

NEWPORT COUNTY REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
Serving the Towns of Little Compton, Portsmouth, Middletown,
Tiverton

Board of Superintendents Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 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

**Mr. Jeffrey Schoonover, Asst. Superintendent, Portsmouth Public
Schools**

**Also Present: Mr. David Croston, Chairperson, Portsmouth School
Committee**

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

Atty. M.A. Carroll, NCR Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 by Mr. Rearick.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the April 9, 2014 Minutes.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley To approve the minutes of the April 9, 2014.

Unanimous Vote.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

- **SEAC Training Graduates 2014**
- **Tiverton Special Education Resource Council – Donation**
- **RIDE State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report 2012-2013**

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- **Annual Awards Program**
- **Laurie Bradley – Letter Re: Involuntary Transfer**
- **2013 NCRSEP Annual Audit**

III. 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**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Recommendations on Personnel

A. Requests for Leave

1. Valerie Long – Teacher Assistant – Middletown High School –

Request for Intermittent Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. D. Croston That the Board of Superintendents approves the

above named personnel's request for intermittent leave to run concurrent with FMLA. Unanimous Vote

2. Deborah Maliszewski – Teacher Assistant – Aquidneck School – Request for Intermittent Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mr. D. Croston That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named personnel's request for intermittent leave to run concurrent with FMLA. Unanimous Vote

3. Erin Goulart – Teacher Assistant – Fort Barton School – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1)Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mrs. K. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents denies the above named personnel's request for leave. Unanimous Vote

B. Recommendations – Non-Certified Personnel

1. Cindy Collins – Middletown High School – Resignation/MOA

MOTION: 1) Mr. D. Croston, 2) W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents accepts the

above named personnel's letter of resignation. The Vote was three approved; Mrs. Kraeger recused herself.

2. Kathleen Brennan – Teacher Assistant – Aquidneck School .8

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mr. D. Croston That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named non-certified personnel as Teacher Assistant .8 assigned to Aquidneck School for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year only.

4. Non-Renewals – Please see attached.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley That the Board of Superintendents approves the Non-Certified Personnel’s non-renewals as presented below.

B3. Based upon uncertainty of funding for the 2014-2015 school year, it is recommended that the following employees be placed on layoff status effective on the last day of school for the 2013-2014 school year:

Middletown

Cheryl Poholek

Cindy Thornsbury

Devhan Ring

Kerri Russo

Rachel Williams

Sue Rohrman

Rachel Carraway **

Michelle Luther **

Valerie Hummel **

Alex Greer **

Kate Brennan (will be appointed 5/21) **

Tiverton

Dawn Sanford

Elizabeth Cabral

Erin Goulart

Kelly Kulpa

JoNell Blanchette

Kathryn Tappen

Samantha Amaral **

Michelle Costa **

Alyssa Taft **

Ashley Hummel **

Portsmouth

Teri King

Susan Ryder Lewis

Samantha Emmons

Michelle Silva

Kim McKenna

Debbie Maitland

Alex Simeone

Abigail Farrow **

Erin Rodrigues **

Pat Greene **

**** Identifies employee as one SY only**

B. Discussion Items - Dr. Santa shared information on the following items with the Board and discussed the Board voiced their concerns/ideas:

1. Pre-K Program Changes – The Board discussed concerns/ideas to move forward investigating the possibility of Middletown/Portsmouth Pre-K Programs being housed at the John F. Kennedy School. The

Board recommended Dr. Santa have a discussion with Sean Brown, Middletown Town Administrator. Dr. Santa to schedule a meeting with Newport to work on a short/long term plan moving forward and Dr. Santa will report findings to the Board.

2. Kindergarten Self-Contained Program – Aquidneck – Dr. Santa shared her concerns with the increasing # of very medically/physically involved Pre-K students that will be moving up to Kindergarten and her recommendations on how to meet the needs of these students.

3. BSP – Grades 4,5,6 Portsmouth Middle School – Ms. Kraeger/Mrs. Andrade shared information re: the BSP needs that are projected for the 14-15 school year and discussed the potential ideas moving forward.

4. Transition Program – Dr. Santa shared with the Board information re: Transition Academy Program proposal to be held within the Region versus contracting with outside agencies ie. East Bay Transition Academy/RHD but continue to contract with an outside agency for opportunities to be out in community but actual time will be decreased from a full time RHD staff person to a part time staff person reducing costs.

5. Shift of Bradley Programs – Dr. Santa shared information she has gathered re: shifting students that are currently at the Martin Middle School transitioning to Bradley School, Portsmouth which is a cost savings in Regional Transportation of approximately \$150,000.

6. Responsibility to Disseminate Information given at Board Meetings – the Superintendents agreed to take information and distribute to

appropriate personnel within their districts.

7. Service Animals – Dr. Santa made a request to the Board to create a Service Animal Policy for NCRSEP.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger. To adjourn from the Board of Superintendent's Meeting, at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Santa, Director _____ Coleen Silvia,

Clerk _____