

**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, November 13, 2012.** The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Chair, Georgia Fortunato, with a motion by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

In addition to Ms. Fortunato, the following Board members were present: Dr. DiLullo, 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., Jeffrey Flynn, Jason Barnes, Shala Cornick and Chris Matthews of Discovery Education.

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to take Agenda Item #4 out of order, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Ryan and carried by all.

**New Business:**

**4.0 Discovery Education Presentation – Jason Sulkin/Georgia Fortunato**

Ms. Fortunato welcomed Mr. Jeffrey Flynn, Manager of Education Partnerships, at Discovery Education, along with his staff to the meeting to review their services.

Mr. Flynn gave an overview of Discovery Education and digital education working with teachers in the classroom regarding technology, along with their professional development services. Mr. Flynn introduced Ms. Shala Cornick who reviewed their Assessment services and RTI resources. Mr. Jason Barnes reviewed their "TechBook" program which is a digital program that replaces traditional textbooks for students. The program is currently being utilized in 30 states. Mr. Flynn advised that professional development is embedded in the cost of this service. Mr. Chris Matthews further reviewed their professional development services and indicated that PD is the key to transferring to digital in the new 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom. Mr. Flynn concluded the presentation distributing information packets and entertained questions from the Board. Mr. Flynn advised he would follow up with the individual districts and he and his staff left the meeting at 1:00 pm.

**Routine Matters:**

**1.0 The Minutes of October 2, 2012**

Moved: Dr. Pallotta  
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

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

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

Moved: Dr. Pallotta  
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

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

**Old Business:**

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

Mr. Nasif, Interim Executive Director, reported that we are currently running a second Teacher Assistant Training program with 20 students. In addition, Mr. Nasif reported that CPI training classes will also be offered at the end of November. Information will be forwarded to the districts. Mr. Nasif also advised that he will hold meetings with the staff at the sites regarding ideas regarding Collaborative needs for the future and will bring back to the Board for discussion. Mr. Nasif is also working with CCRI regarding a drivers' education class for special education students in January 2013. A minimum of 10 students is required.

**New Business:**

**5.0 Annual Meeting Date – March 2013**

Ms. Fortunato requested the Board indicate their district's availability on the calendar provided for the Annual Meeting Date to Debbie Jannetta. Ms. Fortunato requested that the date of March 28 be eliminated as it is Holy Thursday. Ms. Jannetta will compile the results and will advise the Board.

**6.0 Conflict of Interest Policy Statement of Compliance**

The Interim Executive Director reported that NRIC's Conflict of Interest Policy was developed by Attorney Ben Scungio and was approved by the Board in June 2012. As required by the policy, a Statement of Compliance is required to be signed by the Board and NRIC's Administration each school year and therefore was signed by the Board members present at today's meeting.

**7.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewal of Kevin Maney, Floater Teacher Assistant, for 2012-13**

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the recommendation that the employment non-renewal of Kevin Maney, Floater Teacher Assistant, be rescinded for 2012-13. The motion was made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta  
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

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

## 8.0 NRIC Budget 2013-2014

The Interim Executive Director requested the Board's input on the format of the upcoming Budget for 2013-2014 along with any suggestions or clarifications that need to be made before it is developed. Discussion took place regarding RIDE's mandate of the budget format along with a suggestion from Dr. Pallotta for a 3-5 year forecast on the format.

Mr. Nasif also reported that NRIC was notified by RIDE that we are the recipient of a grant as fiscal agent for RIEL. It was requested that a listing of all grants be developed where NRIC is the fiscal agent.

## 9.0 Electronics Recycling

The Interim Executive Director reported that as a result of NRIC closing some school sites, there are many equipment items in storage that can be recycled. Mr. Nasif advised that Tom Rambacher, Technology Director, is currently going through the equipment to see what is workable. After discussion, Ms. Fortunato requested that a listing of all recyclable equipment be developed and be reviewed at the December meeting.

## 10.0 Speaker's Bureau

The Interim Executive Director reported that he is exploring the development of a speaker's bureau for community outreach on such topics as autism, bullying, parent issues, etc.

### 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 Contract/Fiscal Impact Statement

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

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

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 1:18 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. Thornton		Ms. Fortunato
			Mr. Lindberg
			Mr. O'Brien
			Dr. Pallotta

Dr. Ryan  
Dr. Thornton

Ms. Fortunato reported that for the record in Open Session, the NRICEU contract was approved by the Board at the October meeting and it has also been ratified by the Union. The Fiscal Impact Statement was also shared with the Board.

**Information:**

**11.0 Interim Executive Director Comments**

Nothing to report.

- Dr. Pallotta questioned the districts' responsibility of transporting students to what age. Ms. Fortunato advised to age 21.
- Dr. Ryan suggested that NRIC play a role in shared services, such as finance, technology, and curriculum.

With no further information to discuss, Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:22 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, and carried by all.

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

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

Ms. Fortunato reminded everyone that the next Board meeting will be held at Barnes & Noble in Smithfield on December 4, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Georgia Fortunato, Chair