve the 2007 Summer School Budget as presented, which was seconded by Dr. Macera, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Fortunato	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Cirillo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Macera		Dr. Dellith
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Macera
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O’Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano

10.0 Special Education Transportation Proposal

The Executive Director reported that correspondence was sent to the Board offering our assistance in analyzing their special education transportation for out-of-district routes. Mr. MacDonnell reminded the Board to share their student data along with copies of their district’s transportation contract.

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 did not enter into Executive Session.

Informational Matters:

- Mr. O’Brien asked for a representative from northern Rhode Island to serve on the RINET Board as our current representative, Jonathan Gallishaw of Woonsocket, is stepping down. Dr. Morelle motioned to nominate Mr. Lindberg, which was seconded by Dr. Macera, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Dr. Macera

Approved: Dr. Cirillo
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Dr. Macera
Dr. Morelle
Mr. O’Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

With no further information to report, Mr. O’Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 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. Fortunato
Dr. Macera
Dr. Morelle
Mr. O’Brien
Dr. Ottaviano

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O’Brien, Chair