

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

MEETING TO BE HELD AT:
Dr. Earl F. Calcutt Middle School Library
112 Washington St., Central Falls
Thursday, September 3, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Commissioner's Report
2. Public Remarks
3. Chairman's Remarks
4. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Regents Meeting of August 6, 2009

APPROVAL ITEMS

5. Approval of Appeal Items

Traci Rossi et als v. Johnston School Committee

[Enclosure 5a]

RECOMMENDATION: That, in the matter of Traci Rossi, et al v. Johnston School Committee, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Remands this matter to the Commissioner to determine if the Johnston School Committee is in Compliance with our Regulations on Length of the School Day and RIGL 16-22-4 and, if not, to make appropriate remedial orders.

Timothy Coen v. Portsmouth School Committee

[Enclosure 5b]

RECOMMENDATION: That, in the matter of Timothy Coen v. Portsmouth School Committee, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Affirms the Decision of the Commissioner.

Nellie Francis v. Providence School Board

[Enclosure 5c]

RECOMMENDATION: That, in the matter of Nellie Francis v. Providence School Board, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Affirms the Decision of the Commissioner.

6. Approval of Necessity of School Construction: the Paul W. Crowley Metropolitan Career & Technical Center

[Enclosure 6]

RECOMMENDATION: That, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approves the Capital Budget Project for the Paul W. Crowley Metropolitan Career and Technical Center totaling \$8,800,000, as presented (please note that the \$10,100,000 request included in the Capital Budget was reduced through the Necessity of Construction Review Process by \$1,300,000).

7. Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Central Falls

[Enclosure 7]

RECOMMENDATION: That, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approves the Necessity of School Construction Projects totaling \$20,499,999 pursuant to 16-7-41.1, as presented (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted, the state share excluding interest is expected to be \$19,844,921).

8. Approval of Shut-down Days

[Enclosure 8]

RECOMMENDATION: That, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Directs the Commissioner of Education to Implement 12 unpaid shut-down days for the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in the form called for in the Governor's Executive Order, dated September 24, 2009.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Discussion of Central Falls School District

10. Discussion of Facility Use - RI School for the Deaf

11. Budget Update

12. Legislative Report/ Binding Arbitration legislation

Agenda for Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be a work session and is scheduled on September 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 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.