



**MINUTES OF THE RI BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT
AUGUST 25 & 26, 2013**

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Enclosure 2a
October 21, 2013**

The Rhode Island Board of Education's retreat was held on Sunday and Monday, August 25 & 26, 2013, at Rhode Island College. Chair Eva-Marie Mancuso welcomed everyone, declared a quorum, and called the session to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: Eva-Marie Mancuso, Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Patrick A. Guida, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

Absent: Michael A. Grande and William C. Maaia

SESSION ONE – August 25, 2013

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SESSION ONE RETREAT AGENDA

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

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education accepts the agenda for the first retreat session of August 25, 2013, as presented.

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 A. Guida, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

INTRODUCTION

Chair Mancuso indicated that the purpose of the retreat was for the Board to hear from experts who have various backgrounds in the area of education, and that the sessions are not set up for deliberations or any other actions. There will be follow-up with work sessions and Board actions at future board meetings. The Chair thanked the Board members for their involvement and emphasized that we should try to use the experts while they are here to provide us with knowledge.

Chair Mancuso introduced Aims McGuinness and Jeremy Anderson, provided their backgrounds, and indicated that they would be the facilitators for the retreat. Aims McGuinness then provided some introductory remarks to the Board.

Educator Preparation, Induction, Evaluation, and Support

The facilitator for this first presentation was Jeremy Anderson and the presenters were:

- Angela Minnici, Director of the Center on Great Teachers & Leaders at AIR (American Institutes for Research)
- Lisa Foehr, Director, Educator Quality, RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- David Byrd, Director, University of Rhode Island School of Education
- Karen Castagno, Interim Dean, Feinstein School of Education, Rhode Island College
- Mary Ann Snider, Chief of Educator Excellence and Instructional Effectiveness, RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- James Erinakes, Superintendent, Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District
- Giovanna Donoyan, Superintendent, Woonsocket School Department.

A video entitled *Symbolism in "The Lottery"* was shown to the Board, and Director Minnici provided a presentation on the national landscape in this area. Director Foehr provided an overview regarding educator preparation and induction programs in Rhode Island. Then, Director Byrd and Interim Dean Castagno provided a presentation regarding Opportunities for Collaboration, and Director Foehr provided information regarding Induction Support for Beginning Teachers.

Mary Ann Snider provided an overview regarding Educator Evaluation and Support in Rhode Island, and Superintendent Erinakes and Superintendent Donoyan provided perspectives from their school districts. Mary Ann Snider wrapped up the session by addressing implications for the Board, and a question and answer period followed.

At 3:34 the Board took a short break and the session was resumed at 3:50.

South Street Power Station/Nursing Center collaboration/Proposal

The facilitator for this presentation was Aims McGuinness and the presenters were:

- David Dooley, President, University of Rhode Island
- Nancy Carriuolo, President, Rhode Island College
- Russell Carey, Executive Vice President, Brown University

An overview of Brown University's planning principles for the Jewelry District as well as an explanation and a computer-generated depiction of the South Street Power Station project were presented to the Board. In addition, Presidents Dooley and Carriuolo described how this project will work into the existing nursing programs at each institution, as well as the benefits that it will provide to their institutions and their nursing students.

Analysis of Graduation Requirements

The facilitator for this presentation was Jeremy Anderson and the presenters were:

- David Driscoll, Consultant – Alliance for Excellent Education and former Commissioner of Education, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Stuart Kahl, Founding Principal – Measured Progress
- Tony Wagner, Innovation Education Fellow at the Technology and Entrepreneurship Center – Harvard University (via Skype)
- Andrea Castañeda, Chief of Accelerating School Performance, RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Jeremy Anderson provided the national landscape in this area, and Andrea Castañeda provided Rhode Island Policy Context and History to the Board. A short question and answer period followed.

Thereafter, Andrea Castañeda, David Driscoll, Stuart Kahl, and Tony Wagner provided a presentation on the mechanics of the diploma system.

After a short question and answer period, Andrea Castañeda provided the Board with information on Rhode Island student NECAP data.

At 5:46 Aims McGuinness informed the Board members and the presenters that the time allotted for this first retreat session had finished and thanked everyone for their participation. He indicated that the retreat would reconvene the next morning at 8:30.

SESSION TWO – August 26, 2013

ACCEPTANCE OF THE SESSION TWO RETREAT AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Colleen Callahan, it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Board of Education accepts the agenda for the second retreat session of August 26, 2013, as presented.

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 A. Guida, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

Chair Mancuso then introduced Governor Chafee, who thanked everyone participating in the retreat and spoke briefly regarding challenges facing this Board.

