

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, November 9, 2010**. The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. by Chair, Dr. Donna Ottaviano.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Cylke, Dr. DiLullo, Ms. Fortunato, Dr. Gerardi, Mr. Lindberg, 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 Benjamin Scungio, and Lisa Foehr, Kamlyn Keith, Kate Nye, and Mary Ann Snider of RIDE.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of October 5, 2010 & October 6, 2010 Special Meeting

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

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

2.0 Bills for the Month of October 2010

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

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

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item #8.0 out of order:

New Business:

8.0 RIDE Teacher Evaluation System (Mary Ann Snider)

- The Executive Director introduced Mary Ann Snider from RIDE who in turn introduced Lisa Foehr, Kate Nye, and Kamlyn Keith to the Board. Ms. Nye and Ms. Keith distributed copies of information on "Study of the Standards: Common Core State Standards" and reviewed the trainings that will take place throughout the districts. They

requested that Superintendents advise of the best contact in their district for professional development. Trainings will take place starting in the Spring of 2011 into the summer and next school year. They advised that 5,000 teachers will be trained between now and 2012.

(Dr. Michael Barnes arrived at 12:35 pm; Ms. Deborah Cylke arrived at 12:37 pm).

Discussion took place on technology and making the trainings available on-line.

(Dr. Robert Gerardi arrived at 12:49 pm).

Ms. Nye advised that a survey will be forwarded to all Superintendents.

Ms. Nye and Ms. Keith left the meeting at 12:55 pm.

- Mary Ann Snider distributed draft copies of information on “The Rhode Island Model Educator Evaluation System” and entertained questions from the Board. Discussion took place regarding communicating with the AFT & NEA Unions, who will do the evaluating, timelines and cycles of evaluation. Ms. Snider reported that school year 2011-12 will be a gradual implementation year for teachers and principals and 2012-13 for support professional personnel. Ms. Snider will meet again with the Board in a couple of months.

(Mr. Lindberg left the meeting at 1:55 pm).

Ms. Snider and Ms. Foehr left the meeting at 2:02 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 Tentative Contract Agreement

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 2:03 pm, which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. DiLullo. A roll call vote was taken and was carried by all.

Ms. Fortunato motioned to adjourn the closed session at 2:05 pm, seconded by Dr. Gerardi, and carried by all.

Appointments:

**3.0 Appointment of Nicole Bucka, Educational Consultant for RI Systems of Support
Jennifer Boisvert, Executive Secretary**

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Nicole Bucka as the Educational Consultant for RI Systems of Support, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta and seconded by Mr. O'Brien, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta

Seconded: Mr. O'Brien

Approved:

Dr. Barnes

Ms. Cylke

Dr. DiLullo

Ms. Fortunato

Dr. Gerardi

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Pallotta

4.0 Appointment of Nancy Lareau, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA)

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Nancy Lareau as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA), which was moved by Ms. Fortunato and seconded by Ms. Cylke, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta

Seconded: Mr. O'Brien

Approved:

Dr. Barnes

Ms. Cylke

Dr. DiLullo

Ms. Fortunato

Dr. Gerardi

Dr. Morelle

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Pallotta

Old Business:

5.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning

The Executive Director reported that a meeting was held with the Curriculum Directors regarding coordination of district professional development days for next school year. They will gather the data and bring back to the Board at a future meeting.

6.0 Shared Resources – Northwest School District Consortium

Nothing to report.

7.0 NRICEU Tentative Contract Agreement

The Executive Director requested the Board vote on the ratification of the NRICEU Contract Agreement. Mr. O'Brien motioned to ratify the NRICEU Contract Agreement, which was seconded by Dr. Pallotta, and carried by all.

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

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

New Business:

9.0 Annual Meeting

The Executive Director reported that the dates of March 15, 16, 23 & 24, 2011 are open on the schedule at Twelve Acres Banquet Facility in Smithfield. Mr. MacDonnell requested the Board check their availability and advise us the best date for their district.

10.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewal

The Executive Director is recommending the Board rescind the employment non-renewal of Madeline Rodriguez as a Teacher Assistant Floater. Dr. Morelle motioned to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Cylke, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Ms. Cylke

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

11.0 NRIC Board/RIDE Legal Opinion

Attorney Benjamin Scungio distributed copies of correspondence between him and David Abbott, Esq. at RIDE regarding a legal opinion of new amendments to legislation by the General Assembly in regard to membership on the Boards of the educational collaboratives.

Attorney Scungio advised that the statute becomes effective January 2011 and that he is awaiting response from RIDE within the next week or two. Mr. Scungio suggested that the Board discuss the issue with their School Committees and that the School Committees appoint a representative to the Board, which should take place every year.

The Board agreed to take the following agenda items out of order:

Information:

13.0 Storm Phone Tree 2010-11

The Executive Director provided updated copies of the Superintendents' Storm Phone Tree for 2010-11. Dr. Ottaviano reviewed the Storm Phone Tree for the new members of the Board as to phone calls made during the threat of inclement weather.

14.0 ESchool News Article

The Executive Director provided copies of a news article regarding CDI refurbished computers for students.

New Business:

12.0 Race to the Top Application

Dr. Ottaviano requested information be shared on the Systems of Support Human Capital item. Dr. Gerardi and Ms. Fortunato will share info from their districts.

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm, which was moved by Dr. Gerardi, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Gerardi
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair