

# 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, October 7, 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: Dr. Dellith, Dr. Gerardi, Ms. Iacovelli, Dr. Morelle, and Dr. Ottaviano, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guest: Attorney Benjamin Scungio.

### **Routine Matters:**

#### **1.0 The Minutes of September 9, 2008**

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Gerardi

Ms. Iacovelli

Abstained: Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Morelle

Dr. Ottaviano

#### **2.0 Bills for the month of September, 2008**

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Gerardi

Ms. Iacovelli

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

### **Old Business:**

#### **3.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development Update**

The Executive Director provided copies of the following information for the Board's review:

- An update on the Professional Development Planning Meeting on 9/24/08
- NRIC Professional Development Offerings
- Join a McRel – What Works Consortium
- NRIC Professional Development Financial Plan
- Northeastern University Program of Study in Elementary Mathematics

Dr. Ottaviano reported on the professional development planning meeting that took place on 9/24/08 that included Bob O'Brien, Bud MacDonnell, Bob Wall, Georgia Fortunato, and Steve Welford. The items discussed at this meeting were:

- Professional Development Strategic Plan -- will be submitted to RIDE for their approval
- Timeline – Kick off in January 2009
- Cost/Revenue – PD Financial Plan
- Electronic Registration – with Protraxx
- McRel Information

Mr. MacDonnell reviewed the McRel information. Discussion followed. Dr. Ottaviano advised the subcommittee will meet again on the professional development plan. Dr. Morelle volunteered to help.

**4.0 Main Office Lease**

Attorney Ben Scungio reported that we are almost ready to sign the lease with Ralph Branca for the 640 George Washington Highway property. There are still some terms that need to be resolved and he will deal directly with Mr. Branca. The lease should be completed by the end of the week.

**5.0 Epheta House Property**

Attorney Scungio reported that the closing on the Epheta House Property took place; we have received the money; the deal is done.

**New Business:**

**6.0 Health Insurance Contract 2008-09**

The Executive Director reported that we have a new health insurance contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield at a 9.8% increase. The contract contains all of the provisions included in the old plan. The co-pays have been increased across the board and we have saved \$63,000. United Healthcare did not bid on this contract. Mr. MacDonnell also reported that we are still working on joining the RI Consortium.

Dr. Dellith motioned to approve the 2008-09 Health Insurance contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which was seconded by Dr. Ottaviano and carried by all.

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

Discussion followed regarding the RI Healthcare Consortium. Dr. Dellith suggested that the Healthcare Reform Legislation be changed to allow NRIC to participate. Dr. Dellith suggested Attorney Scungio draft the legislation; Attorney Scungio suggested that Rep. Joseph McNamara be contacted to seek the assistance of the attorney for his committee. Dr. Dellith agreed to speak to Rep. McNamara and will follow-up with Attorney Scungio.

**7.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewal of Karen Short, Teacher, SAP**

The Executive Director requested that the Board approve rescinding the employment of Karen Short, Teacher in the SAP Program for school year 2008-09. Mr. MacDonnell advised that this item was inadvertently omitted from the September 9 Board Meeting Agenda.

Moved: Dr. Dellith  
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Dellith  
Dr. Gerardi  
Ms. Iacovelli  
Dr. Morelle  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Ottaviano

**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.**

Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 12:58 pm, which was moved by Dr. Morelle, seconded by Dr. Dellith; an individual vote was taken and carried by all. The closed session ended at 1:09 pm. There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

**Information:**

**8.0 Senate Legislation S2856**

The Executive Director provided copies of the official Senate legislation regarding RIDE working with the Collaboratives for cost savings.

With no further information to report, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Dellith, seconded by Ms. Iacovelli, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith  
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Dellith  
Dr. Gerardi  
Ms. Iacovelli  
Dr. Morelle  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Ottaviano

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert O'Brien, Chairman