



Enclosure 2c
August 4, 2014

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Rhode Island Board of Education met on Monday, June 16, 2014 at the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center, 325 Public Street, Providence, RI. Chair Mancuso welcomed everyone, declared a quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Chair Mancuso thanked co-directors Dr. Dennis Littky and Ms. Nancy Diaz, principal of the Unity Building, Alin Bennett, and their staff for hosting the meeting.

Present: 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

Absent: None

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Mancuso entertained a motion to amend the agenda as follows:

- a. Move item 8g to the first item under Action Items

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded by Mathies Santos, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education amends the agenda for the meeting of June 16, 2014 as set forth above.

Vote: 9 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, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education accepts the agenda for the meeting of June 16, 2014 as amended.

Vote: 9 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, William C. Maaia,
Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2a. Minutes of the May 8, 2014 Work Session

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the minutes of the May 8, 2014 work session.

Vote: 9 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, William C. Maaia,
Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

2b. Minutes of the May 8, 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 May 8, 2014 executive session.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative, 0 members voted in the negative, and 1 member recused himself as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

RECUSED: Lawrence Purtill

2c. Minutes of the May 12, 2014 Meeting

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 May 12, 2014 meeting.

Vote: 9 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, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

2d. Minutes of the May 12, 2014 Executive Session

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the minutes of the May 12, 2014 executive session.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative, 0 members voted in the negative, and 1 member recused himself as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

RECUSED: Lawrence Purtill

3. OPEN FORUM

Dennis Littky, Co-director, MET School

Dr. Littky welcomed all in attendance to the MET School. He noted the improvements made to the community over time, due to the efforts of The MET and its students. He noted that there are 825 students all together.

Noah Salem, Student, MET School

Mr. Salem introduced himself to the Board. He noted how much he has improved academically and professionally while at the MET School. He also noted his passion for film and the small business he started.

Carlos Miranda, Director of Student and Family Engagement Team (SAFE), Segue

Mr. Miranda announced the graduation of Segue's 8th grade class. He noted that this class improved its performance on the NECAP (18% for reading and 5% for mathematics).

Erin Pappa, Asst. Director, The Chinese Language Flagship Program, URI

Ms. Pappa spoke about dual language program standards. She recommended that dual language be in all RI districts. She supported Commissioner Gist's proposed standards and noted the value of bilingualism in the job market.

Michael Byrnes, Retiree

Mr. Byrnes also spoke in support of dual language standards. He spoke about his 30 years of experience in the US Army – 20 of which were spent in China. He felt that learning Chinese opened doors for him business-wise, globally, and economically.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Mancuso noted with pleasure the 234 high school seniors who had achieved a high level of proficiency on the state mathematics and reading assessments. She wrote and personally signed a letter of commendation for each student. RIDE distributed these letters to all high schools, along with commendation seals that can be affixed to their diplomas.

Chair Mancuso also spoke on the pending governance legislation. At this time, the Senate has yet to pass the coming fiscal year's budget. She anticipated the Senate also confirming current and new members to the Board before the end of the legislative session.

5. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

5a. Updates and issues affecting local and national education

[Member Colleen Callahan joined the meeting at 5:48 p.m.]

Commissioner Deborah Gist thanked the chairwoman for her efforts in signing the commendation letters. She also thanked Dennis Littky, Nancy Diaz, Alin Bennett, and staff for hosting the meeting.

Commissioner Gist introduced Stephen Osborn, who assumed the role of Chief of Accelerating School Performance at RIDE. She noted that David Moscarelli, science teacher at Ponaganset High School, had been named the 2015 RI Teacher of the Year. On September 27, 2014, RIDE will be holding its Educator Recognition Celebration. It will be a WaterFire Providence event: "A Salute to RI Educators."

The Commissioner noted that RIDE would be collecting final data on graduation rates of all RI school districts – for the class of 2014. She stated that the class of 2014 will be the most academically prepared class to date under the new requirements.

Speaking on 2013 Charter School Renewals, Commissioner Gist noted that Times2 Academy in Providence, Segue Institute for Learning in Central Falls, and Blackstone Valley Prep, serving Cumberland, Lincoln, Central Falls, and Pawtucket, have met their renewal conditions. 2014 Charter School Renewals include: Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts (TAPA) in Providence, The Greene School in Exeter/West Greenwich, New England Laborers' Construction Career Academy in Cranston, and Academy for Career Exploration (ACE) in Providence. Recommendations for charter school renewals will be forthcoming.

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

Mr. Clark Greene, Authorized Officer for the RI Office of Higher Education, delivered higher education updates to the Board. The first issue of the Access & Persistence APP e-newsletter was recently released by the Office, and highlights projects at the three institutions. Longitudinal data set and analysis on this program are forthcoming. Mr. Greene commended the Learning 4 Life program at Rhode Island College, which was recently covered by GoLocalProv. Mr. Greene thanked Diane Goldsmith at URI for her involvement with the Multi-State Collaborative program. Additionally, Mr. Greene highlighted the approval rating of the Joint Admission Agreement (JAA) program – 98%. Lastly, Mr. Greene noted the imminent end of the RI legislative session. The full House did include

the Governor’s Article 20 in its budget, which includes a provision for a RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.

At this time, Chair Mancuso asked if any Board member objected to addressing Agenda Item 8g. The Board offered no objection and reached a consensus to do so.

8g. Approval of the final Lease Agreement between the R.I. Board of Education and Commonwealth Ventures South Street Landing Master Tenant, LLC

Member Patrick Guida asked if any right needed to be reserved by the Board regarding revisions or adjustments to the Lease Agreement.

Richard Licht, Director of the RI Department of Administration, stated that he hoped the Board would approve the lease, while authorizing changes to be made that were not substantive. He stated that they would have no authority to change the fundamental economics of the transaction, but that language changes would be possible.

Member Michael Bernstein inquired as to the long-term funding of the project.

Director Licht noted that the act passed the legislature such that the State shall be responsible for the base rent and the tenant improvement rent. The operating rent would normally be paid for by the institutions. Here, it would be allocated between Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island as determined by the Board.

Donald DeHayes, Provost at University of Rhode Island, stated that URI expects to grow its nursing program, enrollment, and faculty. He said that URI is highly optimistic about this project from a financial perspective.

Vern Wyman, Asst. Vice President of Business Services at URI, stated that the estimated year one operational expenses for the facility were about \$1.389 million.

Dr. Carriuolo, President of Rhode Island College, noted that RIC is the least expensive institution of its type in New England. RIC’s nursing program is highly sought after. She anticipates that RIC tuition and/or fees might be slightly higher due to this project. She stated that the nursing center could also be used for conferences and other community and regional events which could draw in revenue.

Member Colleen Callahan inquired about the tax stabilization agreement relevant to the Lease Agreement.

Director Licht noted that the Providence City Council passed it on the previous Wednesday. It requires a second passage, which the director anticipates to happen in the coming week.

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the Lease Agreement between the RI Board of Education and Commonwealth Ventures South Street Landing Master Tenant, LLC, as presented.

Vote: 10 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, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

Director Licht thanked the Board for its work, and additionally thanked Vern Wyman; Bill Gearhart, Vice President for Administration and Finance at RIC; Mary Sullivan, Interim Dean of the College of Nursing at URI; and Jane Williams, Dean of the School of Nursing at RIC for their efforts relative to the project.

6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTS

6a. University of Rhode Island – Update from last report and current events

Provost DeHayes highlighted recent news and events at URI. He spoke of the incoming freshmen and transfer student class – 3,600 new students to the university. This year saw 21,000 applications to URI – the largest in its history. 22% of the freshmen class is made up of students of color. Diversity has been steadily increasing. Last Saturday, the College of Business celebrated its 90th anniversary. URI celebrated by having a Water Fire event. URI has led a state-wide initiative called INBRE, the RI Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence. URI received \$18.8 million in federal funding for biomedical research relative to this program.

6b. Rhode Island College – Update from last report and current events

President Carriuolo highlighted recent news and events at RIC. Recently RIC received the 2014 College Visions Access Award for its Learning 4 Life program. RIC has developed a new teaching concentration in Deaf Education in collaboration with Bristol Community College. For the past two years, RIC has piloted its First Year Writing Program, for students whose writing results would otherwise necessitate remedial, un-credited writing classes. This more rigorous alternative features extended contact hours and college credits. More than 100 business leaders, educators, and policymakers attended “Creating Rhode Island’s Future: Building Capacity for STE[A]M.” Lastly, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education has awarded RIC’s Master of Science in Nursing program the maximum 10-year accreditation through 2024.

6c. Community College of Rhode Island – Update from last report and current events

President Di Pasquale highlighted recent news and events at CCRI. He began by thanking the Board and Commissioner Gist for attending CCRI’s 49th commencement on Friday, May 16, 2014. CCRI received a \$2.5 million TAACCCT 3 Grant to develop manufacturing-related programs. Lastly, CCRI hosted its third annual RI Mission of Mercy event on May 31 and June 1 on its Flanagan campus, providing free dental work to those in need.

Chair Mancuso thanked the three presidents for the opportunity to participate in their commencement ceremonies.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7a. Diploma System – Update

Commissioner Gist noted RIDE’s work with RISSA and with the Ad Hoc Committee to gather information geared toward improving the Diploma System. Areas of focus include: improvement of testing sequence and timeline to maximize student performance and minimize anxiety; clarification of waiver process; and more effective communication about the process, requirements and timelines. RIDE is also working hard to ensure the classes of 2017 and 2018 have a smooth transition to the PARCC requirements. Based upon current data, about 95% of the Class of 2014 has now met the graduation requirements.

Andrea Castaneda, former RIDE Chief of Accelerating School Performance, addressed the Board. Ms. Castaneda confirmed Commissioner Gist’s data on graduation rates. She added that of the 95%, almost 90% met the requirement on the first or second NECAP administration, or on the alternate approved tests. About 7% of students met the requirement by waiver. Less than 5% of the Class of 2014 was still in progress at the time RIDE last spoke with districts (approximately 400 students). Ms. Castaneda noted that some of these may still be “in progress” due to other requirements, like coursework credits. Many urban districts will be having summer programs and graduations.

Member Colleen Callahan asked Ms. Castaneda to clarify how the aforementioned 90% met the requirement. She suggested seeing the actual number of waivers by district, and the number of students of each class by district who did not graduate in June. She also recommended a future comparative study regarding waiver policies among districts.

Ms. Castaneda said that a vast majority of that 90% made the cut score of the NECAP test. About 350 students met the requirement by growth.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8a. Proposed revisions to the R.I. Board of Education Bylaws

On a motion duly made by Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Patrick Guida, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education tables the motion to amend the RI Board of Education Bylaws until the August 4, 2014 meeting.

Vote: 10 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, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

8b. Approval of the FY 2016 Capital Budget – PK-12

Chair Mancuso asked if the Board had any questions on the budget.

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 PK-12

FY 2016 Capital Budget, as presented.

Vote: 10 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, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

8c. Adoption of the Dual Language Program Standards

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education adopts the Dual Language Standards, as presented.

Vote: 10 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, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

8d. Approval of the proposed Educator Certification Test Updates

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 revised tests, with the recommended passing scores, as presented.

Vote: 10 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, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

8e. Approval of the Superior Court's ruling on the matter of Finstein v. East Greenwich School Committee

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

VOTED: That Pursuant to the Superior Court's April 29, 2014, decision in Nathan Finstein v. East Greenwich School Committee, KC 2103-1260, this matter is remanded to the East Greenwich School Committee for further proceeding.

Vote: 10 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, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

8f. Approval of Chariho’s request for an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement approved by the Board of Regents on June 7, 2012

[Member Dennis Duffy joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.]

Member Colleen Callahan inquired as to the status of the work that had previously been done under the Agreement.

Joseph DaSilva, RIDE School Construction Coordinator, stated that most of the work had been completed. An HVAC project had finished under budget, and the money had been diverted to this.

On a motion duly made by Michael Bernstein and seconded by Karin Forbes, it was

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves the amendment to the June 7, 2012, project approval of \$2,441,500, 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

8h. Approval of Tenure Request – R.I. College

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

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves R.I. College’s tenure request, 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

8i. Approval of R.I. College's request for Purchase of Lot

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

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education authorizes R.I. College to proceed with the acquisition of real estate as presented, subject to the approval of the State Properties Committee, and that the Board Chair is authorized to sign any and all documents necessary for the acquisition.

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

8j. Approval of Tenure Request – University of Rhode Island

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

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves the University of Rhode Island's Tenure Request, 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

8k. Approval of the recommendations of the Personnel Review Committee (PRC) on behalf of the University of Rhode Island

Reclassification: Executive Director, Communications & Community (Pay Grade 16) **to** Executive Director, Communications & External Community Relations (Pay Grade 18)

Member Michael Bernstein asked about the PRC's process of arriving at the presented recommendations.

Anne Marie Coleman, Asst. Vice President of Human Resources Administration at URI,

outlined the process. Currently, the University submits a request through Ms. Coleman. The PRC reviews the request to determine impact. The PRC then sends the requests to the Vice Presidents of Finance at each institution who vote on the matter. If the position is unionized, this is the final step. If the position is non-union, it then comes before the Board for approval.

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

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves the Personnel Review Committee's recommendation on the reclassification of Executive Director, Communications & Community (pay grade 16) to Executive Director, Communications & External Community Relations (pay grade 18) on behalf of the University of Rhode Island, 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

New Classification: Director, Recruitment & Retention of Diverse Faculty and Staff (Pay Grade 14)

Members Michael Bernstein and Dennis Duffy expressed a mutual concern for the pay level of the position. They asked if alternatives had been considered, such as utilizing other staff, working with community organizations, and finding grant money.

Provost DeHayes stated that the position is built into URI's strategic plan and is instrumental in achieving URI's diversity goals. He stated that much of the position's expense has been planned for through reallocations of URI funds.

Member Jo Eva Gaines supported the diversity efforts of the position and noted that students need to see more teachers who "look like them" in the classroom. Member Mathies Santos echoed these sentiments.

Member Lawrence Purtill suggested that updates and reviews be provided through the year relative to the position.

Member Dennis Duffy objected to the position in that once it is created, it would create complications for the employee if the position should be eliminated.

Member William Maaia expressed a concern for the effectiveness of the position and its associated plan.

Ms. Coleman reiterated that the position is non-union. The Board could hypothetically vote to remove the position in the future.

On a motion duly made by Patrick Guida and seconded by Colleen Callahan, it was

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education amends the Personnel Review Committee's recommendation on the new classification of Director, Recruitment & Retention of Diverse Faculty & Staff (Pay Grade 14) on behalf of the University of Rhode Island as presented, such that it be reviewed in one year to see if it has been of quality, met its objectives, and improved diversity.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 2 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: Michael Bernstein and William Maaia

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 Personnel Review Committee's recommendation on the new classification of Director, Recruitment & Retention of Diverse Faculty & Staff (Pay Grade 14) on behalf of the University of Rhode Island, as amended.

Vote: 9 members voted in the affirmative and 2 members voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: Michael Bernstein and William Maaia

Upgrade: University Policy Major (Pay Grade 13) to Pay Grade 14, and coinciding change

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

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves the Personnel Review Committee's recommendation on the upgrade of University Police Major (pay grade 13) to pay grade 14 and coinciding change, on behalf of the University of Rhode Island, 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

8l. Approval of the Resolution of the R.I. Board of Education Associated with the R.I. Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) Bond Funded University of Rhode Island Substation Project

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

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves the Resolution associated with the R.I. Health and Education Building Corporation (RIHEBC) Bond funded URI Substation Project unless the funding is included in the enacted budget for Fiscal Year 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

8m. Approval of the Utility Easement for Electrical Connection to the Construction Site for the New Sigma Chi Fraternity House

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

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education approves the application for a Utility Easement with National Grid to allow for the installation of electrical services at the construction site licensed by the Delta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Chi at 13 Fraternity Circle, 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. Discussion regarding the Commissioner of Higher Education Search Finalists, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1)**
- 9b. Update and discussion on the negotiations with the higher education union coalition pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)**
- 9c. Update and discussion on the negotiations with Local 2012 pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)**

Chair Mancuso noted for the record that the Commissioner of Higher Education search finalists had been notified of their right to have the discussion in item 9a held in open session, and that they have indicated no objection to proceeding in executive session.

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

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

A roll call vote was taken on this motion 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
Lawrence Purtill:	Yes
Mathies Santos:	Yes
Eva-Marie Mancuso:	Yes

After a short break, the Board convened in executive session at 7:27 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 Gist, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education; Ron Cavallaro, General Counsel; Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations for the Board of Education; David Abbott, Deputy Commissioner for the RI Department of Education; Ray Di Pasquale, President of CCRI; Nancy Carriuolo, President of RIC; and Donald DeHayes, Provost of URI.

Presidents Di Pasquale, Carriuolo, Provost DeHayes, Ron Cavallaro, Anne Marie Coleman, and David Abbott excused themselves for the discussion regarding the Commissioner of Higher Education Search Finalists (Agenda Item 9a).

Board Members Colleen Callahan and Lawrence Purtill recused themselves for the updates on collective bargaining (Agenda Items 9b and 9c).

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:03 p.m.

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

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education seals the minutes of the executive session held on June 16, 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

10. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

-Appointment of the Commissioner of Higher Education and authorization to the Chair to negotiate an employment contract with the appointed Commissioner

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

VOTED: That the RI Board of Education appoints James Purcell as Commissioner of Higher Education and authorizes the Chair to negotiate an employment contract with the appointed Commissioner, 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

Chair Mancuso noted for the record that the vote was unanimous.

11. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 31, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. – work session
RIDE

Monday, August 4, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. – meeting
Alton Jones Whispering Pines Conference Center – Laurel Lodge

12. 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 8:06 p.m.