

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, December 2, 2014.**

The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. DiLullo, Ms. Dubois, Ms. Fortunato, Mr. O'Brien, Dr. Pallotta, Ms. Smith, and Dr. Thornton as well as Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Dr. Caroline Caswell, Foster, Donna Rizzo, NRIC AOP Program, Donald Blais, NRIC TEC and Attorney Benjamin Scungio.

I. Opening of Meeting:

Chair, Georgia Fortunato, called the meeting to order at 8:04 am with a motion by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Ms. Smith and carried by all.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2014, which was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Dr. DiLullo, carried by all.

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

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2014, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. DiLullo, carried by all.

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

(Dr. Thornton arrived at 8:05 am).

III. Old Business: Nothing to report.

IV. New Business:

A. Presentation on NRIC Auditory Oral Program, Donna Rizzo

Mr. Nasif welcomed Donna Rizzo to the meeting.

Ms. Rizzo distributed information to the Board on NRIC's Auditory Oral Program and gave an overview of services we provide to the districts for students with hearing loss. Ms. Rizzo also reported that within the last year we have also provided outreach services to staff at various schools.

Mr. Nasif also noted that AOP's services are not limited to just northern Rhode Island. We have provided services to other school districts.

Ms. Rizzo entertained questions from the Board and her presentation concluded at 8:14 am.

B. Presentation on Job Preparation Skills, Donald Blais, Career Resource Specialist, NRIC

Mr. Nasif welcomed Donald Blais to the meeting.

Mr. Blais presented an overview of the Job Preparation Course offered to students with disabilities through NRIC's Transition Employment Center funded by the Office of Rehabilitation Services. This is a pilot program which runs for 4 weeks, 10 hours per week. Mr. Blais reviewed the various lessons, benchmarks, and expectations for the students to prepare for employment and secure an externship. Mr. Blais advised that currently there are 9 students participating in this session and another session is planned for January 2015. Mr. Blais advised the program has been a success with 4 students securing externships, and 3 students applying and actively looking.

Mr. Blais' presentation concluded at 8:25 am.

C. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Lease Agreement for Apartment, North Providence

Mr. Nasif requested that the lease agreement with North Providence Housing Authority for our Apartment program be renewed for one year with no rate increase. Dr. DiLullo motioned to approve the one-year lease agreement, which was seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. DiLullo
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

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

V. Appointments:

- Kathleen Gentile, Teacher Assistant, AOP
- Casey Regan, Career Resource Specialist

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Kathleen Gentile as a Teacher Assistant in the AOP Program, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

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

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

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Casey Regan as a Career Resource Specialist, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

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

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

VI. Expense Warrants for November 2014

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

Moved: Dr. DiLullo
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

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

VIII. Executive Director Report:

A. Partnership with CCRI

Mr. Nasif reported that we have tried for several months to work with CCRI in Lincoln to secure classroom space for students in our Transition Employment Center. They

have advised that the program will begin in January 2015 for TEC students to utilize classrooms for five hours a week.

B. General Information -- Nothing to report.

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:

- Nothing to report.

IX. Information:

- Attorney Ben Scungio updated the Board regarding a recent legal decision involving the former Woonsocket Superintendent in response to an APRA request for an evaluation document.
- Mr. O'Brien discussed the issue of parents opting out of the PARCC test and districts' policy regarding this. After discussion, Attorney Scungio suggested a policy be developed and he volunteered to do so.

With no further information to report, Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 am, which was moved by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. DiLullo
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Georgia Fortunato, Chair