

# **Regional Board of Superintendents' Meeting**

Northern Rhode Island Collaborative

2352 Mendon Road

Cumberland, RI 02864

## **Minutes**

A special meeting of the Regional Board of Superintendents was held at 2352 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI, on **Wednesday, September 5, 2007**. The meeting was called to order at 12:48 p.m. by Chairman, Robert O'Brien.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following Board members were present: Ms. Fortunato, Dr. Gallo, Ms. Iacovelli, Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Morelle, Dr. Ottaviano, and Mr. Welford, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration.

### **Routine Matters:**

#### **1.0 The Amended Minutes of the Meeting of July 17, 2007 & August 7, 2007 Minutes**

Moved: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Dr. Gallo

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

### **Communications and Reports:**

#### **2.0 Resignation of Robert E. Fricklas, Ph.D., Assistant Director**

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the resignation of Robert E. Fricklas, Ph.D., Assistant Director.

Moved: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Dr. Gallo

Dr. Gallo

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Discussion followed regarding appointing Robert Wall as the Interim Assistant Director. Dr. Morelle questioned filling the position. Mr. MacDonnell reviewed the need for the position as a result of the elimination of six Program Coordinator positions and the need for administrative supervision of our programs.

Mr. MacDonnell reported he will make a recommendation at the October Board Meeting to reconfigure the Assistant Director position and will provide the Board with a revised Organizational Chart.

**Old Business:**

**3.0 Operating Budget 2007-08**

The Executive Director provided the Board with the “Projected Revenue for 2007-08 School Year” as requested at the previous meeting. Mr. MacDonnell reported on the unplanned withdrawal of six students from Central Falls on August 31<sup>st</sup> and discussed the impact the withdrawals have on the budget – a loss of \$330,000 – along with the unplanned withdrawal of two students from Pawtucket.

Mr. MacDonnell distributed a copy of the “NRIC Financial Summary Sheet” and reviewed the proposed tuition options, which was followed by discussion of the different options.

(Mr. Welford arrived at 1:05 p.m.)

Dr. Morelle suggested that a clearly defined financial plan be developed in order to support the direction of NRIC by the Board. Mr. Lindberg also stressed the need for a professional development plan. Mr. MacDonnell discussed the need for the support of the Curriculum Team regarding professional development planning.

Dr. Morelle motioned to recommend utilizing Option #1, with a 0% increase leaving \$846,172 in undesignated funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindberg.

Discussion took place and the motion was carried as follows:

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Morelle	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Gallo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Mr. Lindberg		Mr. Lindberg
			Dr. Morelle
<u>Abstained:</u>	Ms. Fortunato		Mr. O’Brien
	Ms. Iacovelli		Dr. Ottaviano
			Mr. Welford

The additional recommendations by the Executive Director will be reviewed at the October meeting.

**Move into Closed Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 42-46-5(a) (2) of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.**

Nothing to report.

With no further information to report, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m., which was moved by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, and carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Lindberg  
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert O'Brien, Chair