

RHODE ISLAND 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, April 23, 2008 at 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 March 13, 2008 and Executive Session of March 13, 2008.
4. Executive Session
 - a. Personnel Issues – Approval of Commissioner's Contract

APPROVAL ITEMS

5. Approval of Commissioner's Contract

RECOMMENDATION: That, the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve the Contract of the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education as Presented.

6. Approval of School Construction
(Enclosure 6)

RECOMMENDATION: That, the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve the Necessity of School Construction Projects Totaling \$47,975,835 Pursuant to 16-7-41.1, as Attached.

7. Approval of the Regulations Governing the Education of English Language Learners for Purposes of Public Hearing
(Enclosure 7)

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve, for Public Hearing, the Regulations Governing English Language Learners, as Attached.

8. Approval of Adoption of Mandatory Electronic Application for Educator Certification/Licensure
(Enclosure 8)

RECOMMENDATION: That, the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Adopt the Requirement that Applications for Certification/Licensure and the Payment of Fees Must be Submitted Electronically, Effective Immediately.

9. Approval of Amendment of Pre-January 1, 2005 Certification Regulations so as to Allow the Renewal of Certificates by the Completion of Credits in Any Content Area.
(Enclosure 9)

RECOMMENDATION: That, the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Amend Pre-January 1, 2005 Certification Regulations so as to Allow the Renewal of Certificates by the Completion of Credits in Any Content Area.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Committee Reports

11. Commissioner's Report

12. Agenda for Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Regents is scheduled for May 7 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.