



## RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Rhode Island Board of Education met on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bristol Warren Regional School District, Bristol, RI. Chair Eva-Marie Mancuso welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

The board members took a roll call vote to determine who was present.

Antonio Barajas: present  
Michael Bernstein: present  
Colleen A. Callahan: present  
Karin Forbes: present  
Jo Eva Gaines: present  
Michael A. Grande: present  
Patrick A. Guida: not present (note: Mr. Guida arrived after the roll call vote was conducted)  
William C. Maaia: present  
Eva-Marie Mancuso: present  
Lawrence Purtill: present  
Mathies Santos: present

Chair Mancuso thanked Superintendent Melinda Thies, School Committee Chair Paul Silva, and Principal Donald Rebello and the staff for hosting this evening's meeting.

### 1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Chair Mancuso asked for a motion to amend the agenda as presented and remove discussion Item 6b – Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy.

On a motion duly made by Colleen Callahan and seconded by Mathies Santos, it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	That	Agenda Item 6b be removed from today's agenda.
	Vote:	10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, William C. Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos.
	NAYS:	0

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

<b>VOTED:</b>	That	the Board accepts the agenda as amended.
	Vote:	10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, William C. Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos.
	NAYS:	0

Chair Mancuso took this opportunity to recognize the Claiborne Pell Elementary School in Newport for achieving Green School Status in Accordance with the Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools Protocol. Green schools are energy efficient, environmentally friendly, healthy, and more productive learning environments.

The Chair added that last week Arne Duncan, the U.S. Secretary of Education recognized two Rhode Island schools as 2013 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Certificates were awarded to The Stony Lane Elementary School in North Kingstown as the winner of the National Blue Ribbon School Award as an Exemplary High Performing School and the William M. Davies Career and Technical High School as a recipient of the National Blue Ribbon School Award as an Exemplary Improving School.

### 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:

**Mayor Daniel McKee**, Cumberland, RI –

Thanked the Board for the support given Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy back in July and for their continued support this evening.

**Tim Ryan**, Executive Director, RI School Superintendents Association –

- The Superintendents' Association showed its support for the FY 2015 Budget
- Applauded the Board and RIDE for reviewing carefully charter school applications as they are presented
- Advised the Board that every district is working very hard to make sure the children will meet the graduation requirements

**Melinda Thies**, Superintendent, Bristol Warren Regional School District –

Dr. Thies welcomed the Board, Chair Mancuso and Commissioner Gist to the communities of Bristol and Warren.

- Spoke in opposition to the Funding Formula's impact on the Bristol Warren district

**Dr. Rudy Moseley**, Charter School Applicant

- Spoke in support of the application by the Engineering Early College Academy

**Jeremy Chiappetta**, Executive Director, Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

- Thanked the Board for the removal of Item 6b off today's agenda and spoke in support of Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

**Amy O'Donnell**, RITES Partner

- Spoke in support of the Engineering Early College Academy

**Dan Corley**, Charter School Applicant

- Spoke in support of the application by the Southside Elementary Charter School

**Eileen Hayes**, Executive Director, AMOS House

- Spoke in support of the Southside Elementary Charter School

**Delia Rodriguez-Masjoan**, Community Activist

- Spoke in support of the Southside Elementary Charter School

**Francisco Valasquez**, Teacher

- Spoke in support of the Southside Elementary Charter School

**Patricia Martins**, SPED Director, Bradley Hospital

- Spoke in support of the Southside Elementary Charter School

**Rose Mary Grant**, Head of Highlander Charter School

- Spoke in support of The Hope Academy

**Andrea Riquetti-Salvatore**, Parent

- Spoke in support of The Hope Academy

**Margaret Knowlton**, Head of School, Meeting Street

- Spoke in support of The Hope Academy

#### **4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Mancuso informed the Board of two speaking engagements she attended recently. The first, the URI Colloquium on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This discussion on The State of Education in Rhode Island was moderated by Elizabeth Harrison, the host of the *Morning Edition* and education reporter for RI National Public Radio. The discussion included Commissioner Deborah Gist, President Carriuolo, President Dooley and Scott McKay from RI National Public Radio.

Chair Mancuso added that she had also attended the New England Board of Higher Education's (NEBHE) Legislative Meeting in Boston.

#### **5. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

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

Commissioner Gist echoed Chair Mancuso's earlier comments and thanked the Bristol Warren Regional School District for hosting today's meeting, with a special thank you to Superintendent Thies, Paul Silva, School Committee Chair, and Principal Donald Rebello.

The Commissioner was excited to have been a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Innovation Powered by Technology Conference which took place last Saturday. She, along with Board Members,

Dr. Callahan, Mr. Guida, and Mr. Santos joined with educators, students, and friends of education from across the state. They heard from some leading national thinkers on how technology is changing education, and also heard first-hand reports from Rhode Island educators who have taken the lead in bringing technology into the classroom and into the lives of their students and their families.

To help clarify any confusion with the NECAP testing and the Diploma System, Commissioner Gist announced that the Department of Education has developed a short “myths and facts” sheet to help students, families, and the public at large understand the truth about the use of assessments, diminish public fears and concerns, and provide students with the confidence needed to earn a diploma. The Commissioner indicated that the handout entitled “The Truth About NECAP” would be available as part of her Blog and distributed as necessary.

The Commissioner reported that the “Educators in Action” group, a group of highly committed educators from across the state, will be holding a conference on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 8a.m. to 2 p.m. at the New England Institute of Technology. The Commissioner encouraged all educators to attend this event, and welcomed any member of the Board wishing to attend to do so.

The Commissioner reported that she will be meeting with Governor Chafee and Board members to put together an Education Autonomy Working Group. This group which will include a broad group of stakeholders and will meet monthly from December 2013 until June 2014. They will be charged with making specific recommendations on ways we can increase innovation and autonomy in improving teaching and learning in RI.

Lastly, Commissioner Gist reported that she has been asked by the Commission on Presidential Scholars to nominate students from Rhode Island as 2014 U.S. Presidential Scholars. This is an enormous opportunity for high school seniors and she is seeking the districts’ help in selecting the best possible nominees from Rhode Island.

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

Clark Greene, reported that there was no budget proposed for the Office of Higher Education. The office will continue to operate through the end of fiscal year 2014 until a new administrative structure is established.

Mr. Greene announced that some of the staff with the Office of Higher Education have transferred within the system. Annie Messier has already transferred to CCRI while Ron Cavallaro will be transferring to CCRI on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Michael Trainor submitted his resignation from state service effective November 1<sup>st</sup>.

With respect to the tuition waiver audit, a work group has been established and has met with the Board’s tax counsel relative to the references to the US Tax Code that are presently in the Board’s Tuition Waiver Policy. The group is in the process of drafting proposed language changes for that policy.

Mr. Greene reported on the number for the Instate Tuition for Undocumented Students during the 2012-2013 school year. A total of 148 applications were received and 115 of those students were accepted for admission. Of the total students accepted for admission, 74 students enrolled. Students who were not accepted either had missing essential documentation or did not meet the admission requirements.

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS****6a. Higher Education Governance - Update**

Clark Greene shared an update with the Board of the draft governance proposal. He explained that the Board has been charged with developing an administrative structure for Higher Education. The primary goal by the General Assembly and the Board is to increase coordination and collaboration throughout the Rhode Island education system. Additionally, the Board must also address a wide range of policy, governance and coordination issues within the Pre K-12 and higher education systems individually. With this proposal the Board remains as currently configured, a single board of Education for pre K-12 through post-secondary education, to focus on broad system-wide goals and specific cross-cutting issues. Board members will be assigned to one of two new entities, a Pre K-12 Council and a Council for Post-Secondary Education to address policy, governance and coordination within the Pre K-12 and Higher Education systems respectively. Each Council will have full statutory authority for governance and regulation.

Board members Callahan and Bernstein expressed their appreciation and thanked Mr. Greene for the work being done on the new Higher Education governance structure and the collaboration between K-20.

**7. ACTION ITEMS****7a. Approval of the RIDE FY 2015 Operating Budget and 2014 Supplemental Budget**

Commissioner Gist presented RIDE's revised 2014 Supplemental and 2015 Operating budgets. As a reminder, she stated that the State Budget Office instructions require three budget proposals: a Fiscal Year 2015 current-service-level budget; a Fiscal Year 2015 constrained budget, with a 7-percent reduction, equal to a cut of approximately \$1.4 million; and a Fiscal Year 2014 (the current fiscal year) cost-neutral revised budget.

Commissioner Gist clarified several issues and answered questioned posed by Members Barajas, Callahan and Purtill. Mr. Purtill stated that based on his feeling that the funding formula is not funding many programs appropriately, he will be voting no on the approval for these budgets.

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

**VOTED:** That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the Department of Elementary and Secondary Educations' budget requests for FY 2014 Revised and FY 2015 Current Service Level and FY 2015 Constrained, as presented, for transmittal to the Governor for his input and further instruction.

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

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

NAYS: Colleen A. Callahan and Lawrence Purtill

**7b. Approval of the Higher Education Operating Budget FY 2015**

Clark Greene presented Public Higher Education System's unrestricted and restricted budget requests for FY 2015, the revised budget for FY 2014 and the State Budget Office mandated FY 2015.

Member Grande proposed a motion to amend the original motion to include a 3% salary increase for faculty and staff at the higher education institutions. Jo Eva Gaines seconded the motion to amend.

Each of the three presidents gave an estimate of how much more in funding would be needed at their respective institutions to accommodate this request. President Dooley's initial estimate would be an additional \$4M at the University, while both Presidents Carriuolo and Di Pasquale indicated their estimate to be \$3M at their respective institutions.

Member Guida added that he would like to have the proposed amendment be clear that any additional funds needed to support the 3% increase come from state funds and that any increase in salary not be supported by a tuition increase.

Member Purtill asked whether using the term "as long as it comes from the general fund" would bind the Board down the road on other negotiations.

Chair Mancuso clarified that this is the first submittal of the budget to the Governor. This request will come back to the Board and at that time the Board can make a decision on whether or not to give raises and where the money will come from.

Member Grande explained that he would like to transmit to the Governor that the Board believes the faculty and staff at the institutions deserve a 3% raise.

Chair Mancuso expressed her concern that this would bind the Board's hands in negotiations. She would like to see this expressed to the Governor as "we believe our faculty and staff deserve a raise" with no percentage number attached.

President Dooley indicated that he feels sending the General Assembly a message of high priority for public education to receive a significant increase in compensation for its faculty and staff rather than attach a percentage to it as percentages needed may vary by institution.

Vice Chair Guida stated he would like the possibility of tuition being raised to accommodate any raises be discussed, as he is perfectly comfortable asking for an increase without identifying a certain percentage, but he feels it should be clear whether or not there is going to be a stipulation tied to it as to whether or not it could derive from an increase in tuition.

Member Gaines stated that she feels very strongly that the Board should not increase tuition for this. She thinks the State should stand up to the plate and pay for higher education as well as K-12.

Chair Mancuso asked if it would advance the question if she sent a statement to the Governor that the Board unanimously supports our faculty however we have to balance it with the increased tuition rather than a specific increase.

Member Grande reiterated his desire to have the motion include a 3% increase as he believes that delivering a budget with a number is far more powerful.

Member Maaia cautioned on the danger of debating or even making a recommendation by a motion of this Board for something under the umbrella of collective bargaining.

The Chair then stated that there is an amendment on the floor to the motion recommending a 3% increase of faculty and staff at all three institutions be added.

