

MINUTES OF THE MEETING May 12, 2014

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RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Rhode Island Board of Education met on Monday, May 12, 2014 at the Blackstone Valley Prep Elementary School 1, 291 Broad Street, Cumberland, RI. Chair Mancuso welcomed everyone, declared a quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Chair Mancuso thanked Mayor McKee and Jeremy Chippeatta and his staff for hosting this evening's meeting.

- **Present**: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
- Absent: None

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

As part of the Board's acceptance of the May 12, 2014 meeting agenda, Chair Mancuso asked for a motion to amend it as follows:

- a. Move Item 4 (Open Forum) to the first item on the agenda;
- b. Postpone Item 3 (Presentation of Certificates) to the next scheduled regular Board meeting;
- c. Postpone Items 5 and 6 (Report of the Chair and Reports of the Commissioners) to the next scheduled regular Board meeting;
- d. Remove Action Item 9b3 (Early Engineering College Academy) as they have not completed their readiness requirements; and
- e. Move Action Item 9e (Board Determination of Petition of Providence Student Union et al.) to the first action item in that section.

On a motion duly made by Colleen Callahan and seconded by Mathies Santos, it was

- VOTED:
 That
 the Rhode Island Board of Education amend the agenda for the meeting of May 12, 2014 as set forth above and accept the agenda as amended.

 Vote:
 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted
 - Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
 - YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
 - NAYS: 0

2. OPEN FORUM (Agenda Item 4)

Chair Mancuso reminded everyone wishing to address the Board that they would be limited to two minutes per person. The following individuals spoke:

Mayor Daniel McKee, Cumberland

Mayor McKee welcomed all in attendance.

Mayor Charles Lombardi, North Providence Mayor Lombardi expressed support for the New Hope Academy.

Brad Collins, Parent

Mr. Collins welcomed all in attendance and expressed his support of charter schools.

Maria Delgado

Ms. Delgado thanked the Board for their support of charter schools and asked that they continue to support school choice.

Cesar Uzuara, Student, Blackstone Valley Prep

Mr. Uzuara stated that he has been a Blackstone Valley Prep student for the past three years. He thanked the Board for their support in facilitating his education.

Tim Ryan, Executive Director, RISSA

Mr. Ryan noted his association's work with RIDE in developing cyclical models of evaluation. He reiterated his commitment to developing multiple measures of evaluation and of not overweighing any one measure.

John Simmons, RIPEC

Mr. Simmons, speaking as a member of the RI Business Coalition, stated his support for Common Core and for the RIDE graduation requirements. He noted that the Coalition had identified education as one of their four major policy platforms for improving RI's competitiveness.

Gary Ezovski, Business Owner, Lincoln Environmental Properties

Mr. Ezovski spoke in support of RIDE's graduation standards and asked the Board to continue with its plan.

Claire Arnold, Assistant Superintendent, North Smithfield

Ms. Arnold spoke about initiatives put in place relating to the NECAP requirement. Her district developed double block, standards-based math classes, to assist students lacking in that area.

Tim Duffy, Executive Director, RIASC

Mr. Duffy spoke in support of the current diploma system. He urged the Board to stay the course.

Liana Fenton, Middletown School Committee

Ms. Fenton spoke in support of keeping high standards and testing for RI students.

Laurie White, Providence Chamber of Commerce

Ms. White spoke in support of the current diploma system. She described the importance of the "knowledge economy" in RI and its tie to job opportunities.

Barbara Walton-Faria, Teacher, Middletown

Ms. Walton-Faria reiterated the RI Teacher Advisory Council's research and recommendations: use high-stakes testing only to inform instruction, end the use of NECAP, place a moratorium on use of PARCC, hold a forum on high-stakes testing in RI.

Sheila Resseger, Retired Teacher, School for the Deaf

Ms. Resseger expressed a concern for students disadvantaged by high-stakes testing. She feels that an accountability agenda is being forced upon students by the US Department of Education.

Nancy Cloud, Program Director/Advisor, ESL, RIC

Ms. Cloud noted a dichotomy between what business leaders recommend and what teachers recommend with regard to high stakes testing. She urged the Board to consider which districts these policies advantage and which they disadvantage.

Steve Brown, Executive Director, ACLU

Mr. Brown spoke in support of the Providence Student Union et al., petition (Agenda Item 9a). He noted that urban districts are more at risk from NECAP, compared to the 31 other districts of the state.

Alex Lucini, Music Teacher, Providence

Mr. Lucini expressed a concern that high stakes testing results are becoming more important than student achievement. He urged the Board to reconsider its stance on high-stakes testing and the waiver process.

Robert Mayne, Mathematics Teacher, Chariho High School

Mr. Mayne reiterated the recommendations of the RI Teacher Advisory Council listed above.

Flavia Baker, Cumberland High School

Ms. Baker urged the Board to accept the Providence Student Union et al., petition (Agenda Item 9a).

Christian Brother Michael Reis, Tides Family Services

Brother Reis spoke in support of high educational standards. He noted that students who stay in school are 80% less likely to end up in family court.

Gentleman on behalf of Patricia D'Alfonso, English Language Arts Coach, West Warwick Noted that of four states utilizing the NECAP, RI is the only one which uses it as a

graduation requirement. He urged the Board to reconsider holding the current graduating class accountable to it.

Anne M. Mulready, Supervising Attorney, RI Disability Law Center

Ms. Mulready spoke from her experiences with students with disabilities. She felt that achievement gaps were widening for disabled students taking the NECAP.

Al Colella, Retired Educator

Mr. Colella urged the Board to reconsider the purpose of NECAP. He noted that over time, the SAT's gained less reliability as a measure of college readiness.

Rick Richards

Mr. Richards referred to a written testimony by Linda Darling-Hammond, dated 2/24/2014. He provided this document for the Board. Assessment systems that utilize multiple measures of evaluation, he summarized, tend to be more indicative of student achievement.

Sarah Gerard, Segue Institute for Learning

Ms. Gerard noted the work being done at Segue—in particular, their transition to standardsbased grading.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (Agenda Item 2)

3a. Minutes of the April 10, 2014 Work Session

On a motion duly made by Colleen Callahan and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

VOTED:	That	the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 10, 2014 work session.
	Vote:	11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
	NAYS:	0

3b. Minutes of the April 10, 2014 Executive Session

On a motion duly made by Michael Bernstein and seconded by Antonio Barajas, it was

VOTED:	That	the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 10, 2014 executive session.
	Vote:	9 members voted in the affirmative, 0 members voted in the negative, and 2 members recused themselves as follows:
	YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, and Mathies Santos
	NAYS:	0
	RECUSED:	Colleen A. Callahan and Lawrence Purtill

3c. Minutes of the April 14, 2014 Meeting

On a motion duly made by Karin Forbes and seconded by Colleen Callahan, it was

VOTED:	That	the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014 meeting.
	Vote:	11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
	NAYS:	0

3d. Minutes of the April 14, 2014 Executive Session

On a motion duly made by Karin Forbes and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

VOTED:	That	the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014 executive session.
	Vote:	9 members voted in the affirmative, 0 members voted in the negative, and 2 members recused themselves as follows:
	YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, and Mathies Santos
	NAYS:	0
	RECUSED:	Colleen A. Callahan and Lawrence Purtill

4. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTS (Agenda Item 7)**

4a. University of Rhode Island – Update from last report and current events (Agenda Item 7a)

President Dooley described URI's perspective on incoming students and mathematics competence. He noted URI's rigorous curricular expectations—many programs require three or four years of mathematics. He noted that it has been very difficult to predict student mathematical competence based upon high school achievements. Of an incoming class of 3,100 - 3,200 students, about 400 require a pre-calculus math class. URI is looking for ways to improve and assist in students' mathematical competence. Lastly, he noted that for students to be successful after college, it is no longer sufficient to think locally. Rather, he suggested comparing student outcomes internationally.

4b. Rhode Island College – Update from last report and current events (Agenda Item 7b)

Dr. Carriuolo noted that RIC is not an open enrollment institution. Like URI, RIC offers remediation in writing and mathematics. These remedial strategies expend about \$175,000 annually. Dr. Carriuolo noted that she is a past president of the National Association of Developmental Education. With regard to the high school graduation requirements, she had a

concern for ELL students and students with disabilities. She further felt that the waiver process, and multiple methods of assessment made the RI graduation requirements reasonable and flexible. She described the role of remediation as encouraging as many students as possible to reach high standards, while accommodating those who cannot. Students may have multiple and diverse ways of demonstrating proficiency.

In her written report to the Board, Dr. Carriuolo noted some additional initiatives taking place at RIC. The college has established a Center for Addiction and Behavioral Health Studies, which will serve as a hub for the exchange of scientific research relating to addictive disorders and other behavioral health problems. Saturday, May 3, 2014 marked the one-year anniversary of the Central Falls/RIC Innovation Lab, which serves as a hub of Central Falls and RIC students, professionals, and community members. The lab seeks to meet the needs of Central Falls families, advance educational research at RIC, and create replicable programs in urban education. RIC also held a conference in April entitled "Meeting the Needs of Latino Elderly," which focused on the social issues and resources available to Spanish-speaking seniors.

4c. Community College of Rhode Island – Update from last report and current events (Agenda Item 7c)

Dr. Di Pasquale stated that CCRI is deeply concerned about student preparedness. CCRI has a mandated mission of open enrollment. When students enter needing remediation, the job of CCRI shifts from that of teaching to that of assisting. He noted that about 69% of students last year needed at least one remedial class. He looks forward to collaborating with the K-12 community.

Chair Mancuso thanked the three presidents for presenting their reports.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Agenda Item 8)

5a. Diploma System (Agenda Item 8a)

Commissioner Gist expressed that 93% of enrolled seniors in RI have already met the graduation requirement. She also noted that the student drop-out rate continues to be lower than typical for this point during the year, and that the class of 2015 is on track to be the best prepared class since the beginning of NECAP implementation. The Commissioner stated that she has been working in consort with the Superintendents' Association to improve the implementation of the graduation requirements. Together, they will focus on: streamlining testing and administrative requirements; improving the waiver process; reducing wait time for students striving to meet graduation requirements; and minimizing unintended system and student stress.

Andrea Castaneda, RIDE Chief of Accelerating School Performance, elaborated on the diploma system update, referring to enclosure 8a. She confirmed that 93% of currently enrolled seniors have now met the graduation requirement. She clarified that this was a different way of looking at the data. Previous data analysis attempted to show what percentage of the original junior class had met the requirement.

Member Colleen Callahan asked if the student populations described in the data (e.g. students with disabilities, English language learners, students with free/reduced lunch, etc.) had met the requirement through testing or through an alternate means or waiver. She also asked if exact numbers on those student populations and how they met the requirement were available.

Ms. Castaneda responded that those students may have met the requirement through either testing or an alternate means. Disaggregated numbers by sub-population were not yet available. Ms. Castaneda noted that a vast majority of these sub-populations had met the requirement by way

of NECAP testing.

Member Mathies Santos asked how many total students met the requirement by way of improvement of NECAP test score.

Ms. Castaneda responded that a vast majority of students had met the requirement on their first attempt of the test. Many who retook the test reached the required score—making the number of students who passed by improvement of score rather than achievement of required score small.

6. ACTION ITEMS (Agenda Item 9)

6a. Board Determination on Petition of Providence Student Union et al. (Agenda Item 9e)

Mr. Joseph Rodio, an attorney representing the RI Board of Education, explained the context of the vote. He stated that a vote to approve the petition would initiate rule-making proceedings immediately and that a vote to deny the petition would maintain the status quo.

Members Lawrence Purtill and Colleen Callahan asked to clarify the impact of voting to approve the petition, and what actions the vote directly initiates.

Mr. Rodio answered that approving the petition would not technically change the graduation requirements. However, it was anticipated that upon approval, an outside organization might seek a restraining order on the proceedings. This would, in effect, impact the current process of graduation.

Member Patrick Guida asked to clarify if the Board could revisit the graduation requirements in the future if it denied the petition.

Mr. Rodio answered that the Board could revisit the matter in the future.

Member Patrick Guida made a motion for the Rhode Island Board of Education to continue its support for the existing multiple measures graduation requirement and deny the Providence Student Union petition.

Member Karin Forbes seconded the motion and a discussion commenced on the motion.

Member Colleen Callahan explained that she is against the motion and in favor of approving the petition. She has not heard anyone state that they do not have high standards. She has not heard anyone state that students should not be ready for their careers upon graduation. She has heard a difference in opinions on whether or not the NECAP testing data indicates whether or not these ends have been met. She also noted her observation that as one gets further away from the classroom, there is greater support for the current policy. Member Callahan felt that enough concern has been raised to move forward with public hearings.

Member Lawrence Purtill indicated that everyone is in favor of high standards. He noted that as of May 12, 2014, about one quarter of current seniors with ELL status or a learning disability have still not met the requirement. He expressed concern for the schedule of testing and retakes, and the frustration the process may entail for parents, guardians, and students. Member Purtill is against the motion.

Member Jo Eva Gaines expressed her frustration at the debates around high-stakes testing.

She stated that she is not a proponent of it. She felt that passing a high stakes test only signifies that a student has studied for and knows how to take the test. She would like to see more debate about high-stakes testing, while maintaining high standards.