Minority/Diversity Outreach Hiring for all Board of Education Employees

The facilitator for this presentation was Aims McGuinness and the presenters were:

- Tracy Barac, Account Director, Global View Communications, Inc.
- Gerald Holder, Assistant Director of Affirmative Action, University of Rhode Island
- Christopher Hourigan, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, Rhode Island College
- Ray Di Pasquale, President, Community College of Rhode Island
- David V. Abbott, Deputy Commissioner, RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Margaret Santiago, Human Resources Manager, RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Cheryl Burrell, Human Resources Program Administrator, Human Resources Outreach and Diversity Office, RI Department of Administration

Tracy Barac presented slides and other information regarding Rhode Island demographics. Gerald Holder provided a diversity profile for the University of Rhode Island. Thereafter, Christopher Hourigan provided a diversity profile for Rhode Island College, and President Di Pasquale provided a diversity profile for the Community College of Rhode Island. Deputy Commissioner Abbott and Margaret Santiago provided information regarding workforce diversity at the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Cheryl Burrell provided a presentation entitled *Creating a Culture that Creates Values, Diversity and Inclusion*, after which there was a question and answer period.

Implementation of Common Core Curriculum/Preparation for PARCC Assessments

The Facilitator for this presentation was Jeremy Anderson and the presenters were:

- Matt Gianneschi, Vice President of Policy and Programs, Education Commission of the States
- Mary Ann Snider, Chief, Division of Educator Excellence and Instructional Effectiveness, Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Phyllis Lynch, Director - Instruction, Assessment and Curriculum, Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Matt Gianneschi provided an overview of the Common Core State Standards, which was followed by a presentation on the *Vision for Assessment Consortia*. He then answered questions posed by members of the Board.

Phyllis Lynch provided an overview of the Common Core State Standards and shifts from GLEs/GSEs, after which Mary Ann Snider provided a presentation on Rhode Island Transition and Readiness. Thereafter, questions were presented to Ms. Snider and Ms. Lynch from members of the Board.

Phyllis Lynch then presented an overview of PARCC, after which Mary Ann Snider provided a presentation on Rhode Island's Transition to PARCC. Ms. Snider provided a wrap-up and forecasting that addressed implications for the Board. A short question and answer period followed.

At 11:30 a.m. the Board took a short break, and the session resumed at 11:47.

College and Career Readiness, Access, and Completion

The Facilitator for this presentation was Aims McGuinness and the presenters were:

- Matt Gianneschi, Vice President of Policy and Programs, Education Commission of the States
- Deborah Grossman-Garber, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Rhode Island Office of Higher Education
- Andrea Castañeda, Chief of Accelerating School Performance, Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Matt Gianneschi presented information on the national landscape and state policies in this area. Thereafter, Deborah Grossman-Garber and Andrea Castañeda provided a presentation entitled the *Rhode Island College Pipeline: Where Are Our 2005 8th Graders Now?* This was followed by presentations by Deborah Grossman-Garber and Andrea Castañeda regarding the road map ahead and policy perspectives for K-20 after which questions from members of the Board were posed to and answered by the presenters.

At 1:14 p.m. the Board broke for lunch, and the session was resumed at 2:22 p.m.

Dissecting the Education Budget for Strategic Analysis

The facilitator for this presentation was Jeremy Anderson and the presenters were:

- Mark Dunham, Director of Finance, Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Management, Rhode Island Office of Higher Education
- David Dooley, President, University of Rhode Island
- Nancy Carriuolo, President, Rhode Island College
- Ray Di Pasquale, President, Community College of Rhode Island

Mark Dunham provided a presentation regarding the Pre-K – 12 budget, which included a description of the discretionary nature of budget components, as well as the 2015 budget instructions and timeline. A short question and answer period followed. Associate Commissioner LaPanne then presented a national overview regarding higher education budgets in other states, and President Dooley, President Carriuolo, and President Di Pasquale discussed the implications of another year of freezes and tuition and fees in Rhode Island and what the increased need is in state appropriations to support the institutions. A short question and answer period followed.

Governance Structure

Aims McGuinness presented a comparative perspective on higher education functions of the Rhode Island Board of Education, after which a question and answer period followed.

Chair Mancuso then wrapped up the session, by thanking the presenters as well as the members of the Board who participated in the two-day retreat.

Adjournment:

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

VOTED: That the retreat of the Rhode Island Board of Education adjourns.

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 A. Guida, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

The session adjourned at 4:08 p.m.