



RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Rhode Island Board of Education met on Monday, April 14, 2014 at the Narragansett Town Hall at 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, RI. Chair Mancuso welcomed everyone, declared a quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Chair Mancuso thanked Dr. Sipala, Superintendent of Narragansett Schools and the Town of Narragansett for hosting this evening's meeting.

Attendance was as follows:

Antonio Barajas:	present
Michael Bernstein:	present
Colleen A. Callahan:	present
Dennis Duffy:	present
Karin Forbes:	present
Jo Eva Gaines:	present
Patrick A. Guida:	present
William C. Maaia:	present
Eva-Marie Mancuso:	present
Lawrence Purtill:	present
Mathies Santos:	present

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded by Patrick Guida it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education accept the agenda for the meeting of April 14, 2014.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, and Lawrence Purtill

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2a. Minutes of the February 27, 2014 Work Session

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded by Karin Forbes, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the minutes of the work session of February 27, 2014.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, and Lawrence Purtill

NAYS: 0

2b. Minutes of the March 3, 2014 Meeting

On a motion duly made by Antonio Barajas and seconded by Colleen Callahan, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2014.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Joe Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, and Lawrence Purtill

NAYS: 0

2c. Minutes of the March 3, 2014 Executive Session

On a motion duly made by Karin Forbes and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the minutes of the executive session on March 3, 2014.

Vote: 7 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, and William C. Maaia

NAYS: 0

3. OPEN FORUM

Chair Mancuso reminded everyone wishing to address the Board that they would be limited to two minutes per person. The following individuals spoke:

Kathy Sipala, Superintendent of Narragansett Public Schools

Ms. Sipala welcomed all attendees to Narragansett. She elaborated on the history of the Narragansett Town Hall building and current goings on of the district.

[Members Mathies Santos and Dennis Duffy join the meeting.]

Dennis Littky, Executive Director of MET

Mr. Littky spoke about Rep. McNamara's Bill 7947 and its corresponding pilot program for students. He is pleased with URI and RIC's programs for returning college students, and wishes to see continual progress in programs for such students.

Keith Stokes, Citizen of Newport

Mr. Stokes described the draft legislation he designed for a more complete Black History curriculum. He thanked the Board for supporting idea of study commission – on ways to explore and integrate Black History into school curricula.

Patti DiCenso, Interim Superintendent, Pawtucket

Ms. DiCenso described the efforts of her school department to improve the achievement of academically at-risk students, especially those who were deficient in 8th grade. They did not wait for the next NECAP testing, but instead partnered with Roger Williams University and implemented embedded intervention strategies. The original 300 students at risk of not graduating were reduced to just over 30.

Chris Savastano, Principal, Tolman H.S., Pawtucket

Mr. Savastano affirmed that all students can achieve. He noted his school integrated the Four Standards of a Professional Learning Community into their guiding philosophy. His school also reworked the schedule to allow time every week for professional development and departmental planning.

Cathy Kaiser, School Committee Chair, Jamestown

Ms. Kaiser notes the success of testing requirement implementation in her district. She explains that it is not the test that makes the difference; it is the accountability of teaching and learning that is built in. This improves student achievement.

Jean Harnois, School Committee Chair, Smithfield

Ms. Harnois supports the Board of Education's policies with regard to standardized testing and NECAP. She feels that holding students accountable for their work is the right thing to do. Thirty-three students were below NECAP proficiency, and through their intervention, that number is down to two. She also discussed implementing a 6th grade portfolio to better prepare students.

Scott Mueller, School Committee Member, South Kingstown

Mr. Mueller spoke about his time on the school committee. He described the role of the committee as figuring out how to implement educational reforms and utilize needed resources at

the district level. The challenge should be on the adults to figure out how to make it work, and not on the kids. Mr. Mueller supports the direction of Commissioner Gist's reforms.

Dr. Bernie DiLullo, Superintendent, Johnston

Dr. DiLullo addressed how classrooms in Johnston have shifted from a closed model (teachers solely responsible for student achievement) to more open models, which promote communication about curriculum design, teaching, and instruction. RI's accountability systems have elevated the educational conversation statewide. Johnston continues to do research and make progress on closing student achievement gaps – especially between students with IEPs and those without.

Zackary Farrell, High School Principal, Johnston

Johnston High School has improved student achievement through planning, communication, and action. One hundred five students in the class of 2014 scored below proficiency on the October NECAP. After implementing intervention programs and specialized summer programs, 70% of those 105 have now met the graduation requirement.

Julie-Anne Zarrella, Assistant Principal, Johnston High School

Ms. Zarrella described her role in coordinating the data initiative between her school and RIDE. In the process, she uncovered a multitude of data that will impact her school's professional development activities, particularly in the area of differentiated instruction.

Fran Gallo, Superintendent, Central Falls

Dr. Gallo noted the many programs Central Falls has implemented to boost student success and close the achievement gap: "Guide to Success" program, extended learning programs, and revolving graduation days.

Josh LaPlante, Principal, Central Falls High School

Mr. LaPlante spoke about his high school's efforts to improve achievement. One hundred thirty-six students (70%) of the Class of 2014 being tested scored below proficient on NECAP. Since then, 76 of those students have met the graduation requirement. They have a variety of programs for struggling students: five-week intervention programs, Saturday intervention programs, math seminars and workshops. Their curriculum has been vertically and horizontally aligned between all teachers and across all grade levels.

Lemira Montera, Student, Central Falls High School

Ms. Montera described how she came to the US in July of 2012. She struggled with the NECAP and its word problems, but by working hard and receiving extra help from her teachers, she was able to pass the NECAP. She pointed out how many ESL students struggle and she applauded Central Falls schools for helping so many students in the areas of English and math proficiency.

Terri Adelman, Executive Director, Inspiring Minds

Ms. Adelman spoke of the collaborations between Inspiring Minds and the Providence School Department. Through research and early education programs, they were able to improve many students' proficiency by third grade. Their August Kindergarten-prep program was especially helpful. It entails 70 hours of instruction designed in partnership with certified teachers who interfaced with the Kindergarten program.

Jim Vincent, President, NAACP

Mr. Vincent noted racial disparities in US educational achievement gaps. He suggested that RI do more to recruit and retain teachers of racial/ethnic minorities. By promoting diversity in the teacher workforce, more students of racial/ethnic minorities may be reached, and their achievement improved.

Maria Hunter, Social Studies Teacher, Curtis Corner Middle School, South Kingston

Ms. Hunter requested that the Board advocate more diversity in the RI teacher workforce, so that students may experience diverse perspectives. A more racially/ethnically diverse teacher workforce can have more impact on minority students. She further suggested making incentives and resources available in order to diversify the workforce.

Rachel Millett, Parent, Henry Barnard School

Ms. Millett stated concerns for the Henry Barnard School's budget and its relationship with Rhode Island College. She asked the Board to consider all of the tangible and intangible financial benefits pertinent to the Henry Barnard School, and further asked the Board not to support the proposed 9% tuition increase at the school. In lieu of increase, she advocated fundraising.

Kevin Montoya, 6th Grade ELA Teacher, Segue Institute

Mr. Montoya gave an overview of recent events at Segue. They are at full enrollment for the 2014-15 school year with 214 scholars. They will be celebrating their graduation – ceremony on June 11th at 6 p.m. In March, they held a conference consisting of 16 workshops – ELL strategies, data systems for classrooms, and classroom management strategies among other topics.

Bill Overbay, Parent, Henry Barnard School

Mr. Overbay spoke about the budget of the Henry Barnard School. He was concerned that the budget as proposed was not all-inclusive of revenue and expenditure items. He raised the question of whether Henry Barnard is its own separate institution or whether it is a part of Rhode Island College. He urged the Board to consider the above, check the financial data on Henry Barnard, and seek a more accurate budget.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Mancuso described some events she had recently attended. This included the URI Foundation board retreat and Dual Enrollment workshop. She noted that this is a busy point in the RI legislative season. She continues to spend much time on a weekly basis at the State House, working on educational matters with her colleagues. She specifically noted a joint House and Senate session, which addressed the bill on changing the structure of the Board of Education. Chair Mancuso continues to have weekly meetings with Governor Chafee to advise him on educational matters.

Chair Mancuso received a letter from Attorney Matthew Plain of Segue Institute for Learning in regard to charter schools. The Chair acknowledged that letter, and wrote Attorney Plain in December of 2013, informing him that the process for evaluating new charter school proposals and major amendment requests is the responsibility of RIDE and that the Board of Education seeks recommendations from Commissioner Gist on such matters. The Chair noted that she sent this inquiry to the Commissioner's Office for advisement.

Chair Mancuso received a letter from James Sedloc on the Alex and Ani building at Rhode Island College. Mr. Sedloc inquired about changing the name of the Alex and Ani building. The Chair advised him that the previous Board of Governors for Higher Education had made a decision on that, and that it had been approved by the legislature. The Chair advised Mr. Sedloc as to what the process is for something to appear before the Board for further revision.

Lastly, the Chair elaborated on the Board's proposed structure change. She asked each member to indicate their interest to continue to serve on the Board, to request which of two councils they would like to serve on, and to return this information to her through individually addressed

forms by Friday, May 2nd, 2014. The Chair would then communicate their interests to the Governor in a timely manner.

5. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

5a. Updates and issues affecting local and national education.

The Commissioner noted that RIDE is applying for its renewal of its ESEA Flexibility Request, which the US Department of Education initially approved in May of 2012. This approved request allowed RIDE to implement its current system of school accountability. Under the previous system, RIDE classified schools based mostly on the percentage of students who attained proficiency on state assessments. The current system includes additional measures: progress towards goals, growth over time, percentage of students attaining proficiency with distinction, closing achievement gaps, and graduation rates. To get approval on this request, revisions must be made to RIDE's classification system. This is largely due to the transition from NECAP to PARCC assessments. It requires RIDE to rethink how it measures progress toward goals and annual growth in the accountability system. Therefore, RIDE has initiated, and continues to have forums on these topics.

Commissioner Gist noted that a report entitled "The State of RI's Charter Public Schools" was released, including their performance and finances. In May, charter schools which received preliminary Board approval will come up for final approval to open in Fall 2014. April 1, 2014 was the deadline for 2015 charter school proposals. In July, the Board will consider four charter schools whose terms are set to expire in June of 2015: the Greene School, Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts, Cranston Career and Construction Academy, and Academy for Career Exploration. The Commissioner's recommendations on these schools, as well as information on charter schools requesting amendments, will be brought to the Board before the June meeting.

Commissioner Gist noted that at the May meeting, the Board will be asked to approve "Necessity of School Construction" projects for Burrillville, Cranston and the South Kingstown school districts.

Chair Mancuso asked if anyone had any questions, so Member Colleen Callahan asked the Commissioner if the Board will be able to see the proposed adjustments to the ESEA waiver, and how this related to the previously authorized one-year delay of the growth factor consideration for districts in evaluation.

Commissioner Gist explained that RIDE requested an amendment to its Race to the Top policies, which would allow RIDE to postpone using state assessment growth factors in summative ratings of teacher evaluations for 2017. RIDE is waiting to hear back on that request.

5b. Updates and issues affecting local and national higher education.

Clark Greene highlighted some elements from his written report to the Board. A workshop of the Education Delivery Institute will be held on April 15, 2014 at URI. The topic will be academic mapping, for helping students to form a plan to graduate on time. The RI Office of Higher Education will facilitate the annual Transfer/Articulation Meeting on May 7, 2014. The three institutions are collecting data to determine the impact of the Affordable Care Act. Lastly, the Office of Higher Education received 28 applications as of March 31, 2014, the application deadline for the

Commissioner of Higher Education position. The Search Committee met to discuss the process of the search.

Member Lawrence Purtill asked about the temporary employee policy of the ACA, and who exactly would be covered. Clark Greene explained that Higher Education does not have the type of temporary or seasonal employee for which the policy was made. Higher Education would not be taking advantage of that policy.

6. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

6a. University of Rhode Island

President Dooley informed the Board that URI has come to a decision and will move forward with a plan to arm campus police. Implementation is expected to begin in the Spring of 2015. The final plan will be disseminated to the Board of Education.

Member Antonio Barajas asked President Dooley if he could share some of the concerns of people not supportive of URI's decision to arm its campus police, and how URI is addressing them.

President Dooley responded that concerns were raised by some students coming from areas where their past experiences with the police had not been very positive. They were concerned as to how that would translate into their experiences at URI. In response, URI officers are being trained with regard to these matters, in how to avoid racial profiling, and how to understand young people from a variety of backgrounds. It had been suggested that the URI officers should also be trained in how to recognize mental illness, and in how to diffuse these situations without allowing violence to escalate.

Member Jo Eva Gaines commended the care that URI has given to its officers' background training.

6b. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo highlighted some elements from her written report to the Board. RIC has launched a 13-credit Certificate of Graduate Study in Middle-Level Education, in response to a shortage of middle-grade certified teachers. RIC has also established a Certificate of Graduate Study in Nursing Care Management, which prepares nurses for nurse care manager and case manager positions across health care settings. RIC hosted former NBA player Chris Herren, who discussed personal struggles with drug addiction. It also hosted a forum on overdose prevention.

With regard to RIC's long-standing Dual Enrollment program, President Carriuolo noted that La Salle Academy and the Paul Cuffee School will be offering college-level courses through RIC's Early Enrollment Program. Lastly, RIC's Office of Institutional Research and Planning has been reviewing RIC's administrative governing documents. Over a dozen policies and procedures have been reviewed and vetted through the approval process.

6c. Community College of Rhode Island

President Di Pasquale highlighted some elements from his written report to the Board. CCRI hosted a NEASC accreditation team at the college from March 31 to April 2 for the college's 10-year accreditation. CCRI will host two afternoon events entitled the "Liberal Arts Roundtable." It will

feature students and faculty who majored in the Liberal Arts and discuss the value of a liberal arts education. Lastly, CCRI hosted its sixth annual High School Technology Day on April 11 at the Knight Campus in Warwick. High School students participated in various labs meant to increase their awareness of and interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7a. Diploma System

Commissioner Gist noted her gratitude to Narragansett for having hosted her and the Board of Education this evening.

Commissioner Gist informed the Board that the January 2014 NECAP retest data would be available later on in April. Her office would let school superintendents know as soon as the information was available, so that they could begin informing students as to their status. RIDE would subsequently update their own data regarding the number and percentage of students eligible for graduation in the class of 2014.

Andrea Castaneda came forward to give an update on the Class of 2014 graduation status. Based on the April data collection, a little less than 500 additional students have now met the graduation requirement. Approximately 82% of students have now met the requirement. The ASVAB has proven to be the most successful NECAP alternative test so far. Approximately 70% of students who met the graduation requirement by way of alternative test did so with the ASVAB. A total of 467 students have utilized the waiver – 213 of them are students who were accepted into competitive post-secondary enrollment institutions.

Member Colleen Callahan asked how many students were currently at risk of not graduating.

Ms. Castaneda responded that that exact number is difficult to back into. In May, she would bring the Board an updated flow chart, where they would be able to see where students are, starting with the original test of 11th graders; desegregated information by sub population and district type; and whole number students who are still working to meet the graduation requirement. Ms. Castaneda further explained that a whole number of current at-risk students is difficult to calculate immediately, because students enter and exit the system every day.

Ms. Castaneda and Member Colleen Callahan agreed that it is important to obtain the whole number of students at risk of not graduating as soon as possible. Ms. Castaneda informed Dr. Callahan that this number would become calculable and available in May, after districts begin informing their students of their graduation status in April.

Member Jo Eva Gaines asked where the number of retained students came from.

Ms. Castaneda informed Member Gaines that RIDE receives monthly updates from districts. Some students were already determined unable to graduate due to lack of credits.

Chair Mancuso stated that she believes every district has a policy in place for student waivers.

Ms. Castaneda affirmed this statement. She mentioned that every district has an approved

waiver process. She further noted that this was the first time data had been collected regarding student retention rates. She differentiated between two waiver processes: the waiver process proper, with regard to the district's decision on the student's graduation status, and also the appeals process, which allows a student or family to contest the district's decision on the student's graduation status.

Member Colleen Callahan inquired as to the status of the ad hoc committee.

Ms. Castaneda replied that the ad hoc committee has been meeting regularly, with stakeholders of the diploma system. The graduation data discussed and presented in Enclosure 7a is a high level overview of those discussions and the data they gathered from them. It will ultimately result in a report, which will be brought to the Board at its May meeting. Chair Mancuso, Member Patrick Guida, and Member Colleen Callahan agreed that they would like to see the report as soon as it is available, and to meet with David Ruff, the facilitator, if possible.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8a. Approval of Educator Certification Test Updates

On a motion duly made by Patrick Guida and seconded by Antonio Barajas, it was

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves these regenerated tests, with the recommended passing scores, as presented.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

8b. Approval of Educator Certification Test Updates for the purpose of Public Review and Comment

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded by Antonio Barajas, it was

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves, for the purpose of public review and comment, the proposed revised certification tests and passing scores, as presented.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

8c. Approval of Appeals Committee Recommendations

John Johnson v. Providence School Board

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded by Colleen Callahan, it was

VOTED: That in the matter of John Johnson v. Providence School Board, the Decision of the Commissioner is affirmed, as presented.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

Kelly McKenney v. Barrington School Department

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded by Karin Forbes, it was

VOTED: That in the matter of Kelly McKenney v. Barrington School Department, the Decision of the Commissioner is affirmed, as presented.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 2 members recused themselves.

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, William C. Maaia, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

RECUSED: Patrick Guida and Lawrence Purtill

Victoria Bierenday v. RIDE

On a motion duly made by Karin Forbes and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

VOTED: That in the matter of Victoria Bierenday v. RIDE, the decision of the Commissioner is affirmed, as presented.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

8d. Approval of Proposed Replacement/Bonding Plan for URI Utility Substation

On a motion duly made by Patrick Guida and seconded by Antonio Barajas, it was

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves the issuance of revenue bond financing in support of an urgent project to replace the primary electrical substations serving the URI Kingston Campus, as presented.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

8e. Approval of Amended Tuition Policy for Employer Sponsored Learning Programs

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded by Antonio Barajas, it was

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves the amended Tuition Policy for Employer Sponsored Learning Programs, as presented.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

8f. Approval of degrees awarded by the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island.

On a motion duly made by Colleen Callahan and seconded by Karin Forbes, it was

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves the degrees awarded by the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

8g. Approval of the Henry Barnard School Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2014-2015, as presented.

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded by Michael Bernstein, it was

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves the Henry Barnard School Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2014-2015, as presented.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Mancuso entertained a motion to enter into executive session to discuss:

9a. Update on Collective Bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) (all bargaining units except Graduate Assistants United)

9b. Discussion of the negotiation of the outstanding terms and conditions of President Dooley's contract and of an additional extension regarding the outstanding terms and conditions of his contract as set forth in a letter addressed to him dated November 5, 2012 pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1)

On a motion duly made by Antonio Barajas and seconded by Colleen Callahan, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education convenes in Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) and R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1) for the reason set forth above.

A roll call vote on this motion was taken as follows:

Antonio Barajas:	yes
Michael Bernstein:	yes
Colleen A. Callahan:	yes
Dennis Duffy:	yes
Karin Forbes:	yes
Jo Eva Gaines:	yes
Patrick A. Guida:	yes
William C. Maaia:	yes
Eva-Marie Mancuso:	yes
Lawrence Purtill:	yes
Mathies Santos:	yes

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative.

After a short break, the Board convened in executive session at 6:10 p.m.

All non- Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of Clark Greene, Authorized Officer, RI Office of Higher Education; Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, RI Department of Education; Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations for the Board of Education; and Ronald Cavallaro, General Counsel; David M. Dooley, President of University of Rhode Island; and Nancy Carriuolo, President of Rhode Island College.

President Dooley, President Carriuolo, and Commissioner Gist excused themselves from Item 9b, and Board Members Callahan and Purtill recused themselves from Item 9a.

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:29 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Antonio Barajas and seconded Karin Forbes, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session discussion of April 14, 2014.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

Chair Mancuso noted for the record that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

10. NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday, May 8, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. – work session
RIDE

Monday, May 12, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. – meeting
Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy, 291 Broad Street, Cumberland

11. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Antonio Barajas and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education adjourns.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members
voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein,
Colleen A. Callahan, Dennis Duffy, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva
Gaines, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and
Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.