

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 Barnes & Noble, Smithfield Crossings, 371 Putnam Pike, Smithfield, RI, on **Tuesday, July 10, 2012**. The meeting was called to order at 12:31 pm by Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair, with a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

In addition to Dr. Ottaviano, the following Board members were present: Dr. DiLullo, Dr. Donoyan, Ms. Fortunato, Mr. O'Brien, Dr. Pallotta, and Dr. Thornton, as well as Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Interim Executive Director, Robert Wall, Director of Educational Services, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Andrew Henneous, Esq., Paula DiPaola, Community Relations Manager of Barnes & Noble.

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of June 5, 2012

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Dr. Donoyan
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton

2.0 Bills for the Month of June 2012

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Dr. Donoyan
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton

Correspondence:

3.0 Bacon & Company Audit Engagement Letter

Mr. Craig Enos, Director of Administration, reported that the letter of engagement from Bacon & Company was provided to the Board for their information.

Appointments:

4.0 Appointment & Discussion of Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., as Interim Executive Director

Dr. Donna Ottaviano, Chair, recommended the appointment of Mr. Nasif as NRIC's Interim Executive Director. The motion to approve was made by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved:

Dr. DiLullo

Dr. Donoyan

Ms. Fortunato

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Pallotta

Dr. Thornton

Discussion followed regarding Mr. Nasif's work schedule. It was agreed that he would finish off this school year with his remaining dates up to 90 days and start another 90 days beginning September 1st with the flexibility of working more days during the opening of school. A motion was made to approve by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato

Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved:

Dr. DiLullo

Dr. Donoyan

Ms. Fortunato

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Ottaviano

Dr. Pallotta

Dr. Thornton

Old Business:

5.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning

Mr. Nasif, Interim Executive Director, advised the Board that the packets from the June 22nd Strategic Planning session were available and reported that another meeting will be scheduled in order to review them. Ms. Fortunato suggested that another meeting be held in the Fall.

6.0 Shared Resources

Dr. Pallotta advised there was nothing to report.

7.0 NRIC Budget 2012-13

Mr. Enos, Director of Administration, reviewed the proposed NRIC budget and tuition rates for 2012-13 and advised that after the last meeting, recalculations were made which resulted in a drop in tuitions. Mr. Enos advised a total budget of \$5.6 million. He reviewed the Expenditures including Contractual Increases and Benefits Increases and Decreases along with Program and Operating Expenses Increases and Decreases.

Discussed followed from the Board regarding the format of Mr. Enos' report. Ms. Fortunato requested a detailed account of administration salaries. Discussion of NRIC's Technology Director position was discussed. Mr. Enos advised that this position was being contracted out two days a week.

Mr. Enos requested approval of the Summer Tuition Rates at this time and that additional information will be provided on the remaining pieces at the next meeting. Mr. Enos advised the rates as follows:

Summer RAP	\$6,681
Summer SAP	\$7,913
Summer Auditory Oral	\$1,250

Dr. DiLullo motioned to approve the NRIC Summer Tuition Rates for 2012, which was seconded by Dr. Donoyan, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Donoyan		Dr. Donoyan
			Ms. Fortunato
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta
			Dr. Thornton

Further discussion took place regarding student enrollment. Mr. Nasif reminded the Board that increased NRIC student enrollment from the districts would result in tuition reductions.

Dr. Ottaviano, therefore, entertained a motion to amend the previous motion and approve the NRIC Budget for 2012-13 as presented realizing the tuition rates may be reduced dependent upon student enrollment. The amended motion was approved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Fortunato	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Mr. O'Brien		Dr. Donoyan
			Ms. Fortunato
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta
			Dr. Thornton

New Business:

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item #9 out of order:

9.0 NRIC Board Officers

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, reported that since this is her last Board Meeting, Ms. Fortunato, current Vice-Chair, will automatically become the Chair of the Northern Rhode Island

Collaborative. Dr. Ottaviano entertained nominations for a new Vice-Chair. Ms. Fortunato recommended Dr. Bernie DiLullo as the new Vice-Chair. Dr. Donoyan motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Fortunato and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Donoyan
Seconded: Ms. Fortunato

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Dr. Donoyan
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton

On behalf of the Board, Ms. Fortunato thanked Dr. Ottaviano for her many years of service and presented her with a gift.

10.0 Employment Non-Renewal of Non-Certified Staff for 2012-13

Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to approve the non-renewal of the employment of the non-certified staff as presented on the attached list for 2012-13. The motion was made by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Dr. Donoyan
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton

11.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewals of Certified Staff for 2012-13

Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to approve rescinding the employment non-renewals of the certified staff as presented on the attached list for 2012-13. The motion was made by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Dr. Donoyan
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton

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 Negotiations/Tentative Agreement

Dr. Ottaviano, Chair, entertained a motion to move into Executive Session at 1:05 pm, which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Fortunato	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Pallotta		Dr. Donoyan
			Ms. Fortunato
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta
			Dr. Thornton

Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 1:15 pm, which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, carried by all. There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Fortunato	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Pallotta		Dr. Donoyan
			Ms. Fortunato
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta
			Dr. Thornton

New Business (cont'd):

12.0 NRICEU Negotiations/Tentative Agreement

Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to approve the NRICEU Tentative Agreement. The motion was made by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Ms. Fortunato and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Pallotta	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Ms. Fortunato		Dr. Donoyan
			Ms. Fortunato
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Ottaviano
			Dr. Pallotta
			Dr. Thornton

Mr. Andrew Henneous left the meeting at 1:18 pm.

Information:

In light of the recent article in the Providence Journal regarding the new Graduation Requirements and Special Education students, Mr. O'Brien questioned what can NRIC do and suggested the item be placed on the August agenda. Mr. Wall and Mr. Enos reported that Cindy VanAvery, NRIC's Transition Employment Center Manager is working on this with Jane Slade of RIDE and suggested she make a presentation to the Board on the issue.

New Business (cont'd):

8.0 Presentation by Paula DiPaola, Community Relations Manager, Barnes & Noble

Ms. Paula DiPaola welcomed the Board to Barnes & Noble and briefly reviewed some of the services that Barnes & Noble is able to offer school districts, such as fund raising, special events, Educator Discount Cards, ordering of books and Nooks. Ms. DiPaola advised if the Board has any questions or any other ideas where Barnes & Noble can be of assistance to their schools, to please contact her. Dr. Ottaviano and Mr. Nasif thanked Ms. DiPaola for accommodating the Board with their meeting and luncheon.

With no further information to discuss, Dr. Ottaviano entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 pm, which was moved by Ms. Fortunato, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Fortunato
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Dr. Donoyan
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Ottaviano
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Georgia Fortunato, Chair