

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, January 5, 2010**. The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m. by Chair Dr. Donna Ottaviano.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Ms. Fortunato, Mr. Nasif, Mr. O'Brien, and Dr. Pallotta, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, and Robert Wall, Director of Educational Services. Guests: Attorney Andrew Henneous and Dr. Mary Beth Fafard, RIDE.

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:

- . NRICEU Negotiations - Successor Agreement

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 12:32 pm, which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Mr. O'Brien; and carried by all. The closed session ended at 12:48 pm. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of December 1, 2009

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

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

2.0 Bills for the month of December, 2009

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

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

Appointments:

3.0 Appointment of Arielle Dagesse, Long Term Instructional Assistant Substitute

The Executive Director recommended the appointment of Arielle Dagesse as a Long Term Instructional Assistant Substitute until May 2010 to fill a vacancy as a result of a leave of absence.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Mr. Nasif

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Pallotta

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item #7 out of order:

New Business:

7.0 Race to the Top Collaboration Among Districts

Dr. Ottaviano welcomed Dr. Mary Beth Fafard of RIDE to the meeting to update the Board and answer questions regarding the Race to the Top Application.

Discussion focused on:

- how smaller communities can work together and how to indicate that on the application; Dr. Fafard indicated that each district would submit a memorandum of understanding with their application stating they would be working together collaboratively with other districts, but did not have to specifically list those districts.
- Concern with union leadership not signing off on the application;
Dr. Fafard advised that the Commissioner is meeting with the leaders of the NEA and AFT.
- Concern by school committees of the cost to districts;
Dr. Fafard advised that it will be budget neutral.
- Discussion of what happens when the grant runs out.
- Discussion of data collection.

Dr. Ottaviano thanked Dr. Fafard for her assistance and she left the meeting at 1:31 p.m. Further discussion followed on how to proceed collaboratively in filling out the application. Dr. Ottaviano also shared copies of her district's statement and her notes on the points of the Race to the Top Application.

Old Business:

4.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning

The Executive Director reported that the first meeting of the Science Five-Year Professional Development Planning will be held on January 7th with Mary Jo Diem facilitating. Information on the upcoming Legal Seminar Series with Attorney Ben Scungio beginning in late January will follow.

Mr. O’Brien reported that a presentation on “Performance Evaluation” data system will be held at NRIC on Thursday, January 12th at 1:00 pm.

5.0 Oil Bid

The Executive Director reported that Craig Enos, Director of Administration, distributed information to the districts’ business managers regarding interest in the oil bid with no responses received. Mr. Enos will follow up.

New Business:

6.0 Negotiations – Successor Agreement NRICEU

This agenda item was discussed during Executive Session.

Information:

- The Executive Director reported that Stephen Lindberg of North Smithfield requested discussion of the School Calendar Regulations regarding the One Hour Delay. Mr. Lindberg was not able to attend today’s meeting. The item will be placed on the February Agenda. Mr. O’Brien indicated he would place the item on the agenda with the Commissioner.
- Mr. O’Brien requested that the State Bus Transportation Costs be placed on the next meeting agenda.

With no further information to report, Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 p.m., which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Mr. O’Brien, and carried by all.

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

Approved: Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Nasif
Mr. O’Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair