

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

MEETING TO BE HELD AT:

The Rhode Island Department of Education – Shepard Building
255 Westminster Street – Providence, RI 02903
Thursday, June 4, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Public Remarks
2. Chairman's Remarks
 - a. BOR Presentation to Commissioner McWalters
3. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Regents Meeting of May 13, 2009

APPROVAL ITEMS

4. Approval of Appeal Items

Student M. Doe v. Cranston School Committee

[Enclosure 4]

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, in the matter of Student M. Doe v. Cranston School Committee, the Appeals Committee recommends that the appeal be dismissed as moot but notes that a student other than Student M. Doe, who was involved in the matter, was not afforded procedural due process to challenge assertions describing his actions. Therefore, if the case were not moot the committee would have recommended remanding the matter to the Commissioner.

Beacon Charter School v. C.P. Doe

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, in the matter of Beacon Charter School v. C.P. Doe, the Appeals Committee recommends that this appeal be dismissed for failure to proceed in perfecting the appeal in a timely manner in accordance with the Board of Regents' Rules Governing Appeals.

Foster/Glocester School District v. Town of Glocester

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, in the matter of Foster/Glocester School District v. Town of Glocester, the Appeals Committee recommends that this appeal be dismissed for failure to proceed in perfecting the appeal in a timely manner in accordance with the Board of Regents' Rules Governing Appeals.

Paygai v. RIDE

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, in the matter of Paygai v. RIDE, the Appeals Committee recommends that this appeal be dismissed for failure to proceed in perfecting the appeal in a timely manner in accordance with the Board of Regents' Rules Governing Appeals.

5. Approval of Paul Cuffee Charter School Amendment

[Enclosure 5]

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approves the Amendment to the Charter of the Paul Cuffee Charter School, as attached.

6. Approval of Authorizing the Democracy Prep-Blackstone Valley (Mayoral Academy) to Begin Operation in the 2009-10 School Year

[Enclosure 6]

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approves Final Charter Authorization of the Democracy Prep-Blackstone Valley

(Mayoral Academy) to Begin Operation in the 2009-10 School Year.

7. Approval of Authorizing the Segue Institute for Learning Center to Begin Operation in the 2009-10 School Year
[Enclosure 7]
RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approves Final Charter Authorization of the Segue Institute for Learning Center to Begin Operation in the 2009-10 School Year.
8. Preliminary Approval for further planning and development to the Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts Charter School toward a 2010-11 Opening. Contingent upon final approval by the Board of Regents.
[Enclosure 8]
RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Grants Preliminary Approval for the further planning and development to the Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts Towards a 2009-10 School Year Opening. Contingent upon Final Approval by the Board of Regents.
9. Preliminary Approval for further planning and development to the Greene Charter School towards a 2010-11 Opening. Contingent upon final approval by the Board of Regents.
[Enclosure 9]
RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Grants Preliminary Approval for further planning and development to the Greene School Towards a 2009-10 School Year Opening. Contingent upon Final Approval by the Board of Regents.
10. Approval of BOR Lease Transaction for the Rhode Island School for the Deaf
[Enclosure 10]
RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve the Lease Transaction for the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, as presented.
11. Approval of State Criteria for Specific Learning Disabilities
[Enclosure 11]
RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve the State Criteria for Specific Learning Disabilities, as attached.
12. Approval of Basic Education Program (BEP) Regulations
[Enclosure 12 – Will be emailed separately]
RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approves the Basic Education Program (BEP) Regulations for Promulgation, effective July 1, 2010, as per the Recommendation of the Board of Regents Programs/ School Improvement Committee, as attached.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. Budget Update
14. Legislative Update
15. BOR Committee Reports
16. Commissioner's Report

Agenda for Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Regents is scheduled for August 6, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Shepard Building, Room 501. Additional information about the agenda is available in the Office of the Commissioner of Education, Shepard Building, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903. The Shepard Building has been deemed accessible to those with disabilities by the State Building Commissioner. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired or needing other accommodations, please call 401-222-8468 or RI Relay 1-800-745-5555 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.