

NEWPORT COUNTY REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Board of Superintendents Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2011

8:30 a.m. – Regular Meeting

Held at Oliphant Administration

Superintendents Present: Mrs. R. Kraeger, Middletown Public Schools

Mr. W. Rearick, Tiverton Public Schools

Mrs. K. Crowley, Little Compton Public Schools

Also Present: Mrs. T. Martins, Director, Newport County Regional, NCR

Mrs. L. Brow, Assist. Dir., NCR

Ms. S. Kraeger-Psaras, Assist. Dir., NCR

Mrs. J. Ouellette, Census Clerk, NCR

Mrs. G. Augustus, Business Manager

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Mr. Rearick.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the January 11, 2012 Board of Superintendents Meeting

MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley. To approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting minutes. Unanimous Vote.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

In Separate File: The following information was provided to the Board for their information.

- **Secondary Transition IEP Training – January 25, 2012**

III. OLD BUSINESS

In Separate File:

- **Out of District Placements – The Board was presented with the ODP List as of 1/31/12.**
- **Medicaid Update – The Board was presented with the Medicaid Update as of 1/31/12.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Directors Recommendations on Personnel

A. Personnel Matters

1. Resignation/Requests for Leave/Request to Return

a. Marla Schreffler – Regional School Psychologist – Resignation

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley 2) Mr. W. Rearick, 2) That the Board of Superintendents accepts the above named personnel's letter of resignation with regret. Unanimous Vote.

b. J. Peter Dugan – Special Educator – Portsmouth High School - Resignation

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) That the Board of

Superintendents accepts the above named personnel's letter of resignation with regret. Unanimous Vote.

c. Brook Grant – Special Educator – Portsmouth Middle School - Request to Return

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named personnel's request to return to teaching position at the Portsmouth Middle School for the 2012-2013 school year. Unanimous Vote.

d. Pat Basile – Teacher Assistant – Gaudet Middle School – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named personnel's request for leave of 10 days utilizing accrued sick days. Unanimous Vote.

e. Kimberly Warrington – Special Educator – Portsmouth High School – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named personnel's request for leave utilizing accrued sick days with remainder of leave to be without pay with anticipated return to current position approximately 8 weeks following the birth of her baby. Unanimous Vote.

2. Recommendations – Non-Certified Personnel

a. Non-Renewals

MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion that the following Non-Certified

Personnel be placed on layoff status due to the elimination of her current position for the 2012-2013 school year. Unanimous Vote.

Stephanie Manchester-Wilkie Little Compton – Wilbur/McMahon School

b. Terri King – Teacher Assistant – Aquidneck Elementary Preschool – One year only.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. W. Rearick. That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named Non-Certified personnel for the remainder 2011-2012 school year only. Unanimous Vote

3. Recommendations – Certified Personnel

a. Non-Renewals

Please be advised that based upon the uncertainty of sufficient local, Federal and State funding for programs for the 2012-2013 school year, this office will be recommending to the Newport County Regional Special Education Board of Superintendents, at its meeting on February 8, 2012 at 8:30 am, that your present position be eliminated at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

1. This non-renewal is due to the fact that the assignment, Regional Special Education Coordinator assigned to _____ was for the 2011-2012 school year only.

Peter Dugan, Portsmouth High School

Mary Surber, Portsmouth Middle School

Jaqueline Branco, Tiverton High School

Deidre Gauch, Tiverton Middle School

Angela Santa, Middletown High School

Chyleene O'Connor, Guadet Middle School

MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley. That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel's non-renewals as presented. Unanimous Vote

2. The specific reason for this recommendation is due to the uncertainty of local, Federal and State funding for this department's programs for the 2012-2013 school year, which could result in program reductions, consolidation of classes, realignment of staff and elimination of positions in order to more effectively and efficiently use the department's assets. This elimination will be effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, this elimination may permit displacement of a less qualified or less senior teacher pursuant to state law.

Heather Davidson, Wilbur McMahan, Little Compton

Kara Hicks, Melville School, Portsmouth

Olivia Smith, MHS

Kerin Martins, THS

Brandyn Chase, TMS

Jen Colson, PMS

Meg Loftus, PMS

Nicole Desroisier, PHS

Rebecca Duggan, TMS

Kim Warrington, PHS

Leah Pineau, Melville

Megan Dutton, GMS

Shana McKinnon, Wilbur, LC

Robin Fricchione, MHS

Caitlyn Coyne, GMS

Amy Quintal (Smith), GMS

MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley. That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel's non-renewals as presented. Unanimous Vote

3. This termination is due to the expiration of limited employment contracts of teachers and substitute teachers effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year, unless terminated sooner by a teacher returning from leave, as well as the uncertainty of sufficient local, Federal, and State funding programs for the 2012-2013 school year.

Sarah Castanho, PMS

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. W. Rearick . That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel's non-renewal as presented. Unanimous Vote

4. Please be advised that based upon the uncertainty of sufficient local, Federal and State funding for programs for the 2012-2013 school year, this office will be recommending to the Newport County Regional Special Education Board of Superintendents, at its meeting on February 8, 2012 at 8:30 am, that your present position be eliminated at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

Based upon seniority, you may have an opportunity to bid into open

positions which will be posted.

Sara Hilyard, Hathaway

Jennifer White-Wilcox, Pocasset

Alyse Gaboriault, Aquidneck

Patricia Lynch, Forest Avenue

Victoria Rapoza, Ranger

Marianne Packer, MHS

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. W. Rearick . That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel's non-renewal as presented. Unanimous Vote

5. Please be advised that, this office will be recommending to the Newport County Regional Special Education Board of Superintendents, at its meeting on February 8, 2012 at 8:30 a.m., that you be displaced due to the elimination of your current position at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

Based on your highly qualified status, you will be reassigned to the Tiverton Middle School for the 2012-2013 school year.

Meaghan Hazzard

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. W. Rearick . That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel's displacement and reassignment as presented. Unanimous Vote

6. Please be advised that based upon the uncertainty of sufficient local, Federal and State funding for programs for the 2012-2013 school year, this office will be recommending to the Newport County Regional Special Education Board of Superintendents, at its meeting on February 8, 2012 at 8:30 am, that your present position be eliminated at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

The specific reason for this recommendation is due to the uncertainty of local, Federal and State funding for this department's programs for the 2012-2013 school year, which could result in program reductions, consolidation of classes, realignment of staff and elimination of positions in order to more effectively and efficiently use the department's assets. This elimination will be effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year; this elimination may permit displacement of a less qualified or less senior teacher pursuant to state law.

Shandra Smalls

MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley . That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel's non-renewal as presented. Unanimous Vote

7. Please be advised that this office will be recommending to the Regional Board of Superintendents, at its meeting on February 8 2012, that your teaching contract with the Portsmouth School Department and the Newport County Regional Special Education not be renewed on the last day of the 2011-2012 school year.

The specific reason for this recommendation is the desire of the Region to re-open the position to seek a larger pool of more qualified candidates. As a non-tenured teacher, you are free to reapply for the position once it has been advertised.

Michael Neckritz, PHS

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. W. Rearick . That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel's non-renewal as presented. Unanimous Vote

B. Program Highlights/Evolving School-Based Needs

- Critical Cases – The Board was presented the February Critical Case list for their review.

- Special Education Staff Planning for the 2012-2013 School Year - Discussion

- Preschool Update – Extending Pre-School day to meet RIDE Accreditation Requirements

Leslie presented the Board with RIDE application necessary to obtain RIDE accreditation for Pre-K programs.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. W. Rearick . That the Board of Superintendents petition RIDE re: compensation to obtain accreditation due to budgetary impact on districts. Unanimous Vote

- Business Manager's Report

1. 2011 Audit for Review/Approval – Separate File'

Mrs. Augustus presented the 2011 Audit for the Board's Review/Approval.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. W. Rearick . That the Board of Superintendents approves the 2011 Audit as presented and to use (\$10,000) 2011 surplus to create unfunded liability OPEB account.

Unanimous Vote

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. W. Rearick. That the Board of Superintendents approves to add line item in next year's budget.

Unanimous Vote

2. Proposed Policy Administration of funds – Third Reading – Separate File

Policy/Administration of funds – decision tabled by Board pending meeting with Business Managers.

3. Proposed Policy GASB 54 – Separate File

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. W. Rearick . That the Board of Superintendents approves the GASB 54 spending policy and minimum fund balance policy Unanimous Vote.

4. Budget Planning Process – Discussion to set August 15th deadline for Regional Budget.

Discussion: Mr. Rearick would like business policies (ex. GASB 54, etc) and Regional Budget published on NCRSEP website.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley 2) Mr. W. Rearick. To adjourn from the

Board of Superintendent's Meeting, at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Martins, Director _____ Coleen Silvia,

Clerk _____