

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, September 9, 2008**. The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Vice-Chairman, Dr. Donna Ottaviano, in the absence of Chairman, Robert O'Brien.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Dr. Dellith, Ms. Fortunato, Dr. Gerardi, Ms. Iacovelli, Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Morelle, and Mr. Welford, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, Robert Wall, Director of Educational Services, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Neil Amper, Rodman Real Estate, and Attorney Benjamin Scungio.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of August 5, 2008 and Special Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2008

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Ms. Fortunato

Dr. Gerardi

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Morelle

Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Welford

2.0 Bills for the month of August, 2008

Moved: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Ms. Fortunato

Dr. Gerardi

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Morelle

Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Welford

Communications and Reports:

3.0 Resignation of Amanda Notz, Teacher, SAP

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the resignation of Amanda Notz, Teacher in the SAP Program.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Dr. Gerardi
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

Appointments:

4.0 Appointment of Kristen Campbell, Job Facilitator

The Executive Director recommended the appointment of Kristen Campbell as a Job Facilitator at the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative. A motion was made to approve by Dr. Dellith, seconded by Ms. Iacovelli, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Dr. Gerardi
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

Old Business:

5.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development Update

The Executive Director reported that the Curriculum Leadership Team was scheduled to meet on August 13th, however, no one showed up. Another meeting has been scheduled for Friday, September 12th. A representative from Northeastern University will attend and discuss the math courses. A more consistent meeting schedule will be determined.

Mr. Welford advised that he has a new part-time Curriculum Director – Isabella Lee.

6.0 Main Office Lease

The Executive Director welcomed Neil Ampur of Rodman Real Estate to the meeting. Mr. Ampur advised that he worked on the lease proposal which was reviewed by Attorney Scungio. Copies of the proposed lease were provided in the Board's packet. Mr. Ampur reported that he met with the landlord, Ralph Branca, and reviewed the proposed lease agreement. Mr. Ampur provided a summary of his meeting with Mr. Branca, distributed copies of "Summary of Lease Terms for 640 George Washington Highway", and reviewed with the Board.

Attorney Scungio reported that he requested some changes be made to the lease before it is signed but felt it was a fair and balanced agreement.

Discussion took place regarding a proposed move in date, the 1st floor conference area, and costs for maintenance and taxes. Mr. Welford questioned if the anticipated revenue from professional development will offset the costs of the new conference area. Concern with the professional development plan, revenue, and tuition was discussed along with the different professional development needs of the urban and suburban districts.

Dr. Dellith motioned to approve the lease with RJB Properties for 640 George Washington Highway, Lincoln, RI, pending Attorney Scungio's work on the final specifications and feedback. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lindberg.

Further discussion took place on the professional development plan and the vision of the Collaborative. Dr. Ottaviano suggested a special meeting be scheduled on the professional development plan and asked for participation. Ms. Iacovelli, Ms. Fortunato, Dr. Morelle and Mr. Welford agreed to attend.

An individual vote was taken and the lease was approved.

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Ms. Fortunato

Dr. Gerardi

Opposed: Dr. Morelle

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Ottaviano

Mr. Welford

Mr. Amper and Mr. Lindberg left the meeting at 1:45 pm.

7.0 2008-09 NRIC Budget

Mr. Craig Enos, Director of Administration, reviewed the "FY 09 Budget Summary" provided in the Board's agenda packet. Mr. Enos advised of the new format which was developed in conjunction with Tom Conlon, Pawtucket's Business Manager, and Lori Miller, Lincoln's Business Manager. Mr. Enos reviewed the Contractual Increases and Benefits Increases, Program and Operating Expenses Increases, and Revenue Projections, along with the Tuition Rates. Mr. Enos advised that Mr. Conlon and Ms. Miller will do a preview of next year's budget with him before going out to the Board.

Discussion followed on the tuition rates and student enrollment. Mr. Enos suggested that in the future we should revisit the budget in October when hard student enrollment numbers are received.

Dr. Dellith motioned to accept the FY2008-09 Budget as presented, which was seconded by Ms. Iacovelli and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Dr. Gerardi
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

8.0 Epheta House Property

Attorney Scungio reported that we still do not have a closing for the sale of the Epheta House property due to problems with Valley Affordable. Attorney Scungio will pressure them to move it forward.

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.

Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 2:08 pm, which was moved by Ms. Iacovelli, seconded by Dr. Dellith; an individual vote was taken and carried by all. The closed session ended at 2:16 pm. There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

New Business: There was no new business to report.

Information:

9.0 RIDE Teacher Assistant Network – October 2008

The Executive Director provided information on RIDE's Teacher Assistant Network session to be held in October 2008.

With no further information to report, Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:16 p.m., which was moved by Mr. Welford, seconded by Dr. Dellith, and carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Welford
Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Dr. Gerardi
Ms. Iacovelli
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Vice-Chair