

**Regional Board of Superintendents' Meeting
Northern Rhode Island Collaborative**
640 George Washington Highway, Bldg. B, Suite 200
Lincoln, RI 02865

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Regional Board of Superintendents was held at 640 George Washington Highway, Bldg. B, Suite 200, Lincoln, RI, on **Tuesday, August 4, 2015.**

The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Barnes, Mr. Capellan, Dr. DiLullo, Ms. Dubois, Mr. Lindberg, Ms. Smith, and Dr. Thornton as well as Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Executive Director, and Craig Enos, Director of Administration. Guests: Attorney Ben Scungio and Lee Rabbitt of Pawtucket School Department.

I. Opening of Meeting:

In the absence of Chair, Georgia Fortunato, Vice-Chair, Dr. Bernie DiLullo called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. with a motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

II. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes:

Dr. DiLullo entertained a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2015, which was moved by Mr. Capellan, seconded by Ms. Smith, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Mr. Capellan	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Ms. Smith		Mr. Capellan
			Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Dubois
			Mr. Lindberg
			Ms. Smith
			Dr. Thornton

III. Old Business

A. Consider/discussion and possible vote on RI Induction Program

Mr. Nasif reported that a meeting was held with the RI Foundation to request funding for the RI Induction Program. The RI Foundation requested more data. NRIC will be submitting a formal application to them. Mr. Nasif will keep the Board informed.

B. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Updating of Job Descriptions

Mr. Nasif reported that during the July meeting, several of NRIC's job descriptions need updating. Chair Fortunato requested a list of those job descriptions and, therefore, Mr. Nasif provided that listing in the agenda packet. Mr. Nasif advised that we will try and update 1-2 per month.

IV. New Business:

A. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Lease Agreement – Exeter-West Greenwich School District for Southern RI Transition Program 2015-2016

Mr. Nasif requested approval to renew the 1-year lease agreement for the Southern RI Transition Program with the Exeter-West Greenwich School Department for 2015-16 at no cost to NRIC.

Dr. DiLullo entertained a motion to approve the one-year lease agreement with Exeter-West Greenwich for the Southern RI Transition Program for 2015-2016 at no cost, which was moved by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Capellan and carried by all.

Moved: Dr. Thornton
Seconded: Mr. Capellan

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Mr. Capellan
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Dubois
Mr. Lindberg
Ms. Smith
Dr. Thornton

B. Consider/discussion and possible vote on Resolution with ERSRI RE MERS

Mr. Enos reported that NRIC was notified that the Employees Retirement System of RI made changes to the State Employees and Teachers, MERS General and MERS Public Safety Plan. We are required to submit a Resolution regarding NRIC to retain its 21-year amortization of unfunded actuarial accrued liability rather than a 25 year amortization. Mr. Enos advised the 25 year amortization would cost an extra \$200,000. We are therefore requesting the Board approve the Resolution that NRIC elect to retain its 21 year amortization.

Dr. DiLullo entertained a motion to accept NRIC's Resolution Regarding Maintenance of the 21-year Amortization for Pension Obligations. The motion was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Dubois and carried by all.

Moved: Ms. Smith
Seconded: Ms. Dubois

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Mr. Capellan
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Dubois
Mr. Lindberg
Ms. Smith
Dr. Thornton

B. Consider/discussion and possible vote on New Job Description for Career Development Specialist

Mr. Nasif reported that in accordance with Department of Justice regulations regarding expanding job opportunities for students, we are requesting approval of the job description for the new position of Career Development Specialist. This position will put us in compliance enabling us to meet the needs of those students at St. James. We hope to have the position in place at the start of the new school year. After approval of the job description, we plan on posting and advertising for the position.

Dr. DiLullo entertained a motion to approve the new job description for Career Development Specialist, which was moved by Mr. Capellan, seconded by Dr. Thornton and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Mr. Capellan	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Dr. Thornton		Mr. Capellan
			Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Dubois
			Mr. Lindberg
			Ms. Smith
			Dr. Thornton

V. Appointments:

A. High School Teacher, RAP Program – Dawn Porter

Dr. DiLullo entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Dawn Porter as a High School Teacher in the RAP Program. The motion was moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Dubois and carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Ms. Smith	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Ms. Dubois		Mr. Capellan
			Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Dubois
			Mr. Lindberg
			Ms. Smith
			Dr. Thornton

B. Director of Transition & Vocational Services

Mr. Nasif requested that this agenda item be tabled until September.

VI. Expense Warrants for July 2015

Ms. Fortunato entertained a motion to approve the Bills for July 2015, which was moved by Mr. Lindberg, seconded by Mr. Capellan, carried by all.

<u>Moved:</u>	Mr. Lindberg	<u>Approved:</u>	Dr. Barnes
<u>Seconded:</u>	Mr. Capellan		Mr. Capellan
			Dr. DiLullo
			Ms. Dubois
			Mr. Lindberg

Ms. Smith
Dr. Thornton

VII. Executive Director Report:

A. Opening of School 2015-16

Mr. Nasif reported that preparations are underway for the new school year making improvements at St. James and the Main Office and finalizing staff requirements.

(Ms. Lee Rabbitt of Pawtucket arrived at 8:10 a.m.)

B. St. James Building Reorganization

Mr. Nasif reported that reorganization has been taking place at St. James School. With permission of St. James Church, we have created two different classrooms by taking over some of their space. We will now max out at St. James.

C. General Information

Mr. Nasif reported that a new SAT will be released in March 2016. We are hoping to offer training for students on the new SAT. More information will follow. Mr. Nasif provided information to the Board regarding a request from the College Advisors Group to speak at a future meeting regarding college planning.

VIII. Information:

- Dr. Thornton advised of a program being held at Cumberland High School on August 31 at 6:00 pm with Rick Wormeli and invited anyone who is interested to attend.

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

Moved: Ms. Smith
Seconded: Dr. Thornton

Approved: Dr. Barnes
Mr. Capellan
Dr. DiLullo
Ms. Dubois
Mr. Lindberg
Ms. Smith
Dr. Thornton

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Bernie DiLullo, Vice-Chair