

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

MEETING TO BE HELD AT:

The Rhode Island Department of Elementary & Secondary Education – Shepard Building
255 Westminster Street – Providence, RI 02903
Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

A G E N D A ~ (REVISED 1-7-08)

1. Public Remarks
2. Chairman's Remarks
 - a. Report on the Governor's Task Force on Collective Bargaining
 - b. Discussion of Committee Assignments
3. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Regents Meeting of December 19, 2007

APPROVAL ITEMS

4. Approval of Changes to Certification Processes – Increase in Fees
(Enclosure 4a)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve, for the Purpose of Public Hearing, the Increase in Certification Fees and Transactions for Educators;

Approval of Application Processes
(Enclosure 4b)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve, for the Purpose of Public Hearing, the Adoption of Mandatory Electronic Application for Educator Certification/Licensure;

Approval of Changes to Certification Regulations/Evaluation of Credits
(Enclosure 4c)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve, for the Purpose of Public Hearing, Certification Regulations to Allow the Renewal of Certificates by the Completion of Credits in ANY Content area.

5. Approval of Appeal Items – Providence Variance; Gorman v. Jamestown
(Enclosure 5)

Providence Teachers' Union, et. al. v. Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, et al, Appeal of the Grant of a Variance to The Providence School Board to Section 300.552 (B) (1) of the Regulations Governing the Education of Children with Disabilities

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, in the matter of Providence Teachers' Union, et. al. v. Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, et al Appeal of the Grant of a Variance to the Providence School Board to Section 300.552 (B) (1) of the Regulations Governing the Education of Children with Disabilities, the Decision of the Commissioner to Grant the Subject Variance is Affirmed.

Anne Gorman v. Jamestown School Committee (Appeal of August 2, 2006
Commissioner's decision)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT in the Matter of Anne Gorman v. Jamestown School Committee (Appeal of August 2, 2006 Commissioner's decision) the Decision of the Commissioner is Reversed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Presentation – Youth Driven Policy Agenda
7. Presentation on Learning First Alliance/Rhode Island
8. BOR Committee Reports
CASP
Educator Quality
State & Charter Schools
Appeals
PS&I
9. Commissioner's Report
 - a. Urban Task Force
 - b. Report on School Classifications
10. Executive Agenda
11. Agenda for Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Regents is scheduled for February 6 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.