

# 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 Smithfield High School's Media Center, 90 Pleasant View Avenue, Smithfield, RI, on **Tuesday, June 29, 2010**. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chair Dr. Donna Ottaviano with a motion by Ms. Fortunato seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Cylke, Ms. Fortunato, 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. Guests: Attorney Andrew Henneous

### **Routine Matters:**

#### **1.0 The Minutes of May 4, 2010**

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

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

#### **2.0 Bills for the month of May, 2010**

Moved: Dr. Pallotta  
Seconded: Dr. Morelle

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

### **Correspondence:**

#### **3.0 Retirement of Janice Hallal, Instructional Assistant**

The Executive Director requested the Board accept the retirement of Janice Hallal, Instructional Assistant.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato  
Seconded: Dr. Morelle

Approved: Dr. Barnes  
Ms. Cylke  
Ms. Fortunato

Mr. Lindberg  
Dr. Morelle  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Ottaviano  
Dr. Pallotta

**4.0 Retirement of Sandra Beauregard, Controller**

The Executive Director requested the Board accept the retirement of Sandra Beauregard, Controller.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Dr. Barnes

Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Ms. Cylke  
Ms. Fortunato  
Mr. Lindberg  
Dr. Morelle  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Ottaviano  
Dr. Pallotta

**Old Business:**

**5.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning**

The Executive Director informed the Board that Tom Rambacher, Technology Director, has finalized the Technology Bid and it is posted on our website. The final workshop in our continuing Legal Series will be offered on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Administrators may sign up through our website. Good news was received from David Cedrone regarding the RIGBHE Title IIA Partnership Grant, Project Success. We have been given approval, although we were asked to downsize and can only work with two districts, Pawtucket and North Providence. In future years of the grant, we may be able to open the training up to other districts.

**6.0 Shared Resources – Northwest School District Consortium**

The Board discussed the recently formulated Northwest School District Consortium involving North Smithfield, Burrillville, Smithfield, and Lincoln school districts. The Consortium originated from the North Smithfield School Committee's desire to collaborate with like school districts to achieve cost savings in shared opportunities in facilities, purchasing, professional development, and personnel. The School Committees have all approved a resolution allowing the districts to share, thereby avoiding any conflicts. Mr. O'Brien told the Board that the Consortium is not in competition with NRIC and that the districts would still participate in the Collaborative opportunities.

**7.0 2010-2011 Board Meeting Schedule**

The Executive Director presented the proposed 2010-2011 Board Meeting Schedule for approval.

Moved: Mr. Lindberg

Approved: Dr. Barnes

Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Ms. Cylke  
Ms. Fortunato  
Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Morelle  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Ottaviano  
Dr. Pallotta

**New Business:**

**8.0 NRIC Budget 2010-2011**

The NRIC Budget for 2010-11 was presented by Mr. Craig Enos, Director of Administration, to the Board for approval. Discussion was heard on the change in healthcare costs due to the unsettled NRIC Collective Bargaining Agreement which expires on June 30, 2010. Tuitions have increased even though the administration has made over \$1.8 million in staff and program cuts. The increases are attributed to the recent withdrawal of three students, reducing anticipated revenues by over \$180,000. Dr. Pallotta requested that the Burrillville monies held by NRIC be returned to the district. Mr. Enos will send the appropriate letters to be signed to release the funds.

Dr. Morelle motioned to accept the NRIC 2010-11 Budget as presented with the ability to adjust the budget after completion of the NRICEU contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pallotta, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle  
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

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

**Information:**

**9.0 Bacon & Company Auditors Management Letter 2008-09**

The Executive Director shared with the Board the recently received Management Letter from Auditors Bacon & Company. No action was necessary.

With no further information to report, Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m., which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato  
Seconded: Dr. Morelle

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair