

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, October 2, 2012.** The meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm by Vice-Chair Dr. Bernie DiLullo in the absence of Georgia Fortunato, Chair, with a motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

In addition to Dr. DiLullo, the following Board members were present: Mr. Lindberg, Mr. O'Brien, Dr. Pallotta, Dr. Ryan, and Dr. Thornton, as well as Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Interim Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Andrew Henneous, Esq., Dr. Donna Ottaviano, and Ronald Kahn of East Bay Collaborative, and Robert Myotte of Achieve 3000.

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

New Business:

9.0 Healthy Students/Statewide Reading Program – Dianne Peretti

The Interim Executive Director welcomed Ms. Peretti to the meeting. Ms. Peretti gave an overview of the Statewide Reading Program which focuses on healthy students with the book "Is Your Hair Made of Donuts". Ms. Peretti encouraged teachers in the districts to read the book with their students.

(Mr. Lindberg arrived at 12:35 pm).

Routine Matters:

1.0 The Minutes of September 11, 2012

Moved: Dr. Ryan
Seconded: Mr. O'Brien

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Mr. Lindberg
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Ryan
Dr. Thornton

2.0 Bills for the Month of September 2012

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Mr. Lindberg
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Ryan
Dr. Thornton

Correspondence:

3.0 Appointment of Georgia Wattendorf-Guiney, Travel Trainer (Grant Funded Position)

The Interim Executive Director recommended the appointment of Georgia Wattendorf-Guiney to the Travel Trainer position, which is grant funded. The motion was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Ryan and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. DiLullo

Seconded: Dr. Ryan

Mr. Lindberg

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Pallotta

Dr. Ryan

Dr. Thornton

4.0 Appointment of Kimberly Sousa, Behavior Intervention Specialist

The Interim Executive Director recommended the appointment of Kimberly Sousa as the Behavior Intervention Specialist at 37½ hours per week. The motion was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Thornton, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. DiLullo

Seconded: Dr. Ryan

Mr. Lindberg

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Pallotta

Dr. Ryan

Dr. Thornton

Old Business:

5.0 Strategic Planning – Professional Development – Collaborative Planning

Mr. Nasif, Interim Executive Director, reported that the NRIC Teacher Assistant Training program was completed last week. We will be conducting another class in November. Information will be forwarded to the districts. In addition, Mr. Nasif reported that CPI training classes will also be held – a full course and a refresher. Information will be forwarded to the districts.

6.0 Shared Resources

Dr. Pallotta advised there was nothing to report and requested this item be removed from future agendas.

7.0 NRICEU Contract Proposal

This item will be discussed during Executive Session.

New Business:

8.0 East Bay Career Academy – Dr. Donna Ottaviano

Dr. DiLullo, Vice-Chair, welcomed Dr. Donna Ottaviano of the East Bay Collaborative to the meeting. Dr. Ottaviano introduced Ronald Kahn, Director of Client Services, at East Bay, along with Robert Myotte of Achieve 3000. Dr. Ottaviano distributed an information packet to the Board entitled “District and School Based Solutions for Improving Student Achievement”.

Mr. Kahn gave an overview of East Bay’s services including upcoming professional development trainings on literacy, math, science and the common core. The series of workshops are detailed on their website. Mr. Kahn also advised that East Bay is partnering with Achieve 3000 to present a workshop event at the Providence Marriott on October 18 featuring national speaker, Kevin Baird, on “Discover Best Practices for Creating Successful Common Core Implementations”. Mr. Kahn and Mr. Myotte encouraged attendance by Superintendents and their staff.

Mr. Kahn also described their science kit program and their new FOSS Science Program.

Mr. Myotte also reviewed the Achieve 3000 program. After discussion and questions, Dr. DiLullo and Mr. Nasif thanked all for attending. They left the meeting at 1:12 pm.

10.0 Tuition Review

The Interim Executive Director reported that a review of district tuition bills for the past year was conducted with one error found at one district. Mr. Nasif thanked Mr. Enos and the Business Office staff and advised that this practice will be done on a yearly basis.

11.0 Storm Phone Tree 2012-13

The Interim Executive Director reported that the Storm Phone Tree in their packets needs updating for 2012-13. Mr. Nasif asked the Board to review their information and to advise Debbie Jannetta of any corrections and/or changes. Ms. Jannetta will then email an updated phone tree to all Superintendents.

12.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewal for 2012-13 for Michael Grenon, Custodian (.5 FTE)

The Interim Executive Director requested this item be held for discussion until after NRICEU’s Contract Proposal to be held in Executive Session.

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 / Contract Proposal
- . Tuition Review

Dr. DiLullo, Vice-Chair, entertained a motion to move into Executive Session at 1:15 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Pallotta	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Mr. O'Brien		Mr. Lindberg
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Pallotta
			Dr. Ryan
			Dr. Thornton

Dr. DiLullo, Vice-Chair, entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 1:32 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Ryan, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Pallotta	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Ryan		Mr. Lindberg
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Pallotta
			Dr. Ryan
			Dr. Thornton

7.0 NRICEU Contract Proposal

This item was discussed and voted on during Executive Session.

Dr. Pallotta motioned to approve the NRICEU Contract Proposal, which was seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Pallotta	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Thornton		Mr. Lindberg
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Pallotta
			Dr. Ryan
			Dr. Thornton

12.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewal for 2012-13 for Michael Grenon, Custodian (.5 FTE)

The Interim Executive Director recommended the employment non-renewal for Michael Grenon, Custodian at .5 FTE, be rescinded for 2012-13. Dr. Pallotta motioned to approve which was seconded by Dr. Ryan and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Pallotta	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Ryan		Mr. Lindberg
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Pallotta
			Dr. Ryan
			Dr. Thornton

Information:

13.0 Interim Executive Director Comments

Mr. Nasif reported a good beginning of the school year and that he is visiting each site once a week.

- Mr. O'Brien reported that he is participating in the review of new charter school applications for RIDE. In reviewing two new applications for Virtual High Schools, he brought up his concern with the waiver in Physical Education and Health. Discussion took place regarding charter schools.

With no further information to discuss, Dr. DiLullo entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Ryan, and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. Ryan

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Mr. Lindberg
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Ryan
Dr. Thornton

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Bernie DiLullo, Vice-Chair