

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 15, 2011**. The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m. by Chair, Dr. Donna Ottaviano, which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Morelle, carried by all.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Ms. Cylke, Dr. DiLullo, Ms. Fortunato, Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Morelle, and Dr. Pallotta, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Andrew Henneous, Esq., Michael Mullane, Field Representative, AFT, Karen Gill, President, NRICEU, Mary Ann McComiskey, President, LTA, and several members of the NRICEU.

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:

- . Grievance(s) and Potential/Threatened Litigation

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to take Executive Session out of order which was moved by Dr. Morelle, seconded by Ms. Fortunato and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Ms. Cylke
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 12:40 pm, which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Ms. Cylke
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 1:11 pm, which was moved by Dr. Morelle, seconded by Ms. Fortunato, carried by all. Dr. Ottaviano reported no votes were taken during Executive Session.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Ms. Cylke
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of January 11, 2011

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Ms. Cylke
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

2.0 Bills for the Month of January 2011

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Ms. Cylke
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Correspondence:

3.0 Resignation of Madeline Richer, Teacher Assistant

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Madeline Richer, Teacher Assistant, which was moved by Dr. Morelle and seconded by Ms. Fortunato.

Moved: Dr. Morelle
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Ms. Cylke
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Old Business:

4.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning

The Executive Director reported that he was notified by the RI Board of Governors for Higher Education that the Project Success Grant for Science was approved for \$220,000 and he is awaiting the letter of approval.

Mr. MacDonnell questioned the Board if they wanted to engage in the process of strategic planning and move forward with dates and facilities. Discussion followed and it was suggested they wait for more guidance from RIDE on professional development and for a new Superintendent to be in place from Cumberland. Mr. MacDonnell advised another meeting of the Curriculum Team will take place this week.

5.0 Shared Resources

Ms. Fortunato and Dr. Pallotta reported that the Northwest Consortium will have a new website. A press release will be forthcoming after four districts vote on it. The website will include an action plan for Curriculum Directors, Special Education Directors and Business Managers along with a mission statement, goals and a calendar.

New Business:

6.0 Vote for NRIC Officers – Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson

The Executive Director reported that per the Board’s nominations at the January meeting for Dr. Donna Ottaviano as Chairperson and Ms. Georgia Fortunato as Vice-Chairperson, he requested a vote on these positions for a two-year term.

Dr. Pallotta motioned to approve that Dr. Donna Ottaviano continue as Chairperson and Ms. Georgia Fortunato be voted as the new Vice-Chairperson. Dr. DiLullo seconded the motion and was carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. DiLullo

Approved: Ms. Cylke
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

7.0 Employment Non-Renewals 2011-12

Dr. Ottaviano invited NRIC Employees’ Union members to make a statement regarding this agenda item.

Teachers Nancy Duffy, and Karen Gill, along with Michael Mullane of the RFT, made statements to the Board concerning the non-renewals.

Ms. Fortunato motioned to return to Executive Session at 1:10 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. DiLullo

Approved: Ms. Cylke
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 2:17 pm, which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Morelle, carried by all. Dr. Ottaviano reported no votes were taken during Executive Session.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Dr. Morelle

Approved: Ms. Cylke
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

The Executive Director reported that the student enrollment numbers received to date from the districts' Special Education Directors do not indicate that we have programs at all. However, the Board is willing to go back and review. Mr. MacDonnell therefore withdraws his recommendation at this time to lay off certified staff. A special meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 1:00 pm and a new recommendation will be brought forward. The process still needs to be followed in order to meet the March 1 deadline. Mr. MacDonnell explained that NRIC is a tuition based entity and we do not have a commitment from the districts regarding student enrollment at this time. The districts are required to submit their commitments by July 31.

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, reported that there is no intention by the Board to close NRIC. We are meeting the State's requirements to notify staff of layoffs by March 1. At the special meeting on February 22, we hope to have more of a commitment on student enrollment.

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to table Agenda Item # 7 on the Employment Non-Renewals for 2011-12 to a special meeting on February 22, 2011. The motion was moved by Dr. Pallotta and seconded by Ms. Fortunato, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Ms. Cylke
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta

Information:

- Nothing to report.

With no further information to discuss, Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:21 pm, which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Ms. Cylke

Dr. DiLullo

Ms. Fortunato

Mr. Lindberg

Dr. Morelle

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Pallotta

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair