

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, March 2, 2010**. The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m. by Chair Dr. Donna Ottaviano with a motion by Dr. Pallotta seconded by Ms. Fortunato and carried by all.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Ms. Fortunato, Dr. Gerardi, Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Morelle, Mr. O'Brien, 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: Pat Boucher, Bacon & Company.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of February 2, 2010

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

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

2.0 Bills for the month of February, 2010

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Mr. Gerardi

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

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item # 8 out of order:

New Business:

8.0 Audit Letter 2008-09

The Executive Director welcomed Pat Boucher of Bacon & Company to the meeting. Copies of the draft Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for FY 2008-09 were distributed to the Board.

Ms. Boucher reviewed the financial statement's net assets, revenue, cash flow, the breakdown of expenditures by program, and miscellaneous notes.

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

Ms. Boucher entertained questions from the Board and then left the meeting at 12:40 pm.

Mr. MacDonnell reported that the final copy of the Audit Report will be brought forward to the April meeting for the Board's approval.

Correspondence:

3.0 Resignation of Ryan Barrette, Adaptive Physical Education Teacher

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the resignation of Ryan Barrette, Adaptive Physical Education Teacher. Dr. Morelle motioned to approve, which was seconded by Mr. O'Brien, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Mr. O'Brien

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

4.0 Retirement of Robert Marchand, Program Coordinator

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the retirement of Robert Marchand, Program Coordinator. Dr. Morelle motioned to approve the retirement of Mr. Marchand with regret, which was seconded by Ms. Fortunato, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

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

Appointments:

5.0 Appointment of Patrice Roberts, Adaptive Physical Education Teacher

The Executive Director recommended the appointment of Patrice Roberts, Adaptive Physical Education Teacher, for the remainder of the school year to fill the position vacated by Mr. Ryan Barrette. Dr. Morelle motioned to approve, which was seconded by Dr. Gerardi, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Dr. Gerardi

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

Old Business:

6.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning

The Executive Director distributed information on the 2010-12 RI Higher Education Partnership Grants. Mr. MacDonnell reported that through the efforts of the Curriculum Team they will be writing a grant with a focus on Science. They will require a letter of support from the Superintendents along with their support of the activities and participation in the professional development. Mr. MacDonnell will develop the letter and email to the Board.

New Business:

7.0 RINET Board Representative

Chair Donna Ottaviano asked Mr. Steve Lindberg if he wished to continue to serve as NRIC’s representative on the RINET Board as he has not been able to attend recent meetings. Mr. Lindberg advised that recent issues in his district have prevented him from attending the meetings and asked if the Board could select another member.

After discussion, it was suggested that Tom Rambacher, NRIC’s Technology Director, be appointed as the RINET Board representative. The position will be brought before the Board again in September. Ms. Fortunato motioned to approve the appointment of Tom Rambacher as NRIC’s representative on the RINET Board, which was seconded by Dr. Gerardi, approved by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Dr. Gerardi

Approved: Ms. Fortunato
Dr. Gerardi
Dr. Morelle
Mr. Lindberg
Mr. O’Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

The Board extended their thanks to Mr. Lindberg.

Information:

- Ms. Fortunato discussed the possibility of a walk out of teachers in Central Falls and the possible impact in other districts.
- Mr. O’Brien suggested that the Board have more discussions regarding sharing resources and the possibility of working together on data and an evaluation instrument. Shared Resources will be added to future Board agendas.
- Dr. Morelle requested feedback from Superintendents on Commissioner Gist’s recent request for tenure information.
- Mr. Lindberg also suggested more collaboration with resources, particularly with oil. He suggested meeting with the oil company again. He will also be bidding on HVAC and plumbing and will develop an RFP if other districts are interested.

- Other suggestions discussed regarding shared resources were in personnel and a data manager.
- Mr. MacDonnell reminded everyone of NRIC's upcoming Annual Meeting on March 17th.
- Mr. Enos will survey the facilities managers on upcoming projects.

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

There was no Executive Session due to the absence of Attorney Andrew Henneous.

With no further information to report, Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:28 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Morelle, seconded by Ms. Fortunato, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair