

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, June 3, 2014.**

The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. DiLullo, Ms. Fortunato, Mr. Lindberg, 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 12:32 pm with a motion by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2014, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Ms. Smith, carried by all.

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

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2014, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Ms. Smith, carried by all.

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

(Mr. Lindberg arrived at 12:33 pm).

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 Chris Bonas to be sent to students by the Principals and Mr. Nasif asked that the Principals provide the information by the June 10th deadline. Mr. Nasif and Ms. Bonas met with RI College and due to maintenance issues, the program dates were changed to July 28 through August 7. Mr. Nasif reported that transportation is being worked on, the curriculum is being updated, and RI College will provide interns. Mr. Nasif is hoping student enrollment increases. Last year we projected 300 students with only 60 in attendance. We are hoping to reach 100 students for this year.

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

Mr. Nasif reported that we will be vacating space at St. Joan's within the month; we will also be vacating space at the TEC in Pawtucket and the TEC staff will be relocating to the Main Office. We are also looking at a possible partnership with Head Start. Mr. Nasif reported that we would like to enter into an agreement with Emmanuel Nursery School in Cumberland. Mr. Nasif advised that Emmanuel Nursery School is closing and referenced the recent article in the Valley Breeze.

C. Consider/discussion and update on NRICEU Negotiations

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

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

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to approve the revised NRIC IPad Acceptable Use Policy, which was moved by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

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

IV. New Business:

A. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Rescinding Employment Non-Renewals for Certified Staff 2014-2015

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to rescind the employment non-renewals for the following certified staff for 2014-15:

<u>Teachers:</u>	<u>APE/Health Teacher:</u>
Karen Correia	Kathleen O'Brien .8 FTE
Jane DeMelo	
Julie Rider	<u>Speech Therapist:</u>
	Claire Fortier .2 FTE
<u>Occupational Therapist:</u>	
Erin Manchester .2 FTE	

The motion was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Ms. Smith and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Ms. Smith

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton
Ms. Smith

B. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Audit Report 2012-13

Mr. Enos, Director of Administration, distributed copies of the Audit Report for 2012-13 prepared by Bacon & Company. Mr. Enos advised that Pat Boucher was not able to attend today's meeting. Therefore, the agenda item will be tabled until the July meeting.

C. Consider/discussion and possible vote on NRIC Per Diem Substitute Employees Reasonable Assurance Policy

It was agreed that this agenda item will be tabled until the July meeting.

D. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Executive Director Contract/Salary

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

E. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Admittance of Foster School District to NRIC

Mr. Nasif reported that he has spoken with Foster's Superintendent regarding their request to join the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative and is awaiting their formal request in writing.

Discussion followed. Dr. Thornton questioned the voting procedure with the districts of Foster-Glocester, Glocester and Foster. Attorney Scungio advised that voting would probably take place regionally but suggested discussing with Dr. Michael Barnes. As Dr. Barnes was not able to attend today's meeting, the agenda item will be tabled until the July meeting.

F. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Partnership with Head Start

Mr. Nasif reported that Head Start has indicated an interest in partnering with us at St. James School for possibly 18 children from Cumberland and Lincoln. However, their regulations state that the bathroom facilities for these children need to be separate from our students' facilities at St. James. They are checking to see if they can obtain a waiver and will advise.

G. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Lease for Utilization of Emmanuel Nursery School, Cumberland

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to approve the Executive Director's request to enter into a lease agreement with Emmanuel Nursery School in Cumberland. The motion was moved by Dr. DiLullo and seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

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

VI. Expense Warrants for May 2014

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

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

VII. Executive Director Report:

A. General Information

Mr. Nasif reported another Teacher Assistant Training Program will begin this week with 28 attendees. Also continuing is the Drivers' Training Program in June, August, and October. Mr. Nasif also reported on developing a partnership with CCRI as our TEC Program needs a college component. We are seeking classroom space for 5 hours per week.

- Attorney Scungio questioned the Superintendents regarding the issue of privatizing TA's. The consensus of the Board was they would not support it.

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. Executive Director Contract/Salary

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 12:48 pm, which was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Dr. DiLullo, carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Smith
Seconded: Dr. DiLullo

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Pallotta
Ms. Smith
Dr. Thornton

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to return to Open Session at 1:19 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Thornton, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton
Ms. Smith

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion, after discussion in Executive Session, that the contract for Joseph M. Nasif, Jr. be extended for the 2014-15 school year at \$700.00 per day. The motion was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Pallotta
Dr. Thornton
Ms. Smith

IX. Information:

- Mr. Enos distributed a revised copy of the Collective Bargaining Fiscal Impact Statement which was discussed during NRICEU Negotiations in Executive Session. Attorney Scungio advised that he will develop a TA for the Board's review at the July meeting.
- Ms. Fortunato requested that Ms. Jannetta send her the email addresses of the Board.

With no further information to report, Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 pm, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

Approved: Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Fortunato
Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Pallotta
Ms. Smith
Dr. Thornton

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Georgia Fortunato, Chair