



Enclosure 2b
June 28 2016

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
May 17, 2016

COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education met on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at R.I. College, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

Chair McConaghy welcomed everyone, declared a quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Daniel McConaghy, *Colby Anderson, Amy Beretta, Barbara Cottam, Colleen Callahan, Karin Forbes, Marta Martinez, Lawrence Purtill, and Joyce Stevos

Absent: Jo Eva Gaines

[*Ex-officio, non-voting member]

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Joyce Stevos and seconded by Karin Forbes it was

VOTED: That the Rhode Island Council on Elementary and Secondary Education accepts the agenda for the meeting of April 26, 2016

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Daniel McConaghy, Amy Beretta, Colleen Callahan, Barbara Cottam, Karin Forbes, Marta Martinez, Lawrence Purtill, and Joyce Stevos

NAYS: 0

2. OPEN FORUM

Chair McConaghy reported that no one had signed up to speak at Open Forum.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Organizational Chart

Commissioner Wagner stated that some minor adjustments were made to the Organizational Chart since the April 26th Work Session when the document was presented to the Council:

- Added designation of General Counsel to the Title of Deputy Commissioner for Fiscal Operations – it was inadvertently omitted from the version previously presented to the Council.
- Conceptualized the position of Advisor for Strategy & Performance – Being renamed Performance Management Executive and will be part of the Commissioner’s staff. Rather than reporting directly to the Commissioner, this person will be part of the Commissioner’s staff and will report to the Chief of Staff.

On a motion duly made by Joyce Stevos and seconded by Colleen Callahan, it was

VOTED: That the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Organizational Chart, as presented.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Daniel McConaghy, Amy Beretta, Colleen Callahan, Barbara Cottam, Karin Forbes, Marta Martinez, Lawrence Purtill, and Joyce Stevos

NAYS: 0

At this time, Commissioner Wagner reiterated for the record RIDE’s intention to move Mary Ann Snider to the newly created position of Deputy Commissioner for Teaching and Learning.

b. Approval of the proposed revisions to the Secondary School Regulations, for the Purpose of Public Review and Comment

On a motion duly made by Joyce Stevos and seconded by Karin Forbes, it was

VOTED: That the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the proposed revisions to the Secondary School Regulations, for the purpose of public review and comment, as presented.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Daniel McConaghy, Amy Beretta, Colleen Callahan, Barbara Cottam, Karin Forbes, Marta Martinez, Lawrence Purtill, and Joyce Stevos

NAYS: 0

Member Purtill asked if RIDE was planning to bring the regulations back to the Council when the public comment period ends.

Mary Ann Snider, Deputy Commissioner for Teaching and Learning, replied that RIDE will be seeking public comment throughout the summer and scheduling public hearings in September to ensure that there is plenty of opportunity for the public to weigh-in.

c. Approval of the Necessity of School Construction Projects - Enclosures 3c1-3c14

Chair McConaghy stated for the record that the reason the Newport School district's request was listed separate from the other projects is because as Chair of the Newport School Committee, Council Member Gaines needed to recuse herself from that vote, but that she did not notify us that she would not be attending this evening's meeting until after the agenda was officially posted.

On a motion duly made by Joyce Stevos and seconded by Colleen Callahan, it was

VOTED: That the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the Necessity of School Construction Projects (enclosures 3c1-3c14), as presented

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Daniel McConaghy, Amy Beretta, Colleen Callahan,
Barbara Cottam, Karin Forbes, Marta Martinez,
Lawrence Purtill, and Joyce Stevos

NAYS: 0

d. Approval of the Necessity of School Construction Projects - Newport School District

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

VOTED: That the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the Necessity of School Construction Projects for the Newport School District, as presented.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Daniel McConaghy, Amy Beretta, Colleen Callahan,
Barbara Cottam, Karin Forbes, Marta Martinez,
Lawrence Purtill, and Joyce Stevos

NAYS: 0

8. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made by Karin Forbes and seconded by Amy Beretta, it was

VOTED: That the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education adjourns.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Daniel McConaghy, Amy Beretta, Colleen Callahan,
Barbara Cottam, Karin Forbes, Marta Martinez,
Lawrence Purtill, and Joyce Stevos

NAYS: 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.