

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, August 5, 2008**. The meeting was called to order at 12:59 p.m. by Chairman, Robert O'Brien.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following Board members were present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Fortunato, Ms. Iacovelli, Dr. Macera, Ms. Michalik, and Dr. Morelle, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director. Guest: Neil Amper, Rodman Real Estate.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of Special Meeting June 27, 2008 and Minutes of July 3, 2008

Moved: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Barnes

Seconded: Dr. Macera

Ms. Fortunato

Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Macera

Ms. Michalik

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

2.0 Bills for the month of July, 2008

Moved: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Barnes

Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Ms. Fortunato

Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Macera

Ms. Michalik

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Appointments:

3.0 Appointment of Social Worker, Vanessa Pine

The Executive Director recommended the appointment of Vanessa Pine as a Social Worker at the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative effective for school year 2008-09. A motion was made to approve by Ms. Iacovelli, seconded by Dr. Morelle, carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Barnes

Seconded: Dr. Macera

Ms. Fortunato

Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Macera

Ms. Michalik

Dr. Morelle
Mr. O'Brien

Old Business:

4.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development Update

The Executive Director reported that the Curriculum Leadership Team will meet next week regarding the direction of the professional development plan on “Using Data” and setting up workshops or a seminar series on Data. The courses being offered by Northeastern University will also be discussed with the Curriculum Team. Mr. MacDonnell will meet with Northeastern this week to finalize the dates.

Dr. Morelle suggested a particular content area such as English/Language or Math be the focus for the data workshops.

5.0 Main Office Lease

The Executive Director welcomed Neil Ampur of Rodman Real Estate to the meeting. Mr. Ampur distributed copies of “Lease Comparison” of two properties on George Washington Highway in Lincoln for the Board’s review.

(Ms. Kim Michalik arrived at 1:05 pm).

Mr. Ampur reported that he looked at several properties, including the former AT Cross property, Thurber Blvd. property, and property at 618 and 640 George Washington Highway. In response to his request for proposal, Mr. Amper reported that the two properties that were most conducive to the needs of NRIC were: 618 George Washington Highway, owned by Frank Paolino of Link Commercial Properties, and 640 George Washington Highway, owned by Ralph Branca of RJB Properties.

Mr. Ampur reviewed the cost comparison and terms of both properties and indicated that the cost of the 640 George Washington Highway property may be less by 10%.

Discussion took place regarding both properties. Dr. Macera motioned to move forward with authorization for Neil Amper of Rodman Real Estate to begin negotiations of a lease and to obtain specifics for the 640 George Washington Highway property with Ralph Branca of RJB Properties. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fortunato and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Macera
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Fortunato
Ms. Iacovelli
Dr. Macera
Ms. Michalik
Dr. Morelle
Mr. O'Brien

Mr. Amper left the meeting at 1:25 pm.

6.0 2008-09 NRIC Budget

The Executive Director provided copies of the following reports to the Board:

- “Tuition and Service Charges FY 2008-09” 8/5/08
- “FY 2009 NRIC Budget Explanation of Increases”
- “Projected Revenue”
- “NRIC FY 2009 Budget Revenue Cycle”
- “NRIC Analysis of 08-09 Related Services”

The Executive Director reviewed the above reports with the Board. Discussion followed. The Board questioned the projected RAP tuition increase of 13.2% and questioned the percentage of increases, particularly the increase in the State retirement and MERS. Mr. MacDonnell advised that these numbers were built in when the budget was being planned. Dr. Barnes noted that the column headings in the “Explanation of Increases” may be reversed. Dr. Macera suggested recalculating the numbers.

Mr. MacDonnell reported that the NRIC budget is fluid unlike the districts and is dependent upon student enrollment. Increases will be reduced with an increase in student enrollment. Mr. MacDonnell anticipated an increase in student enrollment in the next three months.

Health insurance increases were also discussed. Mr. MacDonnell advised that NRIC will try to join the districts’ healthcare collaboratives.

Mr. O’Brien suggested the budget be reworked with more hard numbers and that the increase percentages be recalculated. Dr. Morelle suggested that the information be provided in advance of the next Board meeting.

Move into Closed Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 42-46-5(a) 1, 2 & 5 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island for legal advice related thereto.

Chairman O’Brien entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 1:58 pm, which was moved by Dr. Morelle, seconded by Ms. Fortunato; an individual vote was taken and carried by all. The closed session ended at 2:05 pm. There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

New Business:

7.0 Employment Non-Renewal of Jennifer Wentworth, Physical Therapist

The Executive Director recommended the Board approve the employment non-renewal of Jennifer Wentworth, Physical Therapist. Dr. Macera motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Michalik, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Macera
Seconded: Ms. Michalik

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Fortunato
Ms. Iacovelli
Dr. Macera
Ms. Michalik

Dr. Morelle
Mr. O'Brien

8.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewals

The Executive Director recommended that the following employment non-renewals be rescinded for the 2008-09 school year. Mr. MacDonnell advised that Ryan Barrette's position as an Adapted Phys. Ed. Teacher is a .8 FTE.

Teachers:

A. Notz
M. Nelson

Adapted Phys. Ed. Teacher:

R. Barrette

Instructional Assistants:

J. Watson
M. Harnedy

Dr. Morelle motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Iacovelli, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Fortunato
Ms. Iacovelli
Dr. Macera
Ms. Michalik
Dr. Morelle
Mr. O'Brien

Information:

On behalf of the Board of Superintendents, Mr. O'Brien presented Dr. Macera with a gift acknowledging her last meeting and thanking her for her service.

With no further information to report, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 p.m., which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Ms. Iacovelli, and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Fortunato
Ms. Iacovelli
Dr. Macera
Ms. Michalik
Dr. Morelle
Mr. O'Brien

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O'Brien, Chair