

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 200, Lincoln, RI, on **Tuesday, October 6, 2009**. The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Chair Dr. Donna Ottaviano.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Ms. Fortunato, Ms. Iacovelli, Mr. O'Brien, and Dr. Pallotta, as well as Robert Wall, Director of Educational Services, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Atty. Benjamin Scungio, Steve Cascione of Ocean State Weather.

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item #6 out of order.

New Business:

6.0 Winter Weather Advisory

Dr. Ottaviano welcomed Steve Cascione to the Board Meeting who attended at the request of Superintendent Fortunato of Lincoln. Mr. Cascione reported on his weather consulting business, Ocean State Weather, which he provides to groups or individuals involving communications and emails of impending weather events throughout the school year that would impact student safety. Mr. Cascione's current clients include RI Department of Transportation, Town of North Kingstown, East Providence, Providence, Moses Brown School, Providence Country Day and Gordon School. Mr. Cascione's fee ranges from \$750 to \$1,000 per school year per district. A discounted rate would be available if a group of districts decide to sign on with this service.

After discussion, Mr. Cascione left the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of September 8, 2009

Moved: Mr. O'Brien
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Ms. Fortunato
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

2.0 Bills for the month of September, 2009

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Ms. Fortunato
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Old Business:

3.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning

In the absence of the Executive Director, Attorney Scungio reported on the proposed legal professional development activities. Mr. Scungio and Mr. MacDonnell recently met regarding possible legal issues and identified the following:

- Open Meetings Law RE Meeting Agendas – for Superintendent Secretaries and site-based Administrators. Will use a model agenda and newspaper ad. Someone from the Attorney General’s office will attend.
- Light Law for School Administrators – to include topics such as harassment, sexting, project discipline, promotion process & the non-renewal process, ethics.

Mr. Scungio suggested a 2-hour breakfast meeting or luncheon meeting. After discussion, Mr. Scungio advised he will refine the details for a possible January timeline.

4.0 NRIC Operational Billing Procedure / Member District Contract

In the absence of the Executive Director, Attorney Scungio reported on a proposed contract with member districts that was requested by Dr. Pallotta at the September meeting. Discussion took place and Attorney Scungio advised that there is no strategic reason for a specific written contract.

5.0 Healthcare

In the absence of the Executive Director, Mr. Enos reported that Tufts Health Plan withdrew their bid to provide health care services to NRIC per their letter of September 23, 2009 (copy provided to the Board). We have gone back to Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Mr. Enos reported that we did switch from Delta Dental to Blue Cross Dental. The NRICEU has agreed to work together with Administration with healthcare for the next contract.

New Business:

7.0 RISSA Executive Board NRIC Nomination

Chair Donna Ottaviano reported that a replacement is required on the RISSA Executive Board from the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative to replace Peg Iacovelli upon her retirement. Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to nominate Georgia Fortunato, which was moved by Mr. O’Brien and seconded by Dr. Pallotta, carried by all.

Moved: Mr. O’Brien

Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Ms. Fortunato

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. O’Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Pallotta

Information:

- Mr. Wall reported that he will be expanding the format of the Operating Committee meetings to broaden the knowledge of a professional learning community and to include topics for discussion and further deepen knowledge.
- Mr. O'Brien invited Superintendents to attend the Telepresence presentation at URI's Inner Space Center on October 13th.

With no further information to report, Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m., which was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Fortunato, and carried by all.

Moved: Mr. O'Brien
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Ms. Fortunato
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair