

AMENDED

NEWPORT COUNTY REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Serving the Towns of Little Compton, Portsmouth, Middletown,
Tiverton**

Board of Superintendents Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

8:30 a.m. – Regular Meeting

Held at Oliphant Administration

Superintendents Present: Mr. W. Rearick, Tiverton Public Schools

Mrs. R. Kraeger, Middletown Public Schools

Mrs. K. Crowley, Little Compton Public Schools

Also Present: Dr. R. Santa, Director, Newport County Regional, NCR

Ms. S. Kraeger, Asst. Director, Newport County Regional, NCR

Mrs. C. Andrade, Asst. Director, Newport County Regional, NCR

Mrs. G. Augustus, Business Mgr., NCR

Mrs. C. Silvia, Admin. Asst, NCR

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Mr. Rearick.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regional Board of Superintendents may adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I.

Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a) (1) Personnel Matters, (a) (2) Collective

Bargaining and/or Litigation.

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

Superintendents approves the motion to move into Executive Session 8:28 a.m.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger - To seal the minutes at the close of Executive Session.

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

Superintendents approves the motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. No vote was taken.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the February 12, 2014 and February 26, 2014 Minutes.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger To approve the minutes of the February 12, 2014 and February 26, 2014 meetings. Unanimous Vote.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

- Memo from The Trust re: The Trust's Safety Enhancement Grant Program**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- **Out of District Placements – Questions/Concerns**
- **Medicaid Reimbursement Update – Questions/Concerns**
- **Year-to-Date Summary – Questions/Concerns**
- **Disbursement Detail Listing – Questions/Concerns**
- **Personnel Assignment List**

V. NEW BUSINESS

Recommendations on Personnel

A. Requests for Leave

1. Stephanie Sims – Special Educator – Gaudet Middle School - Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Kraeger, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the

above named personnel's request for leave anticipated effective date April 11, 2014 utilizing accrued sick/personal days to run concurrent with FMLA with anticipated return to current position on the first day of school for the 2014/2015 school year. Unanimous Vote

2. Tara Donaldson – Special Educator – Gaudet Middle School – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Kraeger, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named personnel's request for leave anticipated effective date April 28, 2014 utilizing accrued sick/personal days with remainder to be without pay to run

concurrent with FMLA with anticipated return to current position on the first day of school for the 2014/2015 school year. Unanimous Vote

3. Pattie Trifero – Teacher Assistant – Portsmouth High School – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Kraeger, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named personnel's request for leave anticipated effective date March 10, 2014 utilizing accrued sick/personal days to run concurrent with FMLA with anticipated return to current position. Unanimous Vote

B. Resignation

1. Kerri Lewia – Special Educator – Portsmouth High School – Resignation

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

C. Recommendations – Certified Personnel

1. Maureen Leahy – Special Educator – Tiverton High School – Lane Increase

The Board requested that this agenda item be Tabled at this time; pending review of

documentation by Human Resource Coordinator in Tiverton.

2. Francesca Shiels – Special Educator – Gaudet Middle School – Retroactive Pay

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

Superintendents approves the above named personnel's retroactive pay to original start date of January 21, 2014. Unanimous Vote

D. FY15 Budget

Mrs. Augustus provided the Board with the 2014-2015 Budget

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the 14/15 Budget. Discussion

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents withdraw the motion to approve the 14/15 Budget. Unanimous Vote

MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents table the discussion of the 14/15 Budget and schedule another meeting to discuss and move forward to approve the 14/15 Budget on March 21, 2014 at 10:30 at the East Bay Educational Collaborative. Unanimous Vote

E. Discussion Items

1. Special Education Coordinator Positions – Dr. Santa shared her concerns with eliminating the special education coordinator positions. The Board was provided with a list of the current duties of the coordinators.

2. Shift of Bradley Programs – Dr. Santa shared information which she gathered after meeting

with Mrs. Trish Martins, Dr. James Chung-Brcak and Dr. Karen Camusso from the Bradley

School. The Board asked that Dr. Santa provide the Board with the cost savings for the

transportation to/from Martin Middle School in East Providence.

3. Speech Pathologist Caseloads – Dr. Santa will forward the caseloads to the Superintendents as soon as they are available.

F. Program Highlights/Evolving School-Based Needs

1. Critical Cases – Questions/Concerns

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger. To adjourn from the Board of Superintendent’s Meeting, at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Santa, Director _____ Coleen Silvia,

Clerk _____