

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 8, 2008**. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman, Robert O'Brien.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following Board members were present: Ms. Fortunato, Ms. Iacovelli, Dr. Morelle, Dr. Ottaviano, and Mr. Welford, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, Robert E. Wall, Director of Educational Services, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Donald Holder, Assistant Superintendent, Smithfield, and Attorney Ben Scungio.

Routine Matters:

Mr. O'Brien, Chairman, entertained a motion to approve Agenda Items 1-2, which was moved by Dr. Ottaviano, seconded by Ms. Iacovelli, carried by all.

1.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of December 4, 2007

Moved: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved:

Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

2.0 Bills for the month of December, 2007

Moved: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved:

Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Ms. Iacovelli

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 Strategic Planning – Professional Development

The Executive Director presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board on the Professional Development Plan developed by the NRIC Curriculum Team on “Using Data to Improve Instruction and Student Performance”. Mr. MacDonnell distributed copies to the Board and welcomed Don Holder, Assistant Superintendent, Smithfield to the meeting.

The Executive Director reviewed the following items:

- Target Audience
- Focus
- How Do We Get There?
- Audiences—Big Picture
- Who Can Be Doing the Training?
- PD Plan – How To
- PD Plan – Process Focus
- PD Plan – Next Steps

Discussion followed. Mr. MacDonnell requested the Board’s approval of the Professional Development Plan and suggested that in order to move forward a meeting be scheduled with the Superintendents and Curriculum Team.

Dr. Ottaviano motioned to support the NRIC Professional Development Plan as drafted and to move forward with the next step. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fortunato and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O’Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

(Mr. Welford arrived at 1:16 pm).

As requested at the December meeting, Mr. MacDonnell developed a fact sheet on the Professional Development opportunities offered through URI and distributed copies to the Board, along with info on the most recent workshop being held on January 26, 2008 at Smithfield High School on the Live Expedition to Monterey Bay.

Mr. O’Brien updated the Board on the Bob Ballard Partnership Award, and also advised that we have received national attention and a commitment from NOAA for additional professional development opportunities and a possible national grant. Mr. O’Brien is requesting a commitment from the districts on this project. He also gave an update on upcoming Ballard expeditions including Monterey Bay in March 2008 and Okeanos during the Summer 2008 and invited the Board to attend the live broadcasts.

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

Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 1:30 pm, for discussion of Agenda Item #6 – Building Update, which was moved by Mr. Welford, seconded by Dr. Ottaviano. An individual vote was taken and carried by all. The closed session ended at 2:10 pm.

The following votes took place during Executive Session:

- Mr. Welford motioned to schedule a special Executive Session meeting with Dr. Macera of the Woonsocket District so that the issue of past due payments may be resolved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Morelle, carried by all.

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

- Dr. Morelle motioned that NRIC continue to utilize the services of Walter Edge for budget consulting, which was seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

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

- Ms. Iacovelli motioned that the Board hear the proposal from Pawtucket Attorney Robinson and Superintendent Dellith at the next Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ottaviano, carried by all.

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

7.0 Operating Budget 2007-08 Recommendations

The Executive Director reported that as discussed at the December Board meeting, the revised NRIC Tuition Billing Proposal is being submitted to the Board for their approval.

Dr. Ottaviano motioned to accept the Tuition Billing Proposal.

During discussion, Dr. Morelle requested that correspondence be sent to the Districts' Business Managers regarding the new billing process.

Dr. Ottaviano's motion was seconded by Dr. Morelle and carried by all.

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

8.0 Healthcare Update

The Executive Director reported that this agenda item was requested by Mr. O'Brien. Mr. MacDonnell advised that Mr. Lindberg was obtaining consultants to work on this project, but unfortunately, Mr. Lindberg was not in attendance at today's meeting. Discussion took place and Dr. Morelle offered to contact Cumberland's consultant, Norm St. Laurent, and suggested he attend the next Board meeting.

Mr. O'Brien requested that this item be placed on the agenda for February.

New Business:

9.0 Nothing to report.

Informational Matters:

10.0 Nothing to report.

With no further information to report, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 p.m., which was moved by Ms. Iacovelli, seconded by Ms. Fortunato, and carried by all.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O'Brien, Chair