

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, January 10, 2012**. The meeting was called to order at 1:19 p.m. by Chair, Dr. Donna Ottaviano, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Ms. Fortunato, carried by all.

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

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of December 6, 2011

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Cylke
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. DiLullo
Dr. Thornton

Motion to Seal: Dr. Ottaviano
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

2.0 Bills for the Month of December 2011

Moved: Dr. Dilullo
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Cylke
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Thornton

3.0 McREL

Discussion: The Executive Director introduced Mrs. Paula Andrews to the Board. Mrs. Andrews will be taking minutes of the meeting in replacement of Debbie Jannetta who recently retired. The Executive Director shared correspondence he had received from McREL about their approach for Educator Effectiveness. Dr. Tony Davis from McREL, would come to the NRIC to have a breakfast presentation sharing essential considerations and research-based findings about the knowledge, skills, and competencies that, when exemplified by teachers and leaders,

correlate to improved student performance. Dr. Davis will also address McREL's approach to measuring and developing educator effectiveness. The Board felt that at this time there was already enough happening with RIDE and the Educator Evaluation Model and Race to the Top and choose to decline the offer this year.

4.0 Appointment of Marion Walsh, Caseworker

Motion _____ 2nd _____

Discussion:

The Executive Director withdrew his recommendation for appointment and no vote was taken.

New Business:

5.0 Strategic Planning:

Discussion:

The Executive Director shared with the Board that he had contacted Debbie Siegel from EASTCONN, the facilitator of our last Strategic Plan. She is available to work with the NRIC again. The Board decided that the most appropriate time to schedule this would be right after the end of school in June. The planning would involve the Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents/Curriculum Directors, Business Managers, Special Education Directors, Technology Directors and members of the NRICEU. The Executive Director will make the necessary plans.

Information:

6.0 Shared Resources

Discussion: Nothing to report.

7.0 Student Enrollment

Discussion:

The Executive Director informed the Board that the current information received from their Special Education Directors indicates a confirmation of 50 students for September. That number if realized would result in substantial layoffs. Mr. MacDonnell shared information on the comparative enrollment projections for September to current enrollment which also included potential staffing impacts. The Executive Director will provide the Board with a tentative Budget and tuition projections at the next Board meeting. Mr. MacDonnell thanked the

Superintendents and their Special Education Directors for the timely response on the request for projected enrollments. The information is absolutely necessary to inform teacher layoff determinations.

With no further information to discuss, Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at pm, which was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Fortunato, and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. Cylke
Dr. Thornton
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. DiLullo
Dr. O'Brien

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair