

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF REGENTS
FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
MEETING**

Thursday, March 3, 2011
4:00 p.m.
Woonsocket Middle School Hamlet, Library
60 Florence Drive
Woonsocket, RI

A G E N D A

1. **Commissioner's Report**
Updates and issues affecting the K-12 public education system in Rhode Island.
2. **Public Remarks**
3. **Chairman's Remarks**
Updates and issues affecting the K-12 public education system in Rhode Island.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) February 3, 2011 – Board of Regents Meeting **Enclosure 4a**
 - b) February, 10, 2011 – Board of Regents Work Session **Enclosure 4b**
 - c) February 17, 2011 – Board of Regents Work Session **Enclosure 4c**

APPROVAL ITEMS

5. **Approval of Waiver request pursuant to RIGL 16-2-3, entitled *Emergency reduction of school year*, submitted by the Gloucester School Department** **Enclosure 5**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approves this request for a two (2) day reduction in the aggregate number of school days for the 2010-2011 school year, and I make this recommendation with condition that the two (2) day reduction will only be implemented in the event of additional cancelations that result in the need to extend the 2010-2011 school year to June 28, 2011.

6. **Approval of Waiver request pursuant to RIGL 16-2-3, entitled *Emergency reduction of school year*, submitted by the Foster-Glocester School Department** **Enclosure 6**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approves the Request on the condition that the two (2) day reduction will only be implemented in the event of additional cancellations that result in the need to extend the 2010-2011 school year to June 28, 2011.

7. Approval of Waiver request pursuant to RIGL 16-2-3, entitled *Emergency reduction of school year*, submitted by the Foster School Department Enclosure 7

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approves the within request on the condition that the school district provides no less than the net remaining schools days in the 2010-2011 school year pursuant to RIGL 16-2-3.

8. Approval of Secondary School Regulations

Summary of Changes to Secondary School Regulations Enclosure 8a

Regulations Showing Changes Enclosure 8b

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve the Secondary School Regulations, as attached. Enclosure 8c

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve the motion on the scaled score associated with the performance standard "Partially Proficient" as a graduation requirement beginning with the graduation class of 2014. This requirement shall apply to student performance on the state assessment in the areas of reading and mathematics. Enclosure 8d

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve the motion to designate the minimum improvement required to reach progress toward proficiency to be at or beyond the threshold of statistical significance, as calculated by the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Students reaching or exceeding statistically significant improvement, expressed as the difference in an individual student's scaled score performance between the first and subsequent administrations of the state assessment, will meet the graduation requirements set forth in Section L-6-3.3. Enclosure 8e

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve the motion to establish achievement at or above the scaled score associated with the performance standard "proficient" on the state assessment in reading and mathematics **and** completion of local graduation requirements as the minimum criteria necessary for earning a Regents' commendation. Enclosure 8f

9. Approval of Charter School Regulations

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education Approve the Charter School Regulations, as attached.
Enclosure 9

10. Agenda for Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Regents is **a work session scheduled on Thursday, March 17, 2011, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Department of Education, 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.