

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, May 4, 2010**. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Chair Dr. Donna Ottaviano with a motion by Dr. Morelle seconded by Ms. Iacovelli and carried by all.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Ms. Fortunato, Dr. Gerardi, Ms. Iacovelli, Ms. Kim Mercer, Dr. Morelle, Mr. O'Brien, and Dr. Pallotta, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Attorney Andrew Henneous and Mary Varr, Hockomock YMCA.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of April 6, 2010

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Ms. Iacovelli

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

2.0 Bills for the month of April, 2010

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

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

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item #5 out of order.

New Business:

5.0 Hockomock YMCA – Mary Varr (At the request of Georgia Fortunato, Lincoln)

The Executive Director welcomed Mary Varr of the Hockomock YMCA to the meeting. Ms. Varr reported that she is a member of the Lincoln School Committee and works for

the Hockomock YMCA in Attleboro, MA and works with the school systems of Franklin, North Attleboro, Mansfield and Bellingham. She requested the opportunity to speak to the Board to advise of Hockomock's services and to encourage school systems to work with their local YMCA's as another resource for families in their communities. Ms. Varr advised of the following services that they provide: afterschool programs, healthy lifestyles/childhood obesity prevention, early childhood, walk to school.

Mr. MacDonnell thanked Ms. Varr for her presentation, and she left the meeting at 12:47 pm.

The Board agreed to take Executive Session out of order:

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

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 12:48 pm, which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Mr. O'Brien; and carried by all. The closed session ended at 12:55 pm.

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

New Business:

6.0 Confucius Institute Presentation

The Executive Director welcomed Mr. Kongli Liu, Assistant Director for Academic Programs for the US-China Institute at Bryant University, to the meeting to inform the Board of a summer professional development opportunity for teachers. Mr. Liu distributed information on the Startalk Chinese Language and Culture Teacher Program which will take place in July 2010 at Bryant University. This is a federally funded grant program with Bryant for four years. They have a 3-week program for teachers and a two-week program for middle and high school students. The application deadline is May 17, 2010. Mr. Liu advised they expect approximately 40 teachers to participate this year.

Mr. O'Brien reported that Smithfield teachers participated in the past and advised of their good experience and encouraged other districts to participate.

Mr. Liu entertained questions from the Board and then left the meeting at 1:08 pm.

Old Business:

3.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning

The Executive Director reported that the Legal Seminar Series is continuing with “Workplace Harassment and Fraternalization Issues” on May 13th.

Mr. MacDonnell reported that we did not receive the full funding of the Project Success Grant. A meeting was held with the higher education evaluation committee where we learned that we need to resubmit a more scaled down version of the grant plan. Another meeting will be held next week regarding implementation January 2011. Mr. MacDonnell will keep the Curriculum Team informed.

Mr. MacDonnell advised of Roger Williams University’s relationship with Pawtucket School Department and suggested joining forces with Roger Williams.

Mr. MacDonnell distributed information regarding a draft of a grant on “The Power of Collaborative Inquiry: Professional Development for Data Coaches”, working with East Conn, Learn, SORICO, and Research for Better Teaching. Mr. MacDonnell also provided copies of a chart to be updated by the districts and returned.

4.0 Shared Resources

The Executive Director asked if anyone had anything to report on this open agenda item.

- Dr. Ottaviano discussed the Race to the Top Application.
- Dr. Morelle advised that her Assistant Superintendent, Susan Carney, will stay with Cumberland on a part-time basis.
- Mr. O’Brien reported on recent legislation which allows for purchasing with other states resulting in higher savings.
- Dr. Ottaviano discussed legislation regarding transportation and the state transportation system.

New Business:

7.0 2010-2011 Board Meeting Schedule

The Executive Director provided a draft copy of the 2010-11 Board Meeting schedule and reminded everyone that the June meeting has been rescheduled from June 1 to June 29 at Smithfield High School in order to view the Bob Ballard live broadcast. Dr. Pallotta questioned meeting in the summer. Dr. Gerardi suggested changing the August date to August 17.

The schedule will be revised and brought back at the next meeting.

8.0 Van Bid

Craig Enos, Director of Administration, reported that a bid was sent out for a van to replace the current 2000 Dodge Caravan with 100,000 miles. The purchase will be processed through the RVAC Grant and has been approved by ORS.

Mr. Enos requested the Board's approval of the purchase of a 2007 Dodge Caravan with Elmwood Dodge for \$15,000. The motion to approve was made by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

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

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

With no further information to report, Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 p.m., which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair