

**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 3, 2011**. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Chair Dr. Donna Ottaviano with a motion by Ms. Georgia Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Robert Gerardi and carried by all.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Cylke, Ms. Fortunato, Dr. Gerardi, Dr. Morelle, Mr. O'Brien, and Dr. Pallotta, as well as Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guest: Attorney Andrew Henneous

**Routine Matters:**

**1.0 The Minutes of April 5, 2011**

Moved: Ms. Fortunato  
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

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

**2.0 Bills for the Month of April 2011**

Moved: Dr. Pallotta  
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

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

**Old Business:**

**3.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning**

The Executive Director reviewed the Project Success Leadership Institute that was held on April 4, 2011 for Principals from North Providence and Pawtucket. The second session is scheduled for May 5, 2010.

The Executive Director also discussed the challenge of collecting from Curriculum Directors the districts' professional development needs and plans for next year. He has

requested the information but has not received any submissions. The intent of the data collection was to share out the NRIC district PD needs and plans so that we could utilize efficiencies through cooperative sharing and planning. Mr. MacDonnell asked the superintendents to assist him with their Curriculum Directors/Assistant Superintendents to collect this information.

#### **4.0 Shared Resources**

Mr. Robert O'Brien shared with the members of the Board an opinion letter from the Attorney General allowing the use of the Valley Breeze for the posting notice requirement for meetings. This new opinion was reached based on the number of paid subscriptions of the Valley Breeze.

Ms. Cylke discussed her plans for a professional development opportunity for principals that she is planning for August. She invited the member districts to participate and share the expenses. The presenter, Todd Whitaker, Ph.D., will present on What Great Principals Do Differently: 15 Things That Matter Most. The Board agreed and the date of August 15 was proposed, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. with a working lunch included. This will be held at the NRIC Training Center. Ms. Cylke will finalize the plans and confirm the dates and times with Mr. MacDonnell.

#### **New Business:**

#### **5.0 Board Meeting Schedule 2011-12**

The Executive Director reviewed the proposed Board Meeting Schedule for 2011-12. The Board approved the schedule with the following changes: July, 12, September 13, and January 10.

Ms. Fortunato motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Cylke and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Fortunato	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Ms. Cylke		Ms. Cylke
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Gerardi
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta

#### **6.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewals for 2011-12**

The Executive Director recommended rescinding the employment non-renewals of the following personnel for the 2011-12 school year:

<u>Teachers:</u>	<u>Social Worker:</u>
K. L'Homme	M. Glatter
L. Kopacsi	
B. Pilla	

Ms. Fortunato motioned to approve, seconded by Dr. Morelle and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Fortunato	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Morelle		Ms. Cylke
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Gerardi
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta

**7.0 Reduction in Personnel Hours**

The Executive Director recommended the reduction in hours of the Data Facilitator/Braillist from 1.0 FTE to 0.6 FTE to match grant monies available for the position. Dr. Gerardi motioned to approve, which was seconded by Dr. Morelle, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Gerardi	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Morelle		Ms. Cylke
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Gerardi
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta

**8.0 Resignation of Jane Signorelli-Slade, Grant Facilitator**

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the resignation of Jane Signorelli-Slade, Grant Facilitator, effective May 27, 2011.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Fortunato	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Pallotta		Ms. Cylke
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Gerardi
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta

**Information:**

Nothing to report.

**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 enter into Executive Session at 12:40 pm, which was moved by Dr. Morelle, seconded by Ms. Fortunato and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Morelle	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Ms. Fortunato		Ms. Cylke
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Gerardi
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 12:56 pm, which was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Fortunato, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Mr. O'Brien	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Ms. Fortunato		Ms. Cylke
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Gerardi
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta

Dr. Ottaviano reported that the Board voted during Executive Session to send a written response from the Board to Mike Mullane, AFT, regarding the NRICEU's vote of no confidence.

With no further information to discuss, Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:57 pm, which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Morelle, and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Fortunato	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Morelle		Ms. Cylke
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Gerardi
			Dr. Morelle
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair