

# 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, February 5, 2008.** The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by Chairman, Robert O'Brien.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following Board members were present: Ms. Fortunato, Ms. Iacovelli, Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Macera, 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: Daniel McKee, Mayor of Cumberland; Thomas Conlon, Business Manager, Pawtucket; Attorneys Benjamin Scungio and Steve Robinson, and Mark Saccoccio of Saccoccio & Associates Inc. Architects.

### **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 12:40 pm, which was moved by Dr. Morelle, seconded by Ms. Iacovelli. An individual vote was taken and carried by all. The closed session ended at 1:55 pm.

The following votes took place during Executive Session:

- Dr. Morelle motioned to accept the Town of Cumberland's offer to purchase the Epheta House Property at \$625,000, which was seconded by Dr. Macera, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle

Approved: Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Dr. Macera

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Macera

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Welford

- Mr. Welford motioned to authorize the Chairman, Executive Director, and Attorney Scungio to investigate the potential liability before entering into an agreement with Cumberland, which was seconded by Mr. Lindberg.

Moved: Mr. Welford

Approved: Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Macera

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Ottaviano  
Mr. Welford

- Mr. Lindberg motioned to approve the non-renewal/layoffs of personnel for the 2008-09 school year, which was seconded by Dr. Macera, carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Lindberg                      Approved: Ms. Fortunato  
Seconded: Dr. Macera                      Mr. Lindberg  
Dr. Macera  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Ottaviano  
Mr. Welford

**Routine Matters:**

**1.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of January 8, 2008 and Special Board Meeting of January 24, 2008**

Mr. O'Brien, Chair, entertained a motion to approve the January 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes and the January 24, 2008 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Macera requested a correction to the January 24, 2008 Special Board Meeting Minutes and proceeded to read the statement to be inserted in the first paragraph of agenda item "Consideration of Potential Litigation Issues". Mr. Welford motioned to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Fortunato, carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Welford                      Approved: Ms. Fortunato  
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato                      Mr. Lindberg  
Dr. Macera  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Ottaviano  
Mr. Welford

**2.0 Bills for the month of January, 2008**

Moved: Dr. Ottaviano                      Approved: Ms. Fortunato  
Seconded: Mr. Welford                      Mr. Lindberg  
Dr. Macera  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Ottaviano  
Mr. Welford

**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 reported that the Curriculum Team has requested to appear before the Board at the next meeting to discuss the professional development plan for “Using Data”. Mr. MacDonnell requested that the next Board Meeting scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> be rescheduled to March 11<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the Curriculum Team. The Board agreed to change the date of the meeting to March 11, 2008.

**6.0 Building Update**

This agenda item was discussed during Executive Session.

**7.0 Healthcare Update**

Mr. Steve Lindberg, North Smithfield, gave an update on the presentation by the Governmental Healthcare Group that took place in North Smithfield on February 4<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that Norm St. Laurent attend a Board Meeting.

**New Business:**

**8.0 Employment Non-Renewals 2008-09**

This agenda item was discussed during Executive Session.

**Informational Matters:**

- Mr. Bob Wall distributed information regarding the upcoming amendments to the RI Special Education Regulations.
- Dr. Ottaviano distributed information on an upcoming School Emergency Preparedness Training on February 29<sup>th</sup> at North Providence High School.

Dr. Macera and Ms. Fortunato left the meeting at 2:03 pm.

With no further information to report, Mr. O’Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m., which was moved by Ms. Iacovelli, seconded by Ms. Fortunato, and carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Lindberg  
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Mr. Lindberg  
Mr. O’Brien  
Dr. Ottaviano  
Mr. Welford

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert O'Brien, Chair