

Regional Board of Superintendents' Meeting

Northern Rhode Island Collaborative
640 George Washington Highway, Suite 200
Lincoln, RI 02865

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Regional Board of Superintendents was held at 640 George Washington Highway, Suite 104B, Lincoln, RI, on **Tuesday, February 4, 2009**. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chairman Robert O'Brien.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following Board members were present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Iacovelli, Dr. Ottaviano, 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 January 6, 2009

Moved: Mr. Welford
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

2.0 Bills for the month of January, 2009

Moved: Dr. Ottaviano
Seconded: Mr. Welford

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

Correspondence:

3.0 Peg Iacovelli

Correspondence was received from Ms. Iacovelli in acknowledgment of a donation from the Board of Superintendents in memory of Ms. Iacovelli's mother.

The Board agreed to take the following agenda items out of order:

New Business:

8.0 Employment Non-Renewals:

The Executive Director presented the revised listing of employment non-renewals for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:

Teachers:

Casey, F.
McCarthy, R.
Gill, K.
Rose, R.
Zecchin, J.
Piche-Tatro, K.
Brague, L.
VanAvery, C.
Cataloni, J.
Neves, E.
Hoover, T.
Nelson, M.
Short, K.
Hainsworth, P.
Rosendale, S.
Storti, B.
Rizzo, D.

Occupational Therapists:

Hamilton, M.
Manchester, E
O'Brien, C.

Social Workers:

Wood, J.
Pine, V.

Job Facilitators:

Wattendorf-Guiney, G.
Fagan, T.
Campbell, K.

Program Coordinator:

Marchand, R.

Adaptive PE Teachers:

Barrette, R.

Nurse/Teachers:

DeSisto, K.
Allard, L.
Bonner, E.
Noel, R.
Felber, M.
Blanchette, C.

Speech Therapists:

Fortier, C.
Henry, S.

Behavior Specialist:

Regan, K.

Clinical Team Leader:

Lapierre, R.

Vocational Evaluators:

O'Brien, M.

Discussion followed regarding the projected number of students withdrawing from NRIC.

Dr. Ottaviano motioned to approve the above revised listing of the employment non-renewals for school year 2009-2010. The motion was seconded by Ms. Iacovelli and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Ottaviano
Seconded: Mr. Welford

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

7.0 Final Audit Report 2007-08

The Executive Director presented the Final Audit Report for 2007-08 received from auditor Pat Boucher of Bacon and Company. This report confirms Pat Boucher’s previous presentation to the Board.

Ms. Iacovelli motioned to accept the Audit Report as presented, which was seconded by Dr. Ottaviano.

Discussion followed with Mr. Welford questioning if there were any recommendations identified in the audit. Mr. MacDonnell reported no real difficulties. Procedures have been changed with a better flow of signing off on invoices. Mr. O’Brien questioned the impact of utilizing the surplus for the overdue tuitions. Mr. Craig Enos advised that he would have a better sense of where things are within the next two months as we have a new billing cycle. He will report back on this at the March meeting.

Discussion took place regarding outstanding tuitions, particularly money owed by the East Providence school district. Attorney Henneous advised that correspondence has been sent to the Commissioner of Education requesting a hearing, and we are waiting for his guidance on this issue.

Moved: Ms. Iacovelli
Seconded: Dr. Ottaviano

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. O’Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

6.0 Nominations for NRIC Board Officers

The Executive Director reported that the terms of Chairman O’Brien and Vice-Chair Donna Ottaviano are concluding. Mr. MacDonnell entertained nominations for a new Board Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Welford motioned to nominate Dr. Donna Ottaviano as Chair of the NRIC Board of Superintendents, which was seconded by Dr. Barnes and carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Welford
Seconded: Dr. Barnes

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. O’Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to nominate Dr. Donna Morelle as Vice-Chair, which was moved by Mr. Welford, seconded by Dr. Barnes and carried by all.

Moved: Mr. Welford
Seconded: Dr. Barnes

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. O’Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

The Board will vote for new Officers at the March meeting.

Old Business:

4.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Discussion of Presentation by Dr. Tim Waters, McREL

This agenda item has been tabled to the March meeting.

5.0 District Technology Collaboration – Steve Lindberg

Due to the absence of Mr. Lindberg, this item will be tabled to the March meeting.

Executive Session --

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 1:25 pm, which was moved by Mr. Welford, seconded by Dr. Ottaviano; an individual vote was taken and carried by all. The closed session ended at 1:36 pm. There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Information:

9.0 NRIC/RI Interlocal Trust Loss Prevention Leadership Award

The Executive Director provided information regarding The Trust's Loss Prevention Leadership Award received by NRIC at The Trust's Annual Meeting in January.

- The Executive Director reported that he will email the districts on going forward with information on an oil bid.
- Chairman O'Brien discussed the removal of Mr. Lindberg's position on the RINET Board and the importance of NRIC's representation on that Board. Attorney Henneous will look into RINET's By-Laws and will advise at the next meeting.

With no further information to report, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Ottaviano, seconded by Ms. Iacovelli, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Ottaviano
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Mr. Welford

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O'Brien, Chairman