



The 282nd meeting of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority was held on **Tuesday, December 14, 2010** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room, 560 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.

Members in attendance:

Dr. Anthony J. Santoro  
Dr. William Croasdale  
Mr. John Howell  
Mr. Michael Solomon for Treasurer Caprio

Members Absent:

The Honorable Robert J. McKenna  
Ms. Patricia Doyle

Others in attendance:

Mr. Charles P. Kelley, Executive Director, RISLA  
Mr. Noel Simpson, CFO, RISLA  
Mr. Joseph Palumbo, General Counsel  
Mr. Kevan McAleer, Controller, RISLA  
Ms. Jennifer Dutch, RISLA  
Ms. Lindie Thibodeau, RISLA  
Mr. Jeffery Kastle, Esquire  
Ms. Gail Mance-Rios, Deputy Director, RIHEAA  
Mr. Peter Kirwin, RIHEAA

The meeting was opened by Dr. Santoro at 9:04AM.

Upon a motion to approve made by Dr. Croasdale and seconded by Mr. Howell it was unanimously

**VOTED:** to accept and approve the minutes of the November 9, 2010 Board meeting.

## **Chairman's Report**

Dr. Santoro did not have a report.

Upon motion made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Solomon, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** to go into closed session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(7)(Investment of Public Funds).

The open session was reconvened at 11:35AM.

Chairman Santoro asked Mr. Palumbo to read the votes taken in the closed session, as follows:

**VOTED: to authorize a 3% overall increase in salaries effective January 1, 2011 which total amount shall be computed on the basis of filled positions as of January 1, 2011 with such pool of funds to be allocated as determined by the Executive Director, and, to further authorize an additional 3% overall increase in salaries effective July 1, 2011, to be computed and allocated as above provided the State gives such increase to union and non-union employees on July 1, 2011.**

**VOTED, to increase the employees' contribution to their health care premium as follows:**

**If employee salary is less than \$45,000 per year, employee shall pay 5% of his or her premium;**

**If employee salary is between \$45,000 and \$90,000 per year, employee shall pay 9% of his or her premium;**

**If employee salary is greater than \$90,000 per year, employee shall pay 14% of his or her premium.**

**The above increases in employee premium payment shall be effective at the same time as the health insurance plan is effectively changed to a high deductible plan which change shall occur not later than January 31, 2011.**

Upon a motion by Mr. Solomon and seconded by Mr. Howell, it was unanimously voted to seal the minutes of the executive session.

At 11:38AM, upon motion made by Mr. Solomon and seconded by Mr. Howell it was unanimously

**VOTED:** to go into executive session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(1) (personnel matter).

The open session was reconvened at 11:48AM.

At the request of Chairman Santoro, Mr. Palumbo read the vote taken in the closed session as follows:

**VOTED: re-establish the parity of the Executive Director's salary with the salary of the Executive Director of RIHEAA, to which the Board had previously committed.**

Upon motion made by Mr. Solomon and seconded by Dr. Croasdale it was unanimously

**VOTED:** to seal the minutes of the closed session.

#### **Action Item #8 – Authorizing Resolution**

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Croasdale and seconded by Mr. Howell it was unanimously voted to adopt the authorizing resolution presented to the Board.

#### **Action Item #9 – Bond Issue Budget**

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Croasdale and seconded by Mr. Howell it was unanimously voted to adopt the proposed bond issue budget of a not to exceed figure of \$1,061,500. .

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Kelley reported on the Latino Coalition event that took place over the weekend and the College Planning Center's activities.

Dr. Croasdale commented on the SAT prep class offered in Providence and that he is working on administering a SAT prep course to 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### **Report on RIFEL Bond Issue**

Mr. Kelley stated that the Federal PLUS loan has a rate of 7.9% and Stafford loans for students have a rate of 6.8%. The new RIFEL loan program will have a loan with a rate of between 6.5% and 7.49%, which will be less expensive than the federal loans offered.

Mr. Kelley spoke about the favorable reception RISLA received from rating agencies due in part to the income tax offset program which has yielded approximately \$3,900 to date.

The Board discussed loan forgiveness in the event of the death of the student borrower. It was decided to defer further discussion until all loan forgiveness options are discussed at a future meeting.

Dr. Croasdale and the other Board members wished Mr. Solomon well in his new endeavors.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Croasdale and seconded by Mr. Howell, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57AM.

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John Howell  
Secretary