

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 5, 2013.**

The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Cylke, Dr. DiLullo, Ms. Fortunato, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Smith and Dr. Thornton as well as Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Interim Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Attorney Benjamin Scungio and Donna Rizzo, NRIC Auditory Oral Program.

I. Opening of Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 pm by Chair, Georgia Fortunato, with a motion by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

II. Approval of Minutes:

A. Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2013, which was moved by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Thornton, carried by all.

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

III. Old Business:

A. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Strategic Planning

Mr. Nasif thanked Mr. Ralph Jasparro for his assistance in facilitating the Strategic Planning session on October 22nd and developing the Strategic Plan document, a copy of which was provided to the Board. Mr. Nasif reviewed the new document with our new mission statement and goals. Mr. Nasif reported that the next step would be to create action teams in order to create a blueprint for NRIC for the next five years.

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to approve NRIC's Strategic Plan, which was moved 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
			Ms. Smith
			Dr. Thornton

IV. New Business:

A. Presentation from Donna Rizzo, NRIC's Auditory Oral Program

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, welcomed Ms. Donna Rizzo to the meeting. Ms. Rizzo gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the services for students who are deaf or hard of hearing offered by NRIC's Auditory Oral Program, which has been at Orchard Farms Elementary School in Cranston since 2005. Ms. Rizzo indicated that the Outreach portion of the program, which provides services to support students in their home districts, is growing and Ms Rizzo invited the Superintendents to visit the program. Ms. Rizzo entertained questions from the Board and then left the meeting at 12:55 pm.

(Dr. Michael Barnes arrived at 12:42 pm).

B. Consider/discussion and possible vote on School Calendar 2014-15 (Vacations)

This agenda item was requested by Dr. Michael Barnes. Dr. Barnes reported that his school committee is interested in eliminating either the February or April vacations or both and replacing with one vacation in March. Dr. Barnes discussed a poll of his district's staff and parents and asked the Board if their district would be interested in moving forward and committing to this in the future.

Discussion took place regarding the issues involved, i.e. daycare, educational and weather.

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, suggested the Superintendents discuss with their school committees and the subject will be discussed again at a future Board Meeting. Ms. Fortunato suggested Mr. Nasif email those Superintendents who are not present at today's meeting to discuss with their school committees.

C. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Annual Meeting Date, March 2014

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, requested the Board view the March 2014 calendar and select the date most convenient to their district out of Twelve Acres' available dates – March 12, 13, 19, or 20, 2014. Ms. Jannetta will advise of the date by email.

D. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Out of District Placements

Mr. Nasif reported that as a result of discussions at the recent Strategic Planning session, in order to assist with further planning and the creation of actions plans, the district Special Education Directors were asked to provide information on the number of out-of-district placements and where the students were placed. Mr. Nasif distributed a copy of the information received to date for the Board's review. Mr. Nasif noted information was not received from Burrillville, Foster-Glocester, Johnston, Pawtucket, Smithfield, and Woonsocket.

Discussion followed and Mr. Nasif will email the above districts to request the information.

V. Resignation of Linda Williams, School Nurse/Teacher

Ms. Fortunato, Chair entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Linda Williams, School Nurse/Teacher. The motion was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

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

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

VI. Expense Warrants for October 2013

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Bills for October 2013, which was moved by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Ms. Smith.

Ms. Cylke questioned a \$1,000 expense for cell phones. Mr. Enos reported that 13 cell phones were being utilized by those staff who travel to districts, administrators, along with one in each van. Ms. Cylke advised that in her district staff use their personal cell phones when they're on duty and are given a stipend of \$25.00 a month.

Ms. Fortunato requested that at the next meeting Mr. Enos provide a listing of those who have a cell phone along with the reason.

Moved: Dr. Thornton
Seconded: Ms. Smith

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

VII. Executive Director Report:

A. General Information

Mr. Nasif reported that an additional Teacher Assistant Training Program will take place beginning December 3.

VIII. Executive Session:

Nothing to report.

IX. Information:

A. Phoenix House Invitation

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, reported that an invitation has been extended by John Tassoni, Jr. for Superintendents to attend a luncheon and tour of the Phoenix House on Friday, November 15, 2013.

With no further information to report, Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:18 pm, which was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Smith and carried by all.

Moved: Mr. O'Brien
Seconded: Ms. Smith

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

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Fortunato, Chair