Member Dennis Duffy stated that he supports the motion. He had heard many similar criticisms of high-stakes raised in Massachusetts a few years ago. The students there, he stated, rose to the occasion. Member Duffy felt that the students of RI would likewise rise to the occasion as full implementation is continued.

Member Antonio Barajas sees the current debate on high-stakes testing and the current graduation policies as an opportunity for opposing sides to come together and work out solutions. Member Barajas supports the motion.

Member William Maaia noted that no test is perfect. He felt that any test that is approved for usage will be problematic in some regard and there will always be people who oppose it.

On a motion duly made by Patrick Guida and seconded by Karin Forbes, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education continue its support for the existing multiple measures graduation requirement and deny the Providence Student Union petition.

A roll call vote was taken on this motion as follows:

Antonio Barajas:	No
Michael Bernstein:	Yes
Colleen A. Callahan:	No
Dennis Duffy:	Yes
Karin Forbes:	Yes
Jo Eva Gaines:	No
Patrick A. Guida:	Yes
William C. Maaia:	Yes
Lawrence Purtill:	No
Mathies Santos:	Yes
Eva-Marie Mancuso:	Yes

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 4 members voted in the negative.

6b. Approval of Necessity of School Construction Projects (Agenda Item 9a)

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Karin Forbes, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the Burrillville School Department's necessity of school construction projects totaling \$5,941,591 pursuant to R.I.G.L. §16-7-41.1, as presented.

Vote:	11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
NAYS:	0

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by William Maaia, it was

VOTED:	That	the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the Cranston Public Schools' necessity of school construction projects totaling \$23,132,252 pursuant to R.I.G.L. §16-7-41.1, as presented.
	Vote:	11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
	NAYS:	0

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Patrick Guida, it was

VOTED:	That	the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the South Kingstown Public Schools' necessity of school construction projects totaling \$6,533,000 pursuant to R.I.G.L. §16-7-41.1, as presented.
		Kingstown Public Schools' necessity of school construction projects totaling \$6,533,000 pursuant to R.I.G.L.

- Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
- YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
- NAYS: 0

6c. Charter Schools – Final Approvals (Agenda Item 9b)

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Joe Eva Gaines it was

VOTED:Thatthe Rhode Island Board of Education move to issue a final
Charter to Southside Elementary Charter School and

authorizes its operation for a maximum term of five (5) years beginning in the 2014-2015 school year and ending in the 2018-2019 school year, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the final Charter, as presented.

- Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
- YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
- NAYS: 0

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Joe Eva Gaines it was

- **VOTED:** That the Rhode Island Board of Education move to issue a final Charter to the Hope Academy and authorizes its operation for a maximum term of five (5) years beginning in the 2014-2015 school year and ending in the 2018-2019 school year, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the final Charter, as presented.
 - Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 1 member voted in the negative as follows:
 - YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
 - NAYS: Colleen A. Callahan

6d. Approval of the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for School Health Programs (Agenda Item 9c)

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Mathies Santos it was

VOTED:	That	the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the proposed Changes to the Rules and Regulations for School Health Programs, as presented.
	Vote:	11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
	NAYS:	0

6e. Approval of process for selection and voting for the National Association

of State Boards of Education recipients of Awards, Director and Officer positions (Agenda Item 9d)

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Antonio Barajas it was

VOTED:	That Vote:	 the Rhode Island Board of Education appoint Patrick Guida as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for selection and voting for the National Association of State Boards of Education recipients of Awards, Director and Officer positions, as presented. 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted
		in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
	NAYS:	0

6f. Approval of Tenure – Community College of Rhode Island (Agenda Item 9f)

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Colleen Callahan it was

VOTED:	That	the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the awarding of tenure for faculty of the Community College of R.I., effective July 1, 2014, as presented.
	Vote:	11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
	NAYS:	0

6g. Approval of R.I. College's Revised Mission Statement and Vision Statement (Agenda Item 9g)

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Colleen Callahan it was

- VOTED:Thatthe Rhode Island Board of Education approve R.I. College's
Revised Mission Statement and Vision Statement, as
Presented.
 - Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
 - YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes,

Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

6h. Approval of Facility Use and Real Estate License Agreement – Greenfins Global LLC (Agenda Item 9h)

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded by Patrick Guida, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the Facility Use and Real Estate License Agreement with Greenfins Global LLC, subject to review and approval of the State Properties Committee, as presented. Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows: YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos NAYS: 0

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Agenda Item 10)

Chair Mancuso noted that President Dooley and President Carriuolo had each been notified of their right to have the discussion regarding the negotiations of their contracts held in open session, and that they have not objected to these discussions being held in executive session.

Chair Mancuso entertained a motion to enter into executive session to discuss:

- 7a. Discussion of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) contract pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(2) (Agenda Item 10a)
- 7b. Update and discussion on the negotiations with the higher education union coalition pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(2) (Agenda Item 10b)
- 7c. Discussion of the negotiation of the outstanding terms and conditions of President David Dooley's contract pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(1) (Agenda Item 10c)
- 7d. Discussion of the negotiation of the outstanding terms and conditions of President Nancy Carriuolo's contract pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(1) (Agenda Item 10d)
- 7e. Update on the negotiation of the lease for the proposed Nursing Education Center pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(5)

On a motion duly made by Colleen Callahan and seconded by Patrick Guida, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education convene in executive

session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(1), R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(2), and R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(5) for the reasons set forth above.

A roll call vote on this motion was taken as follows:

Antonio Barajas:	Yes
Michael Bernstein:	Yes
Colleen A. Callahan:	Yes
Dennis Duffy:	Yes
Karin Forbes:	Yes
Jo Eva Gaines:	Yes
Patrick A. Guida:	Yes
William C. Maaia:	Yes
Lawrence Purtill:	Yes
Mathies Santos:	Yes
Eva-Marie Mancuso:	Yes

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

[Member William Maaia and President Di Pasquale departed the meeting at 7:25 p.m.]

After a short break, the Board convened in executive session at 7:30 p.m.

All non-Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of Clark Greene, Authorized Officer, RI Office of Higher Education; Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations for the Board of Education; and Ronald Cavallaro, General Counsel

Board Members Callahan and Purtill recused themselves from the Update on Collective Bargaining (Agenda Items 10a and 10b)

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:45 p.m.

Chair Mancuso noted that no votes were taken during executive session.

On a motion duly made by Antonio Barajas and seconded by Michael Bernstein, it was

- VOTED:Thatthe Rhode Island Board of Education seal the minutes of the
executive session discussion held on May 12, 2014.Vote:10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted
in the negative as follows:YEAS:Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein,
Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes,
Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, Lawrence Purtill,
and Mathies Santos
 - NAYS: 0

8. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS (Agenda Item 11)

8a. Approval of resolution asking the General Assembly to approve proposed legislation regarding the lease for the Nursing Education Center in substantially the same form as presented pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(5) (Agenda Item 11a)

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Karin Forbes, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the resolution asking the General Assembly to approve proposed legislation regarding the lease for the Nursing Education Center in substantially the same form as presented pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(5) Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows: YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos 0 NAYS:

Chair Mancuso thanked Director Licht for his support in the matter.

Director Licht in turn thanked the Board, URI, RIC, and Brown University for their support. He informed the Board that he would notify them of the progress on the lease in the coming weeks.

8b. Approval/Ratification of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) contract pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(2) (Agenda Item 11b)

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

VOTED:	That	the Rhode Island Board of Education approve and ratify the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) contract, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(2) as presented.
	Vote:	8 members voted in the affirmative, 0 members voted in the negative, and 2 members recused themselves as follows:
	YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, and Mathies Santos
	NAYS:	0
	RECUSED:	Colleen Callahan and Lawrence Purtill

8c. Approval and authorization regarding the outstanding terms and conditions of President David Dooley's contract pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(1) (Agenda Item 11c)

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Karin Forbes, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the outstanding terms and conditions of President David Dooley's contract, as presented, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(1), and if accepted by the President, authorize the Chair to execute this contract with the President as presented. Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows: YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos NAYS: 0

Chair Mancuso noted that the vote was unanimous and congratulated Dr. Dooley.

8d. Approval and authorization regarding the outstanding terms and conditions of President Nancy Carriuolo's contract pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(1) (Agenda Item 11d)

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Colleen Callahan, it was

VOTED:	That	the Rhode Island Board of Education approve the outstanding terms and conditions of President Nancy Carriuolo's contract, as presented, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(1), and if accepted by the President, authorize the Chair to execute this contract with the President as presented.
	Vote:	10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
	NAYS:	0

Chair Mancuso noted that the vote was unanimous and congratulated Dr. Carriuolo.

9. NEXT MEETING (Agenda Item 12)

Thursday, June 12, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. – work session RIDE Monday, June 16, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. – meeting Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center 325 Public Street, Providence, RI

10. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made by Karin Forbes and seconded by Mathies Santos, it was

VOTED:	That	the Rhode Island Board of Education adjourn.
	Vote:	10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos
	NAYS:	0

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.