On the motion duly made by Michael Grande and seconded by Jo Eva Gaines, it was

**VOTED:** That the motion be amended to include a recommendation for a 3% increase of faculty and staff at all three institutions be added.

A roll call vote was taken at this time.

- Antonio Barajas: Yes
- Michael Bernstein: No
- Colleen A. Callahan: Yes
- Karin Forbes: No
- Jo Eva Gaines: No
- Michael A. Grande: Yes
- Patrick A. Guida: No
- William C. Maaia: No
- Eva-Marie Mancuso: No
- Lawrence Purtill: Yes
- Mathies Santos: No

Vote: 4 members voted in the affirmative and 7 members voted in the negative.

The amendment failed.

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

**VOTED:** That the Board of Education approves the Public Higher Education System’s budget request for the 2015 fiscal year as presented for transmittal to the Governor for his input and further instruction.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 1 member abstained as follows:

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

ABSTAINED: Lawrence Purtill

Chair Mancuso assured the Board that she will add to her letter to the Governor the Board's strong feeling on faculty and staff salaries.

**7c. Preliminary Approval of Charter Schools**

- 7c1. Engineering Early College Academy**
- 7c2. Southside Elementary Charter School**
- 7c3. The Hope Academy**

Commissioner Gist presented the three new charter school proposals that she is recommending for preliminary approval. She explained that preliminary approval is when the Board, as the state's sole authorizer, approves the conceptual design for the school. Preliminary approval does not grant applicants the authority to operate as a school. The school must come back to the Board after meeting all the requirements for readiness and secure final charter approval.

Andrea Castaneda, Chief of Accelerating School Performance, answered questions from Members Purtill, Grande and Callahan on the financial impact of the Charter Schools and the Funding Formula.

On a motion duly made by Karin Forbes and seconded by Lawrence Purtill, it was

**VOTED: Item 7c1**  
 That the Rhode Island Board of Education grants preliminary approval, for further planning and development, to Engineering Early College Academy towards a 2014-2015 school year opening contingent upon final approval to operate by the Board of Education, as presented..

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

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

NAYS: 0

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

**VOTED: Item 7c2**  
 That the Rhode Island Board of Education grants preliminary approval, for further planning and development, to Southside Elementary School towards a 2014-2015 school year opening, contingent upon final approval to operate by the Board of Education, as presented..

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



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

NAYS: 0

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

**VOTED: Item 7c3**

That the Rhode Island Board of Education grants preliminary approval, for further planning and development, to The Hope Academy towards a 2014-2015 school year opening, contingent upon final approval to operate by the Board of Education, as presented..

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 1 member voted in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS: Colleen A. Callahan

**7d. Approval of the Proposed Agreement with the Town of South Kingstown related to Plains Road**

On a motion duly made by Michael Bernstein and seconded by Matthies Santos, it was

**VOTED:** That the Rhode Island Board of Education approves the agreement with the Town of South Kingstown regarding Plains Road, subject to the review and approval of the State Properties Committee.

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

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

NAYS: 0

**7e. Adoption of Revised Resolution Regarding URI’s Facility Clearance and Temporary Exclusion to Classified Information**

President Dooley asked for a minor correction. The University is asking for temporary exclusion for the newly appointed Vice President for Administration and Finance, Christina Valentino, not the Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

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

- VOTED:** That the Rhode Island Board of Education adopts the attached revised resolution which delegates authority over user agency contracts to a managerial team at the University of Rhode Island; and further,
- That the Rhode Island Board of Education adopts the attached temporary exclusion resolution, as corrected, which bars access of classified information from those who have not yet obtained security clearance.
- Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
- YEAS: Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, Patrick Guida, William C. Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos.
- NAYS: 0

**7f. Recommendation of the Personnel Review Committee (PRC) for two reclassifications at URI**

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

- VOTED:** That the Board of Education approves the Personnel Review Committee’s recommendation.
- Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
- YEAS: Antonio Barajas, Michael Bernstein, Colleen A. Callahan, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, William C. Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos.
- NAYS: 0

**7g. Approval of Awarding of Degrees at the University of Rhode Island**

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

**VOTED:** That the Board of Education approves the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees to the candidates who have completed their requirements at the conclusion of the Summer 2013 Semester and who are approved by the faculty of the University of Rhode Island.

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

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

NAYS: 0

**8. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS (Agenda Item No. 9)****9a. Rhode Island College (Agenda Item No. 9b)**

President Carriuolo provided the Board with a written report which include more details on some of the many happenings at the College:

- Diversity week, a campus tradition, was celebrated October 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>
- The College has been named on the military friendly school list
- RI's 2014 Superintendent of the Year is a RI College graduate
- The College celebrated a very successful homecoming

**9b. Community College of Rhode Island (Agenda Item No. 9c)**

President Di Pasquale reported that the College hosted a Rhode Island Manufacturing day the previous Friday. It was a great opportunity for the College to work with some of the over 2000 companies in Rhode Island that do manufacturing.

The College's total enrollment for the Fall 2013 semester stands at 17,699. The President noted that there has been a strong growth in minority students which is presently up to 35%.

**9c. University of Rhode Island (Agenda Item No. 9a)**

President Dooley introduced the University's two newest members of the senior leadership team:

**Gerald Sonnenfeld**, Vice President for Research and Economic Development – Mr. Sonnenfeld comes from Princeton University where he served as the Vice President for Research as well as a Special Assistant to the President for starting a new health research relationship with the medical schools in South Carolina.

**Christina Valentino**, Vice President for Administration and Finance – Ms. Valentino joins us from the University of California, Santa Cruz where she served most recently as Special Assistant to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of the University. She previously served as Vice Chancellor for Business and Administrative services and as Associate Vice Chancellor at that campus.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Agenda Item No.8)**

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

- 8a. **Annual Report on Litigation – Higher Education, pursuant to RIGL§42-46-5 (a)(2)**
- 8b. **Update on Litigation – Providence Student Union, et al. v. Board of Education, et al. (C.A. No. 13-3649) pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5 (a)(2)**
- 8c. **Update on Litigation – Paul Pontarelli v. Rhode Island Department of Education, et al. (C.A. No. 13-4617) pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2)**
- 8d. **Update on Collective Bargaining pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2) (all bargaining units except Graduate Assistants United)**

On a motion duly made by Jo Eva Gaines and seconded by Michael Bernstein 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) for the reason set forth above.

The board took a roll call vote:

- Antonio Barajas: yes
- Michael Bernstein: yes
- Colleen A. Callahan: yes
- Karin Forbes: yes
- Jo Eva Gaines: yes
- Michael A. Grande: 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 as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

The Board concluded Open Session at 7:45 p.m.

All non-Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of David Abbott, Deputy Commissioner; Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations for the Board of Education; and Ronald Cavallaro, General Counsel for the Board of Education/Office of Higher Education.

Board Members Callahan and Purtill recused themselves from the Update on Litigation – Providence Student Union et al. v. Board of Education et al. - as they are members of organizations that are parties to the lawsuit.

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

**VOTED:** That the Rhode Island Board of Education reconvenes in Open Session.

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, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael A. Grande, Patrick A. Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos.

NAYS: 0

On a motion duly made by Michael Grande and seconded by Colleen Callahan, it was

**VOTED:** That the Rhode Island Board of Education seal the minutes of the Executive Session discussion of October 7, 2013.

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, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael Grande, Patrick A. Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos.

**10. NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 p.m. at RIDE – Work Session – Higher Education Governance  
 Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m. at RIDE – Work Session  
 Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at NEL/CPS Construction and Career Academy  
 4 Sharpe Drive, Cranston – Meeting

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion duly made by Michael Grande and seconded by Larry Purtill, 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, Karin Forbes, Jo Eva Gaines, Michael A. Grande, Patrick A. Guida, William C. Maaia, Lawrence Purtill, and Mathies Santos.

NAYS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.