

**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, January 6, 2015.**

The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Barnes, Dr. Gallo, Dr. DiLullo, Ms. Dubois, Ms. Fortunato, Mr. O'Brien, Dr. Pallotta, and Ms. Smith as well as Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Attorney Benjamin Scungio and Lori Facha, NRIC Director of Educational Services.

I. Opening of Meeting:

Chair, Georgia Fortunato, called the meeting to order at 8:02 am with a motion by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried by all.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2014, which was moved by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Dr. Pallotta, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. DiLullo

Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

Abstained: Dr. Gallo

Approved: Dr. Barnes

Dr. DiLullo

Ms. Dubois

Ms. Fortunato

Dr. Pallotta

Ms. Smith

III. Old Business: Nothing to report.

IV. New Business:

A. Presentation from Lori Facha, NRIC Director of Educational Services, Program Update

Ms. Fortunato welcomed Lori Facha to the meeting.

(Mr. O'Brien arrived at 8:03 am).

Ms. Facha distributed information to the Board on an update on NRIC's Programs. Ms. Facha reviewed student enrollment, monthly meetings, new staff members, trainings and professional development, new programs including a school-wide clothing drive and a summer student garden and plans for the future.

Ms. Facha concluded her presentation and entertained questions from the Board. Mr. Nasif thanked her for her hard work and for her efforts with increased student enrollment over the past few months.

B. Consider/discussion and possible vote on NRIC Board Meeting Time

Ms. Fortunato requested the Board's feedback on the 8:00 a.m. Board meeting start time.

The consensus was the 8:00 a.m. meeting time seemed to work well for everyone and attendance has improved.

C. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Pathways to Graduation Summer 2015

Mr. Nasif questioned if the Board wanted to continue with the Pathways to Graduation Program for another year. If so, he will contact Chris Bonas and David Mellor.

Discussion followed regarding targeting middle school students as well as high school students, utilizing RI College again as the program's site, and seeking additional funding through the RI Foundation.

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to proceed with planning of the Pathways to Graduation Program for Summer 2015, which was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

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

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

V. Resignation:

- Joseph Walejko, Transition Program Coordinator, SORICO

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Joseph Walejko as the Transition Program Coordinator for Southern RI, which was moved by Dr. DiLullo, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried by all.

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

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

VI. Expense Warrants for December 2014

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

Moved: Dr. DiLullo
Seconded: Dr. Pallotta

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

VIII. Executive Director Report:

A. General Information

Mr. Nasif reported that a Real World Transition Fair sponsored by the TEC will be held on Thursday, Jan. 8, at CCRI in Warwick. 150 students are expected to attend.

B. NRIC Playground Update:

Mr. Nasif reported that we submitted an article to the Valley Breeze regarding our playground at St. James School. Mr. Nasif advised that the Valley Breeze contacted him as they want to do another expanded article. Mr. Nasif also advised that CVS has also contacted us and would like more information on our project.

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:

- Mr. Nasif advised that he received a request from Ms. Melinda Smith to discuss how to deal with vendor presentations to the Board. Ms. Smith requested that these types of presentations be placed toward the end of the meeting agenda. Mr. Nasif requested feedback from the Board. It was suggested that Mr. Nasif question the Board in advance if there is an interest in a particular presentation before it is placed on the agenda. Mrs. Jannetta will email the Board ahead of time in that case.
- Dr. Pallotta suggested that monthly meetings of the Assistant Superintendents/Curriculum Directors be reinstated. Mr. Nasif and Ms. Facha will look into this and will schedule a meeting of the Curriculum Leadership Team.

With no further information to report, Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 am, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Ms. Smith and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta
Seconded: Ms. Smith

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Georgia Fortunato, Chair