

**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, May 6, 2014.**

The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Barnes, Dr. DiLullo, Ms. Fortunato, 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. Guest: Attorney Benjamin Scungio.

I. Opening of Meeting:

Chair, Georgia Fortunato, called the meeting to order at 12:30 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 April 8, 2014, which was moved by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, carried by all.

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

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2014, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Thornton, carried by all.

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

(Dr. Barnes arrived at 12:32 pm).

III. Old Business:

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

Mr. Nasif reported that we are still awaiting the August dates to be confirmed with Rhode Island College and he and Christine Bonas will be meeting with Patricia Nolan to do so. Ms. Bonas has been in contact with the high school principals regarding the students; contact has been made regarding bus transportation; and teachers from last year have been contacted regarding their interest. The framework is in place and as soon as the dates are finalized, Mr. Nasif will update the Board and the high school principals.

B. Consider/discussion and update on Classroom Space Needs for 2014-15

Mr. Nasif reported that student enrollment numbers continue to increase with two more students at St. James and two more in the Auditory Oral Program. Mr. Nasif reported that he is looking into space at the Emmanuel Nursery School in Cumberland and will tour the facility this afternoon. Head Start has also contacted us regarding a possible partnership and a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7. Mr. Nasif will update the Board at the June meeting.

C. Consider/discussion and update on NRICEU Negotiations

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, advised that this item will be discussed during Executive Session.

IV. New Business:

A. Consider/discussion and possible vote on NRIC IPAD Acceptable Use Policy

Mr. Nasif requested the Board's approval of the iPad Acceptable Use Policy which was modeled after Smithfield's policy. Dr. Thornton made a motion to approve which was seconded by Dr. DiLullo.

Discussion followed regarding the type of iPads being used and how many were involved. Dr. Thornton suggested that the policy should specify use by students and staff. Dr. DiLullo suggested a statement should also be added to the policy regarding failure to follow policy guidelines will result in disciplinary action.

Ms. Fortunato indicated that the suggested changes be made to the policy and bring back to the Board at the June meeting. Dr. Thornton motioned to withdraw his earlier motion, which was seconded by Dr. DiLullo and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Thornton
Seconded: Dr. DiLullo

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

B. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Board Meeting Schedule 2014-15

Mr. Nasif presented the proposed Board Meeting Schedule for 2014-15. Dr. DiLullo motioned to approve, which was seconded by Ms. Smith.

Discussion took place regarding the November 2014 meeting date. November 4th is Election Day and November 11 is Veterans Day and schools will be closed on both days. The Board agreed to change the meeting date to Wednesday, November 5, 2014. Also the change in meeting time to 8:00 am will take effect for the July 8th meeting.

Dr. Pallotta motioned to approve the meeting schedule with the change in the November meeting to November 5, 2014. The motion was seconded by Dr. Barnes and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. Barnes

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

C. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Teacher Induction Sustainability Model

This agenda item was requested by Ms. Georgia Fortunato. Ms. Fortunato requested the Superintendents indicate which model their district was moving forward with – either individual districts run their own program or a Collaborative runs it for the districts. The Superintendents responded as follows:

Johnston - District model
Smithfield - Regional model
Burrillville - District model
Cumberland - Regional model
N. Providence - District model
Foster-Glocester - District model
Lincoln - Regional model

VI. Expense Warrants for April 2014

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

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

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

VII. Executive Director Report:

A. General Information

Mr. Nasif reported another Teacher Assistant Training Program concluded with 27 attendees. Another class is scheduled to begin in June.

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

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 12:43 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. DiLullo, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. DiLullo

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

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 1:36 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, carried by all. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

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

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

IX. Information:

A. Health Insurance Rates

Mr. Nasif provided information received from The Trust regarding health and dental insurance premiums.

- Mr. O'Brien questioned a policy regarding substitutes and the tracking of the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Enos indicated our policy will be revised and will be brought forward at the June meeting.

With no further information to report, Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:37 pm, which was moved by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Barnes and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Thornton
Seconded: Dr. Barnes

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Georgia Fortunato, Chair