

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 6, 2009**. The meeting was called to order at 12:47 p.m. by Chairman Robert O'Brien.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following Board members were present: Dr. Barnes, Dr. Dellith, Ms. Fortunato, 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.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of December 9, 2008

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Abstained: Mr. O'Brien

Approved: Dr. Barnes

Dr. Dellith

Ms. Fortunato

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Morelle

Mr. Welford

2.0 Bills for the month of December, 2008

Moved: Dr. Dellith

Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Approved: Dr. Barnes

Dr. Dellith

Ms. Fortunato

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Mr. Welford

Old Business:

3.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development Update

The Executive Director reminded the Board of NRIC's Grand Opening of our Professional Development Center on Thursday, January 29th. Mr. O'Brien asked that the Chairs of the School Committees also be invited.

Mr. MacDonnell reported that Dr. Tim Waters of McRel is available to make a presentation to the Board on February 4th or February 5th. It was suggested that the February Board Meeting be rescheduled to February 4th to accommodate Dr. Waters' schedule.

New Business:

4.0 District Technology Collaboration – Steve Lindberg

As a result of discussions at the last Board Meeting and the District Technology Meeting of Superintendents and Tech Directors on December 15th, Mr. Lindberg distributed copies of his proposal for the Board’s consideration regarding collaborating on technology initiatives. Mr. Lindberg reviewed each initiative in his proposal, and after discussion, Dr. Dellith motioned to approve Mr. Lindberg’s proposal to develop a committee to research and make recommendations on the proposed technology initiatives, which was seconded by Dr. Barnes.

After discussion of each initiative including student information systems, E-Rate and bandwidth costs, RISSA’s support, and sharing all information with the other districts, the above motion was amended by Dr. Barnes, seconded by Dr. Dellith to agree to collaborate and develop a committee to research and make recommendations in the following manner:

1. Establish a committee comprised of representative NRI Technology Directors and Superintendent representation to research and recommend a student information system to the Collaborative school districts for their future consideration. This working group would establish criteria by which to develop an RFP, evaluate submissions, evaluate presentations and systems, leading to a recommendation(s).
2. Establish a committee comprised of representative NRIC Technology Directors and Superintendent representation to research and identify purchased technology services concerns and issues and options that can be explored.
3. NRIC Superintendents support a letter to RISSA informing them of the above initiatives and offer participation by other districts.

The above motion was carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Barnes

Seconded: Dr. Dellith

Approved: Dr. Barnes

Dr. Dellith

Ms. Fortunato

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O’Brien

Mr. Welford

Executive Session --

There was no Executive Session.

Information:

5.0 **RIDE RITEAF Funds**

The Executive Director provided information on a meeting regarding RIDE/RITEAF.

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 Dr. Dellith, seconded by Dr. Morelle, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Dr. Morelle

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Welford

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O'Brien, Chairman