

**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, March 3, 2015.**

The following Board members were in attendance: Ms. DiCenso, Dr. DiLullo, Ms. Dubois, Ms. Fortunato, Dr. Gallo, Mr. Lindberg, Mr. O'Brien, and Dr. Pallotta, as well as Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Attorney Benjamin Scungio and Mr. Thomas Rambacher, Technology Director of the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative.

**I. Opening of Meeting:**

Chair, Georgia Fortunato, called the meeting to order at 8:06 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 January 6, 2015, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. Gallo, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta  
Seconded: Dr. Gallo

Approved: Ms. DiCenso  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Dubois  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Gallo  
Mr. Lindberg  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Pallotta

**III. Old Business:**

**A. Consider/discussion and update on Pathways to Graduation Summer 2015 Program**

Mr. Nasif recognized the continued success of the Pathways to Graduation Program under Christine Bonas, but found one problem in the financial piece. Apparently, the financial information that was taken from the December 2013 Report had a zero balance. Mr. Nasif is looking to see if he can seek additional funding. Mr. Nasif reported that it is a worthwhile program and will continue to see what our options are.

**IV. New Business:**

**A. Presentation from Thomas Rambacher, Technology Director of the NRIC**

Ms. Fortunato welcomed Thomas Rambacher to the meeting.

Mr. Rambacher began his presentation by informing the Board that he has been working on getting the NRIC into the newest technology. The NRIC classrooms now have new computers and one iPad in each classroom. Upgrading the old computers and using them for our support staff has been very successful. Mr. Rambacher also recognized Ms. Fortunato and the Town of Lincoln for their generous offer of interactive whiteboards. Mr. Rambacher mentioned that we are using Google Apps for Education and that staff at our St. James site are really enjoying it.

Another point that Mr. Rambacher wanted the Board to be aware of is the new security camera at the main entrance of St. James. The response from the Board was very positive.

Mr. Rambacher concluded his presentation and entertained questions from the Board. Mr. O'Brien inquired about a privacy policy. Mr. Rambacher informed Ms. Fortunato and Mr. O'Brien that we do not have such a policy in place and that he will reach out to Paul Barrette from the Smithfield School District regarding their privacy policy.

Ms. Fortunato thanked Mr. Rambacher and told Mr. Rambacher to keep up his good work.

**B. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Employment Non-Renewal of Certified Staff for 2015-2016**

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, reported the list of employment non-renewals of Certified Staff for 2015-2016.

Dr. Pallotta motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. DiCenso and carried by all.

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

**C. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Amending Minutes of February 4, 2014**

Ms. Fortunato, Chair, entertained a motion to approve the corrected meeting minutes of February 4, 2014 which authorized two year terms for Ms. Fortunato and Dr. DiLullo.

Dr. DiLullo motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. DiCenso and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. DiLullo	<u>Approved:</u>	Ms. DiCenso
<u>Seconded:</u>	Ms. DiCenso		Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Dubois

Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Gallo  
Mr. Lindberg  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Pallotta

**D. Consider /discussion and possible vote on School Safety.**

Mr. Nasif reported to the Board that the NRIC works with our local police department for the safety of our organization during lockdowns or intruders in the building. Ms. Fortunato agreed with Mr. Nasif that additional training is necessary. Mr. Nasif informed the Board that he is going to investigate further training that is used from two of our neighboring districts.

**V. Retirements:**

- **Sarah Boynton, Occupational Therapist**
- **Kevin Maney, Teacher Assistant**

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to accept the retirement of Sarah Boynton, Occupational Therapist and Kevin Maney, Teacher Assistant, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. Lindberg and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta  
Seconded: Dr. Gallo

Approved: Ms. DiCenso  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Dubois  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Gallo  
Mr. Lindberg  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Pallotta

**VI Resignation :**

- **Ashley Picard, Career Resource Specialist**

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the resignation of Ashley Picard as a Career Resource Specialist, which was moved by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Ms. DiCenso and carried by all.

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

Approved: Ms. DiCenso  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Dubois  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Gallo  
Mr. Lindberg  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Pallotta

**VII Appointments:**

- **Kerri Collins, Regional Transition Coordinator, Southern RI**
- **Lisa Breault, Teacher Assistant**
- **Giselle Pacheco, Teacher Assistant**

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Kerri Collins, Regional Transition Coordinator, Southern RI, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta and seconded by Ms. DiCenso and carried by all.

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

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Lisa Breault, Teacher Assistant, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta and seconded by Ms. DiCenso and carried by all.

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

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Giselle Pacheco, Teacher Assistant, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta and seconded by Ms. DiCenso and carried by all.

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

### **VIII. Expense Warrants for January & February 2015**

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Bills for January and February 2015, which was moved by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Dr. DiLullo, carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Pallotta  
Seconded: Dr. DiLullo

Approved: Ms. DiCenso  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Dubois  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Gallo  
Mr. Lindberg  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Pallotta

### **VIII. Executive Director Report:**

#### **A. CCRI Utilization**

Mr. Nasif informed the Board of the great success that CCRI has been for the Transition Employment Center. A schedule is being worked out for next year. Mr. Nasif felt that CCRI has been a big boost for our programs.

#### **B. Curriculum Leadership Team Meeting**

Mr. Nasif reported that the Curriculum Leadership Team Meeting that took place on February 27, 2015 was very beneficial and meetings will continue on a monthly basis.

#### **C. General Information:**

Mr. Nasif updated the Board on the pipe situation at St. James. He informed the Board that school is back to normal and that the cooperation from the Church was a great component as to why there are no issues.

Mr. Nasif introduced Presence Learning, which is an online speech and occupational therapy service. Mr. Lindberg asked if this was a service in which the parents could absorb the cost themselves. The Board would not have interest at this time.

Mr. Nasif informed the Board of the upcoming Annual Meeting being held on March 25, 2015, the March Teacher Assistant Training and the CPI Training that will be held in April.

### **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:**

Ms. Fortunato did a poll regarding the February Vacation for School Year 15-16. Ms. Fortunato asked each of the Superintendents if they were going to pull the week of February Vacation next year. Most Board members agreed they will retain February Vacation for school year 2015-2016.

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

Moved: Dr. Pallotta  
Seconded: Dr. Gallo

Approved: Ms. DiCenso  
Dr. DiLullo  
Ms. Dubois  
Ms. Fortunato  
Dr. Gallo  
Mr. Lindberg  
Mr. O'Brien  
Dr. Pallotta

Respectfully submitted,

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Ms. Georgia Fortunato, Chair