

**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, September 11, 2012**. The meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm by Georgia Fortunato, Chair, with a motion by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

In addition to Ms. Fortunato, the following Board members were present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Cylke, Dr. DiLullo, Dr. Ryan, and Dr. Thornton, as well as Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Interim Executive Director, and Robert Wall, Director of Educational Services. Guest: Andrew Henneous, Esq.

**Routine Matters:**

**1.0 The Minutes of August 7, 2012**

Moved: Dr. DiLullo  
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

Approved: Dr. Barnes  
Ms. Cylke  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Ryan  
Dr. Thornton

**2.0 Bills for the Month of August 2012**

Moved: Dr. Thornton  
Seconded: Ms. Cylke

Approved: Dr. Barnes  
Ms. Cylke  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Ryan  
Dr. Thornton

**Correspondence:**

**3.0 Resignation of Linda Allard, Nurse/Teacher**

The Interim Executive Director recommended the Board accept the resignation of Linda Allard, Nurse/Teacher, which was moved by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Ryan  
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

Approved: Dr. Barnes  
Ms. Cylke  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Ryan  
Dr. Thornton

**4.0 Resignation of Joanne Macaruso, Teacher Assistant**

The Interim Executive Director recommended the Board accept the resignation of Joanne Macaruso, Teacher Assistant, which was moved by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. DiLullo  
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

Approved: Dr. Barnes  
Ms. Cylke  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Ryan  
Dr. Thornton

**5.0 Resignation of Kelly Mollock, Behavior Specialist**

The Interim Executive Director recommended the Board accept the resignation of Kelly Mollock, Behavior Specialist, which was moved by Ms. Cylke, seconded by Dr. Ryan and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Cylke  
Seconded: Dr. Ryan

Approved: Dr. Barnes  
Ms. Cylke  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Ryan  
Dr. Thornton

**Old Business:**

**6.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning**

Mr. Nasif, Interim Executive Director, reported that at the last meeting another Strategic Planning session would be scheduled in late October. However, Mr. Nasif indicated he understood the difficulty of all districts’ staff attendance at this meeting. He suggested that a brief needs assessment be developed by a Strategic Planning Team and then a proposal be developed based on input from the districts. He suggested bringing the proposal before the Board in January 2013.

**7.0 Shared Resources**

Dr. Pallotta was not in attendance and therefore nothing to report.

**New Business:**

**8.0 Board Meeting Attendance/Quorum**

Mr. Nasif, Interim Executive Director, discussed attendance at Board meetings and the occasional difficulty in obtaining a quorum, especially in the summer months.

**9.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewals of Certified and Non-Certified Staff for 2012-13**

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to approve rescinding the employment non-renewals of the certified and non-certified staff for 2012-13 as presented and read the names as follows:

**Teachers:**

Casey, Francis  
Correia, Karen

**Adaptive Phys. Ed. Teacher:**

O'Brien, Kathy (1.0)

**Occupational Therapist:**

Manchester, Erin

**Speech Therapist:**

Fortier, Claire

**Teacher Assistants:**

Dalby, Nicole  
Gorgone, Christine  
Kern, Maureen  
Petit, Janet

The motion to approve was made by Dr. Barnes, seconded by Dr. DiLullo and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. DiLullo  
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

Approved: Dr. Barnes  
Ms. Cylke  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Ryan  
Dr. Thornton

**10.0 St. James Lease**

Mr. Nasif reported that he met with Father Desaulniers of St. James Church regarding NRIC's lease agreement. Fr. Desaulniers is pleased with the relationship St. James has with NRIC and would like to continue with us long term. Mr. Nasif is proposing that we extend our one-year lease agreement to three years, two years firm with a one-year extension.

**11.0 NRICEU Contract Proposal**

Mr. Nasif reported on a good Staff Orientation Day and start of school. He advised that he is hopeful for a fresh start in this school year. He is working with the Union on outstanding grievances and advised they should be resolved today. Mr. Nasif would like to discuss an extension to the Union contract with the Board.

**12.0 NRIC Brochures**

Mr. Nasif provided copies to the Board of NRIC's brochures – one developed by Administration and one developed by the NRIC Employees Union – which highlight our programs.

Mr. Nasif encouraged districts' student attendance at NRIC which would result in reductions in tuition.

Discussion followed regarding the future and the use of technology in our programs. Mr. Robert Wall, Director of Educational Services, gave an update on the technology currently being used in our programs. Mr. Nasif suggested that we develop a report for each NRIC site on how technology is being used in the classroom and provide a copy to the districts.

#### **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 Grievances / Interim Executive Director

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to move into Executive Session at 1:04 pm, which was moved by Ms. Cylke, seconded by Dr. DiLullo, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Cylke	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. DiLullo		Ms. Cylke
			Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Ryan
			Dr. Thornton

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 1:20 pm, which was moved by Ms. Cylke, seconded by Dr. Ryan, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Cylke	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Ryan		Ms. Cylke
			Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Ryan
			Dr. Thornton

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, reported there were no votes taken during Executive Session.

#### **Information:**

##### **13.0 Audit Letter 2011-12**

Mr. Nasif provided copies of Bacon & Company's Audit Letter for 2011-12.

##### **14.0 NRIC Teacher Assistant Training**

Mr. Nasif provided information on NRIC's Fall Session of the Teacher Assistant Training Program beginning on September 18, 2012.

**15.0 Interim Executive Director Comments**

Mr. Nasif reported that the school year began with good positive comments. Student enrollment has bottomed out and is on the upswing. Mr. Nasif also reported that he instituted a “suggestion box” with the staff.

With no further information to discuss, Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 pm, which was moved by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Dr. DiLullo, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Thornton  
Seconded: Dr. DiLullo

Approved: Dr. Barnes  
Ms. Cylke  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Ryan  
Dr. Thornton

Respectfully submitted,

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Ms. Georgia Fortunato, Chair