

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, February 2, 2010.** The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m. by Chair Dr. Donna Ottaviano with a motion by Ms. Fortunato seconded by Dr. Dellith and carried by all.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Dr. Barnes, Dr. Dellith, Ms. Fortunato, Dr. Gerardi, Ms. Iacovelli, Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Morelle, and Dr. Pallotta, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, Robert Wall, Director of Educational Services, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guest: Attorney Andrew Henneous.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of January 5, 2010

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Dr. Gerardi

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Dr. Gerardi
Ms. Iacovelli
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

2.0 Bills for the month of January, 2010

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Dr. Gerardi
Ms. Iacovelli
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Correspondence:

3.0 Correspondence from Peg Iacovelli

The Executive Director distributed a thank you note received from Ms. Iacovelli.

4.0 General Assembly Bill H7207 “Relating to Education-Cooperative Service Among School Districts”

The Executive Director reported on the General Assembly Bill received from Andy Andrade introduced by Representatives Schadone and Winfield proposing that the Collaboratives be responsible for loaning out of textbooks for private schools instead of the individual school districts. Mr. MacDonnell advised that this proposal would not result in a cost savings and would require additional storage space for the textbooks.

Discussion followed. Dr. Ottaviano suggested that each district could contribute towards the cost.

(Mr. Lindberg arrived at 12:37 pm).

Dr. Ottaviano reported that at the recent RISSA Executive Board meeting with the Commissioner a presentation was held on the new funding formula. A presentation will also be made at the next RIASBO meeting. Dr. Ottaviano will email the PowerPoint presentation to Mr. MacDonnell to share with the Board.

Old Business:

5.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning

The Executive Director reminded the Board of the upcoming Legal Seminar Series beginning on February 8. Mr. MacDonnell distributed copies of a draft document on “Project Success” regarding Science developed by Mary Jo Diem with the Curriculum Team at their January meeting. Grant information on this project has not yet been received. Mr. MacDonnell will keep the Board informed as the process evolves.

6.0 Race to the Top Application

The Executive Director reported that the Commissioner will be meeting with Union Leadership at NRIC on March 2 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

New Business:

7.0 School Calendar Regulations – At the Request of Stephen Lindberg, North Smithfield

Mr. Lindberg reported a dilemma for his district along with Foster Gloucester regarding the contradictory language of the rules and regulations regarding the 1 hour delay and is requesting that they be allowed to delay for 1-1/2 hours. According to the regulations, you can only delay for 1 hour but you can dismiss after 3-1/2 hours. After discussion, Dr. Ottaviano will request that John Pini place on the agenda for the next meeting with the Commissioner.

8.0 State Bus Transportation – At the Request of Robert O’Brien, Smithfield

The Executive Director reported that Mr. Craig Enos gathered data on bus transportation costs at the request of Mr. O’Brien. Mr. Enos advised that he emailed the districts’ business managers and Pawtucket, Burrillville and Lincoln were not participating. North Smithfield, Cumberland and Smithfield reported an increase in costs. Johnston did report a cost savings but private school transportation was high. Mr. Enos will gather the data and pass the information on to Mr. O’Brien who was not able to attend today’s meeting.

Dr. Ottaviano will share the information that there was no cost savings with RISSA and the School Committee Association.

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 1:00 pm, which was moved by Dr. Gerardi, seconded by Dr. Dellith; and carried by all. The closed session ended at 1:27 pm.

New Business:

9.0 RI Educator Code of Professional Responsibility

The Executive Director presented the recently released RI Educator Code of Professional Responsibility to the Board for their approval. Discussion followed. Dr. Barnes advised that he included the document to all his teachers, administrators and school committee. He will email to the Board.

Dr. Dellith voted to accept the RI Educator Code of Professional Responsibility as presented, which was seconded by Ms. Fortunato and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Dr. Gerardi
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

10.0 Employment Non-Renewals (per attached list)

The Executive Director is recommending the employment non-renewal of the personnel listed for the 2010-11 school year as a result of declining enrollment. As of today, projected enrollment indicates the loss of three RAP classes and two SAP classes. At this time only certified staff are being notified.

Mr. Robert Wall advised that the biggest decline is in the middle/late elementary students. Mr. Wall clarified that according to the attached listing of personnel, no Speech/Language Therapists were being laid off, however, we are cutting back on contracted Speech/Language Therapists.

Dr. Dellith motioned to approve the employment non-renewals for 2010-2011 as presented, which was seconded by Dr. Pallotta, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Dr. Gerardi
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

With no further information to report, Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Dellith, seconded by Dr. Gerardi, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Dellith
Seconded: Dr. Gerardi

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Dr. Dellith
Ms. Fortunato
Dr. Gerardi
Ms. Iacovelli
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair