

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 101
January 21, 2023

December, 2022

Congratulations to all newly elected and re-elected school committee members. Please save the date and plan to attend RIASC's essential training—School Committee 101! This full-day session is being held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, from 8:00AM to 4:00 PM. Superintendents and new and veteran school committee members are encouraged to attend this essential session.

Program highlights include:

- Open Meeting & Access to Public Records Acts
- The Code of Ethics
- Working Together - Avoiding Conflicts Before They Start
- Roles & Responsibilities: A Chat with Veteran School Committee Members & Superintendents
- Understanding The Funding Formula
- Getting Your Message Out - PR Strategies

School Committee 101 runs from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Watch your email for further details and registration information.

Attend and accrue your annual six hours in one day!

RIASC OFFICERS

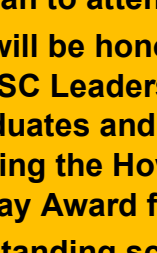
- David Testa**
President
- Paul Bourget**
President-Elect
- Susan St. Amand**
Secretary/Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS

- Diane Chiaradio Bowdy
- Sandra Flowers
- Michael Traficante



RIASC's Annual MEETING

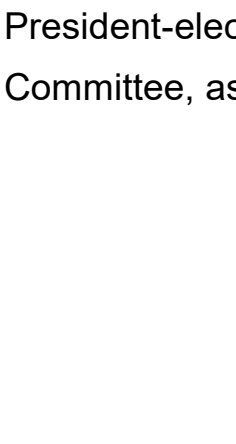


RIASC'S 2023 Annual Meeting is being held **April 29, 2023** At the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** Watch your **Email for details and plan to attend.** We will be honoring **RIASC Leadership graduates and presenting the Howard Kay Award for outstanding school committee leadership during this full-day session.**

Get your six hours in one day!

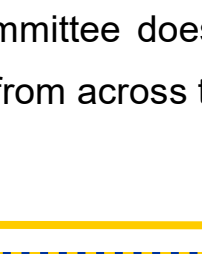
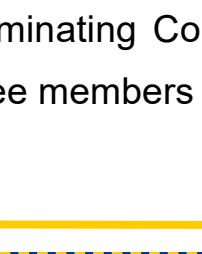
MEET THE RIASC OFFICERS

David Testa is RIASC's new President!



David has been serving on the *Warwick* school committee since 2016 and has been a RIASC board members since 2018.

Paul Bourget, *Woonsocket* School Committee, as RIASC President-elect, and Susan St. Amand, West Warwick School Committee, as Secretary/Treasurer.



Bourget

St. Amand

RIASC Board members include:

- Diane Chiaradio Bowdy, Westerly
- Sandra Flowers, Newport
- Michael Traficante, Cranston

The RIASC Nominating Committee does its best to choose school committee members from across the State.

2023 UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming professional development opportunities include:

- School Committee 10, January 21, 2023
- NSBA's Annual Meeting, April 1-3, Orlando, FL
- RIASC's Annual Meeting on April 29, 2023
- AG's Open Meetings Session (TBD)
- RI Healthy School's Annual Breakfast on October, 2023
- External Training Sessions (Submit your training form)

Watch your emails for further details on these trainings and more to be added throughout the year.

RIASC'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
Why Stop at Six Hours?

In 2004 The Rhode Island Association of School Committees created the **Leadership Academy**, a voluntary professional development program for school committee members.

After completing 15 hours of RIASC professional development, Academy graduates receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education at our Annual Meeting.

Watch the Awards ceremony video <https://youtu.be/UlfzN38Ofzs>

EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDITS

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT EXTERNAL CREDITS!

The RIASC Board met and approved a policy for its members allowing them to gain credit hours for attending external training sessions. External training sessions are sessions that have relevance to your role as a school committee member but are not sponsored by RIASC. In order to qualify for external credit, a *Request for Approval* form must be completed and submitted to RIASC. Find the form on our website or request a copy.

NEED A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESOURCE?

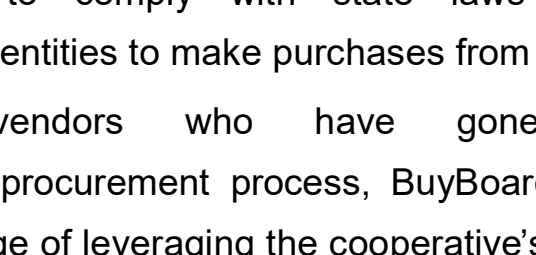
Do you serve on the contract negotiations team for your district? Do you want to conduct research during the negotiation process? RIASC has you covered.

RIASC hosts the Collective Bargaining Electronic Resource, that includes teacher contract language for all school districts.

We encourage you to visit the site for your negotiation research and to ensure your district has submitted their latest electronic contract to RIASC so that we can provide you with the most current information.

The site is located at <http://ntlong.com/cber/>

BUYBOARD PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE SAVING DISTRICTS



Do you know if your district takes advantage of the cost savings of BuyBoard? Why not find out?

The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is a national online purchasing cooperative formed between the National School Boards Association and several state school boards associations to streamline the buying process for schools, municipalities and other public entities.

Developed to comply with state laws which require government entities to make purchases from an approved list of vendors who have gone through a competitive procurement process, BuyBoard gives districts the advantage of leveraging the cooperative's ability to obtain bulk discounts, combined with the ease of online, web-based shopping and ordering. Save time and money with BuyBoard.

RIASC—Your Resource

Please remember to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have or to just get the support you need to continue to do what is best for your district.

Our professional development sessions and discussions lead to best practices and can provide support and encouragement to you as you navigate through the school year.

Take advantage of the resources your colleagues and our Association can provide to you.

You got this, and RIASC is here for you!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Visit the RI-ASC website at www.ri-asc.org where you will find training videos on essential school committee topics, information on upcoming professional development sessions, past newsletters, data files, photos, and the Rhode Island General Laws regarding the powers and duties of school committee members.

Holiday Greetings!

The Rhode Island Association of School Committees Extends Warmest Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season to All of Our Members!

