

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by Co-Chair, Ms. Joyce at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ms. Joyce, Mr. Autiello, Mr. Burlingame, Ms. Keeling, _____
Mr. Mara, Ms. Pezza, Mr. Steere, Ms. Swanson

Absent: Ms. Carroll

Also present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Jacques, Ms. Almon

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion and/or vote on the following:

4. Student/Staff Recognition

The committee recognized CAST Coordinator Lorraine Kaul, and the 2018 Unified Volleyball State Champions.

5. Public Comment on Items Relating to Agenda

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the minutes of the meeting on October 2, 2018 Regular Meeting and Executive Session

Motion passed 7-0-1 with Mr. Autiello abstaining

Motion by Ms. Keeling, supported by Mr. Burlingame, to approve the minutes of the special meeting on October 9, 2018

Motion passed 5-0-3 with Ms. Pezza, Ms. Swanson, and Mr. Mara abstaining

7. Approval of Monthly Bills

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the bills as listed on the Monthly Expenditure Report dated 11/1/18 in the amount of \$801,473.14.

Motion passed 8-0-0

8. Business Manager's Report

Ms. Almon's report covered changes to Housing Ad from RIDE; school construction projects; and the FY 2020 budget. She reported that the \$155,000.00 shovel-ready school construction projects submitted to RIDE were approved for reimbursement for this year.

9. Assistant Superintendent Report

Ms. Jacques reported on the progress of curriculum work with RIDE; the three new pathway programs (Criminal Justice, Business, Health Careers EMT); and professional development in Learning Theory and Content Area specific instruction provided by Dr. Barnes.

10. Superintendent's Report - Personnel: Resignations, Appointments, Retirements, Leaves, Lay Offs, Recalls, Job Share, and Other Personnel Actions

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the revised Superintendent's Report as presented. Motion passed 8-0-0

11. Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip

a. Music Department Seeks Approval to Participate in Music Festival in Williamsburg, VA

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the Music Department's request to participate in Music Festival in Williamsburg, VA
Motion passed 8-0-0

12. Budget Discussion and Appointments to Budget Subcommittee

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to appoint Mr. Burlingame, Mr. Mara, Ms. Keeling and Mr. Steere to the Budget Subcommittee
Motion passed 8-0-0

13. Transportation for Extra-Curricular and Field Trips

a. Reallocation of RIGL 16-7-6(f) Categorical Transportation Aid

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to use the reallocation of RIGL 16-7-6(f) categorical transportation aid additional funds to offset the cost of field trips and athletic expenses for the Region.

Motion passed 8-0-0

In response to a request for a legal opinion on the use of categorical transportation aid, Dr. Barnes read a letter from the Commissioner addressing this issue: *"In response to your request for an interpretation of RI GL 16-7-6(f), I am writing to confirm that the "student transportation costs" for regional districts referenced in the statute include regular transportation between school and home, late busses between school and home, busses for field trips, and busses for athletics."*

Dr. Barnes explained that historically, the Region received about \$330,000.00 in transportation aid. Several years ago, the Regional districts formed a coalition and repeatedly lobbied the state for additional transportation funds. This year the Region received about \$530,000.00 - approximately \$200,000.00 of additional transportation categorical funds. Historically, these funds have been passed on to the elementary districts.

14. Vote to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) NEAPON Collective Bargaining/Potential Litigation Northern Rhode Island Collaborative.

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to vote to Convene to

Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) NEAPON Collective Bargaining/Potential Litigation Northern Rhode Island Collaborative.
Motion passed 8-0-0

15. Return to public session and announcement of votes, if any

Ms. Joyce reported that in Executive Session, the Committee discussed collective bargaining and potential litigation and no votes were taken.

16. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Pezza, to seal the minutes of executive session. Motion passed 8-0-0

17. Vote for Appointments to Negotiations Subcommittee

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Joyce, to appoint Mr. Steere, Mr. Autiello, Ms. Keeling, and Ms. Swanson to the Negotiations Subcommittee. Motion passed 8-0-0

18. Public Comment on Items Relating to Agenda

19. Communications From / To Members of the School Committee and/or School District

20. Future Agenda Items - Identification of Future Agenda Items
Grading Policy - 2nd Reading

21. Adjourn

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to adjourn at 9:05. Motion passed 8-0-0

Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk