

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

MEETING TO BE HELD AT:

The Rhode Island Department of Education – Shepard Building Room 501
255 Westminster Street – Providence, RI 02903
Thursday November 9, 2006
4:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Public Remarks
2. Chairman's Remarks
3. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Regents Meeting of September 28, 2006

APPROVAL ITEMS

4. Approval of Alternate Assessment GSEs and Science GSEs
(Enclosure 4)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve the Grade Span Expectations for the AGSEs in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science and the GSEs in Science.

5. Adoption of Early Childhood Content Knowledge Test and the Early Childhood Education Test for Early Childhood Educators
(Enclosure 5)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education eliminate the current testing requirement for Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education and adopt, effective January 1, 2007, the Early Childhood Education test and the Early Childhood Content Knowledge Test for the issuance of an Early Childhood Certificate and for the issuance of an Early Childhood Special Educator Certificate; and

It is further Recommended that: the Board of Regents Adopt a passing score of 171 for the Early Childhood Education Test and a passing score of 169 for the Early Childhood Content Knowledge Test; and

It is also further Recommended that: the Board of Regents continue to accept the two tests required for elementary education (Elementary Content Knowledge Test and Elementary Content Area Exercises Test) as meeting the testing requirements for early childhood certification. The two early childhood tests would not be acceptable in meeting the testing requirement for elementary certification.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Review of Proposed Changes to "Regulations of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Regarding Literacy, Proficiency Based Graduation and Restructuring of the Learning Environment at the Middle and High School Levels".
7. Update on Central Falls
8. Presentation on Department Web Site (in development) and Data Warehouse

9. Regents' Committee Reports
 - Administrator & Teacher Quality
 - Finance & Personnel
 - PS&I
 - CASP
 - State and Charter Schools

10. Commissioner's Report

11. Executive Agenda

Agenda for Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Regents is scheduled on December 14, 2006 in the Shepard Building, Conference 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. 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 or RI Relay 1-800-745-5555 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.