



**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL WORK SESSION  
JANUARY 31, 2014**

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**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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A Rhode Island Board of Education special work session was held on Friday, January 31, 2014, at the Department of Education, Room 501, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903. Chair Eva-Marie Mancuso welcomed everyone, declared a quorum present, and called the work session to order at 4:18 p.m.

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

**Absent:** William C. Maaia

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

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

**VOTED:** That the Rhode Island Board of Education accept the agenda for the special work session of January 31, 2014.

**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 Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, Patrick Guida, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

**NAYS:** 0

Chair Mancuso announced that there had been a press conference held this morning regarding the NECAP results. Everyone from the Governor, the General Assembly leadership and the Board are taking this very seriously. She added that while we celebrate the thousands of students who have already met the graduation requirements, the Board is here this evening to discuss the 1,800 students who still have not met the NECAP standards.

## 2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### NECAP Results

Commissioner Gist explained that the mathematics, English, and writing results of the 2013 NECAP were released to the public this morning. She highlighted that:

- 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are better prepared than they have been before
- Students worked hard and have seen improvement
- Graduation rates are up to 80%
- 5 year trends remain strong
- 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade performance has seen some slippage and is being examined more closely

The Commissioner turned the meeting over to Mary Ann Snider who reviewed the 2013 NECAP results with the Board. Ms. Snider's presentation covered:

- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Results Overview
  - October 2013 NECAP Retest
  - Subpopulation Performance
    - (Percentage of students by subgroup that met Requirements in Mathematics)
  - Students Meeting the Math & Reading Requirements:
    - (Achievement Level on NECAP Math and Reading Retest for students who Met High School Requirement)
  - Update on Mathematics as of January 2014
  - No Increase in Drop-Out Rate
  - Graduation Requirement Progress which shows that as of January 2014, at least 73% of the students who took the October 2012 NECAP are eligible to earn a diploma this spring.
  - Listing of options available to students to meet the State Assessment Requirement
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Results Overview
  - 2012 to 2013 NECAP Trends in Mathematics and Reading
  - NECAP Reading and Mathematics Performance: 2007-1013
- Grades 3-8 Results and Graduation Overview
  - NECAP Reading and Mathematics – Percent of Students Proficient or Above from 2005 to 2013
- NECAP Reading and Math Statewide Grade-Level Results by Achievement Level for 2009, 2012 and 2013.

Before adjourning for the evening, the Board participated in a question and answer session with Ms. Snider regarding her presentation.

**3. NEXT MEETINGS**

Thursday, February 6, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. – work session  
Barrington High School, Barrington

Monday, February 10, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. – meeting  
CCRI – Warwick

**4. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion duly made by Karin Forbes and seconded by Patrick Guida it was

**VOTED:** That the special work session of the Rhode Island Board of Education adjourn.

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 Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, Patrick Guida, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos

NAYS: 0

The work session adjourned at 5:25 p.m.