



BOARD OF REGENTS WORK SESSION

Thursday, July 19, 2012
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
RI Department of Education
Room 501
255 Westminster Street, Providence

AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

June 7, 2012 – Board of Regents Meeting

Enclosure 2a

June 21, 2012 – Board of Regents Work Session

Enclosure 2b

3. Commissioner's Report

Updates and issues affecting the K-12 public education system in Rhode Island

4. Public Remarks

5. Chairman's Remarks

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6. Discussion Items

7. Approval Items

a. **Board of Regents Regulations Governing Virtual Learning Education in Rhode Island**

Enclosure 7a

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education approves and adopts the recommended Board of Regents Regulations Governing Virtual Learning Education in Rhode Island, as presented.

**b. Certification Redesign – New Testing Requirements – Educational Testing Service
Certification Tests and Passing Score** **Enclosure 7b**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education adopts the recommended Educational Testing Service certification tests (ESOL 0361) and passing score (151) as a requirement for initial licensure in Rhode Island.

**c. Terms and Conditions of Employment for Nancy Maguire Heath, Director of the R.I.
School for the Deaf** **Enclosure 7c**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education approves the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Nancy Maguire Heath, Director of the R.I. School for the Deaf, for a three-year period commencing July 1, 2012 and terminating on June 30, 2015.

d. Renewal of the Charter of the Beacon Charter High School **Enclosure 7d**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education renews the Charter of the Beacon Charter High School for a five (5) year term, to operate in accordance with the renewed Charter from the 2013-14 school year to the 2017-18 school year, as presented.

e. Renewal of the Charter of the Paul Cuffee Charter School **Enclosure 7e**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education renews the Charter of the Paul Cuffee Charter School for a five (5) year term, to operate in accordance with the renewed Charter from the 2013-14 school year to the 2017-18 school year, as presented.

f. Renewal of the Charter of the International Charter School **Enclosure 7f**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education renews the Charter of the International Charter School for a five (5) year term, to operate in accordance with the renewed Charter from the 2013-14 school year to the 2017-18 school year, as presented.

g. Renewal of the Charter of the Kingston Hill Academy **Enclosure 7g**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education renews the Charter of the Kingston Hill Academy for a five (5) year term, to operate in accordance with the renewed Charter from the 2013-14 school year to the 2017-18 school year, as presented.

**h. Non-Renewal of the Charter of the Academy for Career Exploration Charter School (ACE)
Enclosure 7h**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education determine that the Academy for Career Exploration Charter School's Charter be allowed to expire at the end of the current charter term pursuant to the R.I. Board of Regents Regulations Governing Public Charter Schools C-4-3 and R.I.G.L. 16-77-5.1, as presented.

Pursuant to Subsection (c) of R.I.G.L. 16-77-5.1, the Board of Regents shall defer rendering a final determination of action until the conclusion of a public hearing.

i. Necessity of School Construction Projects

Lincoln School Department

Enclosure 7i-1

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education approves the Lincoln School Department's necessity of school construction projects totaling \$380,000 pursuant to 16-7-41, as presented.

Pawtucket School Department

Enclosure 7i-2

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education approves the Pawtucket School Department's necessity of school construction projects totaling \$8,000,000 pursuant to 16-7-41, as presented.

Next Meeting (meeting details are subject to change)

The next meeting of the Board of Regents is **Thursday, September 6, 2012, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Department of Education, 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 401-222-8435 or RI Relay 1-800-745-5555 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.