

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 8, 2014.**

The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Barnes, Ms. DiCenso, Dr. DiLullo, Ms. Fortunato, Mr. O'Brien, Dr. Pallotta, and Dr. Thornton as well as Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Interim Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Attorney Benjamin Scungio.

I. Opening of Meeting:

Chair, Georgia Fortunato, called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm with a motion by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2014, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Thornton, carried by all.

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

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2014, which was moved by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, carried by all.

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

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2014, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Thornton, carried by all.

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

Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton

III. Old Business:

A. Consider/discussion and update on Pathways to Graduation Summer 2014 Program

Mr. Nasif provided a copy of a letter drafted by Christine Bonas for the Board's review. Mr. Nasif advised that the dates of August 4 through August 15 are being confirmed with RI College. Ms. Bonas is also awaiting updated NECAP information. As soon as these items are finalized, the letter will be mailed to parents/guardians of those students who were identified for the program.

B. Consider/discussion and overview of Annual Meeting

Mr. Nasif extended his thanks to all who attended our 28th Annual Meeting, and reported 127 were in attendance. Mr. Nasif and Ms. Fortunato also thanked Ms. Paula Andrews and Ms. Debbie Jannetta for all of their efforts in making it a successful meeting.

IV. New Business:

A. Consider/discussion and possible vote on NRICEU Negotiations

Mr. Nasif reported that a preliminary strategy meeting will be held later on today to review key issues that were identified by Administration and the Union.

B. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Extended School Year

Mr. Nasif reported that the NRIC Extended School Year Program is scheduled to begin on July 7, 2014 through August 15, 2014. We will be operating 11 classrooms, mostly at St. James School along with the Auditory Oral Program at Garden City in Cranston. Students and staff have been identified for the program.

C. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Loss of St. Joan's Classroom Space

Mr. Nasif reported that we learned suddenly from Fr. Bourdon and an article in the Valley Breeze of the loss of classroom space at St. Joan's School for the next two years to Blackstone Valley Prep Charter School. We are exploring other classroom space options and will keep the Board informed.

D. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Classroom Space Needs for 2014-15

Mr. Nasif reported that student enrollment is increasing. We have received 5 new students since January 2014 and currently processing 6 new intakes. We have requested student projection numbers from the Special Ed Directors and assume we will need an additional 2-3 classrooms if there is no change.

(Ms. DiCenso arrived at 12:40 pm).

V. Appointments:

A. Consider/discussion and vote on appointment of Kerri McLaughlin, Career Resource Specialist

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to accept the appointment of Kerri McLaughlin as a Career Resource Specialist which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Thornton, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. DiCenso
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton

B. Consider/discussion and vote on appointment of Donna Foisy, Director of Educational Services

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to accept the appointment of Donna Foisy as Director of Educational Services which was moved by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, carried by all.

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

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. DiCenso
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton

VI. Expense Warrants for March 2014

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Bills for March 2014, which was moved by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. DiLullo
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. DiCenso
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton

VII. Executive Director Report:

A. General Information

Mr. Nasif reported another Teacher Assistant Training Program is scheduled to begin with 27 people enrolled with a waiting list for another class.

VIII. 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:

- a. NRIC Negotiations
- b. Director of Educational Services
- c. Legal Advice related thereto

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 12:46 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Thornton, carried by all.

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

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 1:09 pm, which was moved by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Dr. DiLullo, carried by all. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

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

IX. Information:

Nothing to report.

With no further information to report, Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 pm, which was moved by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Dr. DiLullo and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Thornton
Seconded: Dr. DiLullo

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Ms. DiCenso
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. O'Brien
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Georgia Fortunato, Chair