

**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, March 5, 2013**. The meeting was called to order at 12:31 pm by Chair, Georgia Fortunato, with a motion by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

In addition to Ms. Fortunato, the following Board members were present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Cylke, Dr. DiLullo, Dr. Donoyan, Mr. Lindberg, Mr. O'Brien, Dr. Pallotta, Ms. Smith, and Dr. Thornton, as well as Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Interim Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Attorneys Benjamin Scungio and Aubrey Lombardo, High School Principals Dr. Whaley, Ms. DiCenso, Mr. McNamara, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Goho, Dr. Bedard, Mr. Petrosinelli, Mr. Sollitto and Mr. Foley.

Attorney Benjamin Scungio introduced the newest member to his law firm, Ms. Aubrey Lombardo.

The Board agreed to take Agenda Item #5 out of order for the Discussion/Approval of Pathways to Graduation/Summer Programs Offering.

**Old Business:**

**5.0 Discussion/Approval of Pathways to Graduation/Summer Programs Offering**

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, welcomed all the high school principals to the meeting. Mr. O'Brien started the discussion stating that when NECAP scores came out, the results were concerning. Mr. O'Brien asked the Superintendents and the high school principals if there was an interest in providing a Summer Program in Math and Reading.

Mr. O'Brien asked three critical questions.

1. How much would the District contribute?
2. How many students?
3. How much per pupil cost?

Mr. O'Brien felt that it would make sense for all districts to participate because he felt there was an opportunity to get funding from the Rhode Island Foundation. The principals seemed very interested in participating. Dr. Pallotta recommended a subcommittee. Dr. Pallotta agreed that it was a great idea, and that it would be a great collaboration between the districts. Ms. Fortunato asked the Superintendents to forward their numbers to Mr. Nasif in both Reading and Math by the day's end. The principals left the meeting.

Members of the Sub Committee are as follows:

Dr. DiLullo  
Mr. McNamara  
Dr. O'Brien  
Ms. Donoyan  
Ms. DiCenso  
Dr. Pallotta  
Mr. Tenreiro  
Mr. Barnes

### **Routine Matters**

#### **1.0 The minutes of February 5, 2013**

Moved: Mr. Lindberg  
Seconded: Dr. Donoyan

Approved: Dr. Barnes  
Ms. Cylke  
Dr. DiLullo  
Dr. Donoyan  
Ms. Fortunato  
Mr. Lindberg  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Pallotta  
Ms. Smith  
Dr. Thornton

#### **2.0 Bills of the month of February 5, 2013**

Moved: Dr. DiLullo  
Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Approved: Dr. Barnes  
Ms. Cylke  
Dr. DiLullo  
Dr. Donoyan  
Ms. Fortunato  
Mr. Lindberg  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Pallotta  
Ms. Smith  
Dr. Thornton

### **Old Business:**

#### **3.0 Professional Development—Collaborative Planning**

Mr. Nasif, Interim Executive Director informed the Board that the TA Training was going very well with 18 participants. He also reported that the 2-day Drivers Ed Training being held at the NRIC, through CCRI, will begin the weekend of March 9<sup>th</sup> and an additional course will be run if necessary.

#### **4.0 Annual Meeting Update**

Mr. Nasif, Interim Executive Director, reminded the Board members of NRIC's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting being held on March 20, 2013. Mr. Nasif also mentioned that the former director, Mr. Guillette, will be our key note speaker.

#### **6.0 Discussion /Approval of Posting of NRIC Executive Director**

The Board had the opportunity to review the Posting of the NRIC Executive Director. Ms. Fortunato informed the Board, the date of the Posting will be March 6, 2013 for a July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 start date. Mr. Nasif will receive all postings and will report potential candidates at the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Board meeting. It was agreed by the Board members that the posting should read, "open till filled".

#### **Appointments:**

#### **7.0 Appointment of Ellen Reinhardt, Education Consultant**

Ms. Fortunato recommended the appointment of Ellen Reinhardt as the new Education Consultant. The motion to approve was made by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

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

Approved: Dr. Barnes  
Ms. Cylke  
Dr. DiLullo  
Dr. Donoyan  
Ms. Fortunato  
Mr. Lindberg  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Pallotta  
Ms. Smith  
Dr. Thornton

#### **New Business:**

#### **8.0 Agenda Format**

At the request of Attorney Ben Scungio, Mr. Nasif informed the Board members that they will see a new format of the Agenda in the next Board meeting packet. Attorney Scungio added that it will make the Agenda more clear and it will be consistent with State law.

#### **9.0 Budget Update**

At the request of the Board at the February meeting, Mr. Craig Enos, Director of Administration, provided a budget update effective January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Dr. Pallotta questioned why the budget showed as a surplus. Mr. Enos explained that this was not the projected surplus overall because by the end of the year, there could be many unknowns, such as a hospitalized student or unexpected health benefits for an employee or spouse.

(Dr. Thornton left at 1:40 pm)

**10.0 Evaluation Tools for Staff**

The Board agreed to table this item to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.

**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:**

- . Administrator Contracts
- . Search for Executive Director

(Mr. Craig Enos and Dr. Bernard DiLullo left the meeting)

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 1:45 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. Barnes

Seconded: Mr. O'Brien

Ms. Cylke

Dr. Donoyan

Ms. Fortunato

Mr. Lindberg

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Pallotta

Ms. Smith

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 1:50 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Ms. Donoyan and carried by all.

**11.0 Interim Executive Director Comments**

Nothing to report.

**Information:**

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, announced that the meeting to discuss the Summer Program will take place on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm with the subcommittee at Mr. O'Brien's office in Smithfield.

With no further information to report, Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta and seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. Barnes

Seconded: Mr. O'Brien

Ms. Cylke

Dr. Donoyan

Ms. Fortunato

Mr. Lindberg  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Pallotta  
Ms. Smith

Respectfully submitted,

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Georgia Fortunato, Chair