

**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, April 2, 2013.**

The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Cylke, Dr. DiLullo, Ms. Fortunato, Mr. O'Brien, Dr. Pallotta, Ms. Smith, and Dr. Thornton, as well as Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Interim Executive Director. Guests: Maryann Snider, Lisa Foehr, Sandy Forand, Tim Heavey, Tamika Pollins, and Sarah Whiting of the R.I. Department of Education.

**I. Opening of Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 pm by Chair, Georgia Fortunato, with a motion by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

- A. Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve and seal the Executive Session Minutes of March 5, 2013, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Thornton, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Pallotta	<u>Approved:</u>	Ms. Cylke
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Thornton		Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Pallotta
			Ms. Smith
			Dr. Thornton

- B. Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2013, which was moved by Ms. Cylke, seconded by Dr. DiLullo, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Cylke	<u>Approved:</u>	Ms. Cylke
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. DiLullo		Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Pallotta
			Ms. Smith
			Dr. Thornton

- C. Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2013, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Ms. Cylke, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Pallotta	<u>Approved:</u>	Ms. Cylke
<u>Seconded:</u>	Ms. Cylke		Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Pallotta
			Ms. Smith
			Dr. Thornton

Chair Fortunato advised some of the agenda items would be taken out of order due to guests from RIDE that are present at today's meeting.

#### **V. Expense Warrants for March 2013**

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Bills for March 2013, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. DiLullo.

Ms. Cylke questioned an item listed for \$19,125 for Consultants. Mr. Nasif called Mr. Enos, Director of Administration, into the meeting to identify the item. Mr. Enos reported that it was an expense for the National Association for Regulation Administrators in Lexington, Kentucky who are working with the Early Learning Council Grant, for which NRIC is the fiscal agent. We will be reimbursed by the grant.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Pallotta	<u>Approved:</u>	Ms. Cylke
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. DiLullo		Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Pallotta
			Ms. Smith
			Dr. Thornton

#### **VI. Executive Director Report:**

##### **A. Personnel:**

##### **Appointment of Mary Torres, Oral Language Facilitator, Auditory Oral Program**

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Mary Torres as an Oral Language Facilitator at the Auditory Oral Program. The motion was moved by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo	<u>Approved:</u>	Ms. Cylke
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Pallotta		Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Fortunato
			Dr. Pallotta
			Ms. Smith
			Dr. Thornton

(Mr. Bob O'Brien arrived at 12:35 pm).

##### **B. General Information:**

Nothing to report.

#### **IV. New Business:**

##### **A. Consider/Discussion of RIDE Teacher Evaluation System – Maryann Snider & Lisa Foehr**

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, welcomed Maryann Snider and Lisa Foehr to the meeting along with Tim Heavey, Sandy Forand, Tamika Pollins, and Sarah Whiting to give an update to the Board regarding the Teacher Evaluation System. Mr. Heavey distributed copies of the presentation entitled "Statewide Evaluation Survey Results, Winter 2013".

(Dr. Barnes arrived at 12:55 pm and left the meeting at 2:00 pm).

RIDE concluded their presentation and left the meeting at 2:19 pm.

### **III. Old Business:**

#### **A. Consider and possible vote on plan for Pathways to Graduation/Summer Programs Offering**

Mr. O'Brien updated the Board on the plan for a Project Based Applied Math Summer Camp for 300 students. The 3-year pilot program would allow so many student slots to each district. Students would be invited to attend by their district, 15 students per class with one teacher and one business partner. Twenty classrooms would be needed at Bryant University. The planned dates for the program are August 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 22 from 9:00 am to 12 pm. Mr. O'Brien advised of the immediate need for a Project Coordinator. Mr. O'Brien suggested that the application for a grant with the R.I. Foundation come from NRIC and also suggested the Project Coordinator be interviewed and hired by NRIC.

Costs of the program were discussed along with the stipend for the Project Coordinator; a maximum of a \$5,000 stipend was agreed upon. Dr. Pallotta offered to email the position description to the Board.

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to approve going forward with the plan for a Project Based Applied Math Summer Camp for 300 students along with applying for a grant with the R.I. Foundation. The motion was made by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta  
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

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

Mr. O'Brien suggested Mr. Nasif proceed with a survey to the Board to determine the interest in the program and how many students would attend from each district. Mr. Nasif would then determine how many student slots to allow each district.

#### **B. Consider and possible vote on plan for Executive Director Search**

Mr. Nasif reported that 11 applicants have been received for the Executive Director position. Ms. Fortunato, Chair, suggested waiting for more applicants to come in and a Screening Committee is formed. Further discussion will take place at the May meeting.

**IV. New Business:**

**B. Consider and possible vote on plan for reappointment of NRIC RISSA Representatives**

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to reappoint Dr. Pallotta and Ms. Fortunato as NRIC's RISSA representatives. The motion was made by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Dr. DiLullo, and carried by all.

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

**VII. Executive Session:**

Nothing to report.

**VIII. Information:**

**A. Achieve 3000/East Bay Collaborative presentation "Formative Assessment's Role within the Common Core Standards"**

A flyer was provided to the Board on this upcoming presentation.

With no further information to report, Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 pm, which was moved by Dr. Thornton and seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Georgia Fortunato, Chair