

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, November 6, 2009**. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Chair Dr. Donna Ottaviano.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Fortunato, Dr. Gerardi, Ms. Iacovelli, Mr. O'Brien, and Dr. Pallotta, as well as Robert Wall, Director of Educational Services, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of October 6, 2009

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

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

2.0 Bills for the month of October, 2009

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

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

Communications:

3.0 Request for Leave of Absence from Ann Marie DeConti, Teacher

The Executive Director requested the leave of absence from Ann Marie DeConti, Teacher, for the remainder of school year 2009-10 be granted. Dr. Pallotta motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Iacovelli, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

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

Old Business:

4.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning

The Executive Director distributed copies of Future Planning Initiatives for Professional Development to the Board along with information on Commissioner Gist’s Community Forum, a Road Map to Data Driven School Improvement, and upcoming PD activities at NRIC. Mr. MacDonnell reviewed the following:

- Legal Seminar Series being presented by Attorney Scungio beginning in January 2010;
- a professional development partnership between NRIC, SORICO, EASTCONN, LEARN, and RBT regarding Data Driven School Improvement – Unleashing the Power of Collaborative Inquiry: A PD Program for Data Coaches to be implemented in the summer 2010
- Title II Planning Grant with RIC and URI is being developed by the Curriculum Leadership Team with David Cedrone regarding analyzing data on student achievement in Science and Science Programs.
- Commissioner Deborah Gist Community Forum at NRIC on November 17, 2009 regarding Rhode Island’s Education Agenda and Race to the Top Application

5.0 Oil Bid

The Executive Director reported that in order to go out to bid in January we must begin to collect data now. Craig Enos will email the district Business Managers to obtain the information.

New Business:

6.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewal of Karen Short, Teacher, for 2009-10

The Executive Director recommended rescinding the employment non-renewal of Karen Short, Teacher, for 2009-10 due to the leave of absence by Ann Marie DeConti. Ms. Fortunato motioned to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Iacovelli and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Ms. Iacovelli

Mr. O’Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Pallotta

7.0 Annual Meeting Date

The Executive Director requested the Board check their schedules for March 2010 For NRIC’s Annual Meeting at Twelve Acres in Smithfield, RI. The available dates at Twelve Acres are March 17, 18, and 24.

(Dr. Robert Gerardi arrived at 12:38 pm).

8.0 RISSA Executive Board NRIC Nomination

Chair Donna Ottaviano reported a vacancy on the RISSA Executive Board due to the retirement of Peg Iacovelli. Dr. Ottaviano requested nominations for this position. Ms. Iacovelli motioned to nominate Dr. Frank Pallotta, which was seconded by Ms. Fortunato and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Iacovelli
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

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

9.0 St. Teresa's Lease

The Executive Director requested the Board's approval for the one-year renewal of the lease at St. Teresa's School. Mr. Enos advised that we currently occupy 4 classrooms plus office space and that there would be a small increase in the rent along with cost sharing of the utilities. Dr. Pallotta motioned to approve, seconded by Dr. Gerardi and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. Gerardi

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

Information:

10.0 Storm Phone Tree 2009-10

A revised Storm Phone Tree was distributed. Ms. Iacovelli advised that an Interim Superintendent in Johnston will begin as of December 30th.

- Mr. O'Brien reported that he and Georgia Fortunato will be traveling to China December 6th through December 14th. Bryant University is looking to expand the program and is looking for interested districts. Dr. Morelle questioned if a Bryant representative could speak at NRIC to bring the information to the districts.
- Dr. Gerardi requested comments regarding the Commissioner's directive on Seniority.

(Dr. Barnes arrived at 12:50 pm).

- On behalf of the NRIC Board of Superintendents, the Executive Director presented Mr. Robert O'Brien with an award for being recognized as the R.I. Superintendent of the Year.

With no further information to report, Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Morelle, seconded by Dr. Gerardi, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Dr. Gerardi

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair