

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
One Corliss Park
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 13, 2007

Time: 6:00 PM

Minutes recorded by: Jake Camara

Minutes Approved on: December 11, 2007

Interpreters: Carol Fay, Jon Henry, Christine West

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the RI School for the Deaf Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Marc Gursky at 6:06PM in the RI School for the Deaf Conference Room.

II. Roll Call of Board of Trustees

In Attendance: Carol Dorros, Karen Fifer Ferry, Marc Gursky, Jennifer Milone, Travis Zellner, Mary Wambach

Excused: Kathleen Ellis, Neil Leahey

III. Public Comment

- a. No comment.

IV. Reports

a. Director

- i. Lori Dunsmore updated the Board on several items.
 1. Discussion took place regarding Early Intervention and Family Guidance.
 2. SALT and Special Education Visits
 - a. Ms. Dunsmore informed the Board about these upcoming visits and how they will be good opportunities to review processes here at the school.

b. Sub-Committees

- i. Building
 1. Trustee Dorros gave an update regarding the recent environmental testing and upcoming meetings to inform the public.
 2. Chairperson Gursky gave an update on communications with RIDE's architect.
 3. Trustee Dorros discussed fundraising and informed the Board about the new community fundraising committee that has been formed. She also discussed potential involvement of the Friends of RISD in assisting with funding for a fundraising consultant.
 4. Trustee Wambach expressed her ideas regarding fundraising coordination and Chairperson Gursky asked that these conversations take place in the context of the fundraising committee.

V. New Business

a. Presentation by Lavonne Nkomo from the Sherlock Center on Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support

- i. Ms. Nkomo introduced herself to the Board and described the movement at the Sherlock Center and how they integrate into schools around the State.
- ii. The PBIS initiative was established to address the behavioral and discipline systems needed for successful learning and social development of students.

- iii. They provide all training and technical assistance for free.
- iv. It is not a grant and there is no funding attached to it. They provide their own training for free.
- v. Discussion took place regarding statistics on how the system has worked at other schools in their own cohorts and throughout the country.
- vi. Their website is located at ripbis.org. The national website is pbis.org.

b. Report on Student Text Results

- i. Helen Litterst gave a detailed presentation on Student NECAP Assessment Data.

VI. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. June 19, 2007

- i. Trustee Fifer Ferry requested that the hyphen be removed from her name.
- ii. **Motion** was made by Trustee Fifer Ferry to approve the minutes of June 19, 2007 as amended. Seconded by Trustee Dorros. Approved unanimously.

b. June 22, 2007

- i. **Motion** was made by Trustee Fifer Ferry to approve the minutes of June 22, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Dorros. Approved unanimously.

c. June 23, 2007

- i. **Motion** was made by Trustee Zellner to approve the minutes of June 23, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Dorros. Approved unanimously.

d. June 24, 2007

- i. Trustee Fifer Ferry requested that the hyphen be removed from her name.

ii. **Motion** was made by Trustee Fifer Ferry to approve the minutes of June 24, 2007 as amended. Seconded by Trustee Dorros. Approved unanimously.

e. September 11, 2007

i. Held until next meeting to correct an inaccuracy.

f. October 9, 2007

i. **Motion** was made by Trustee Dorros to approve the minutes of October 9, 2007 as amended. Seconded by Trustee Milone. Approved unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM.