

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

Board of Superintendents Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting

Held at Oliphant Administration

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

Mrs. K. Crowley, Little Compton Public Schools

Mrs. A. Riley, Portsmouth Public Schools

Mr. M. Cabral, Acting Superintendent, Tiverton Public Schools

Also Present: Ms. S. Kraeger, Asst. Director, Newport County Regional, NCR

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

Mrs. C. Silvia, Admin. Asst, NCR

Mrs. G. Augustus, Finance Director

Atty. M. A. Carroll, NCRSEP Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Mrs. Crowley.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Matching Funds Memo – Q/E June/September - Signatures

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Out of District Placements

B. Medicaid Reimbursement Update

C. Year-to-Date Summary

D. Disbursement Detail Listing

E. Personnel Assignment List

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. August 6, 2014

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley To approve the minutes of the August 6, 2014.

Three approved – one abstention.

2. August 22, 2014

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. A. Riley To approve the minutes of the August 22, 2014.

Three approved – one abstention

B. Resignations/Retirements/Leave of Absence

1. Alyse Gaboriault – Special Educator – Ranger School – Resignation

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. A. Riley That the Board of Superintendents accepts the

above named certified personnel's letter of resignation.

Unanimous Vote

2. Kaitlin Veninsky – Regional Speech Pathologist – Resignation

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. A. Riley That the Board of Superintendents accepts the above named certified personnel's letter of resignation. Unanimous Vote

3. Abigail Vellucci – Regional Speech Pathologist – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. A. Riley That the Board of Superintendents accepts the above named personnel's request for leave utilizing accrued sick/personal days to run concurrent with FMLA with anticipated return to current position February 23, 2015. Unanimous Vote

C. Appointments

1. Un – Budgeted

a. Deborah Knapman – Regional Social Worker .4 – Board Approved 7/16/14

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the above named certified personnel assigned to the NCRSEP for the 2014-2015 school year only.

Unanimous Vote

2. Budgeted

a. Joanne Sturgeon – Regional Speech Pathologist .6

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of

Superintendents approve the

above named certified personnel assigned to the NCRSEP for the 2014-2015 school year only.

Unanimous Vote

b. Alex Greer – Teacher Assistant – Middletown High School

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the above named non-certified personnel assigned to Middletown High School for the 2014-2015 school year only. Unanimous Vote

c. Maria Brown – Teacher Assistant – Middletown High School

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the above named non-certified personnel assigned to Middletown High School for the 2014-2015 school year only. Unanimous Vote

d. Marian Coney – Teacher Assistant .8 – Aquidneck School

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the above named non-certified personnel assigned to Aquidneck School for the 2014-2015 school year only.

Unanimous Vote

e. Kathleen Prendergast – Teacher Assistant – Portsmouth Middle School

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the above named non-certified personnel assigned to Portsmouth Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year only. Unanimous Vote

f. Erin Rodrigues – Teacher Assistant – Melville School

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mr. M. Cabral That the Board of Superintendents approve the above named non-certified personnel assigned to Melville School for the 2014-2015 school year only. Three approved one recusal.

g. Lorraine Clarke – Teacher Assistant – Melville School .8

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the above named non-certified personnel assigned to Melville School .8 for the 2014-2015 school year only.

Unanimous Vote

h. Sandra Furtado – Teacher Assistant – Fort Barton School

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the above named non-certified personnel assigned to Fort Barton School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Unanimous Vote

i. Gabriela Batek – Special Educator – Tiverton Middle School

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the above named certified personnel assigned to Tiverton Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Unanimous Vote

D. Transfers

1. Rebecca Dugan – Special Educator – Ranger School – Involuntary Transfer

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the above named certified personnel's involuntary transfer to the Ranger School. Unanimous Vote

V. NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Step Increase

**Kristin Gilbride – Special Educator - Tiverton Middle School (BSP)
– Step Increase**

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the above named certified personnel's step increase to Master + 30 retroactive to start of the school year.

B. Wilson Training – Ms. Kraeger shared information with the Board about an upcoming Wilson Training opportunity for 14 regional special educators to attend.

C. Outcome of due process hearing regarding database. – Ms. Kraeger brought to the Board's attention the outcome of a due process hearing regarding the capacity of the database to include both parents so that when information/notices need to be sent both parent's demographic information is provided to the sender.

D. TMS – Additional TA coverage. This item was tabled to further investigate the need.

E. Fort Barton School – Addition TA – Ms. Kraeger explained to the Board that due to the transition of 2 intensive K students to Fort Barton and addition TA is needed to help support the classroom.

Potential candidate will be brought forward at the next meeting for appointment.

F. Timeline of Events Since 9/8/14 – Ms. Kraeger shared with the board events which have happened since 9/8/14.

G. Short-Term NCRSEP Leadership Plan – Ms. Kraeger shared with the board a short-term plan for the leadership of the NCRSEP moving forward.

H. Articles of Agreement and By-Laws of the Newport County Regional Special Education Program – Amended and Restated

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mr. M. Cabral That the Board of Superintendents approve the Articles of Agreement and By-Laws of the Newport County Regional Special Education Program as amended and restated.

Three approved one denied. The Superintendents will bring the Articles of Agreement and By-Laws of the NCRSEP to their local School Committees for their approval prior to bringing them back to this Board for final adoption.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regional Board of Superintendents may adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 for discussion of:

A. Legal Advice/Possible Pending Litigation pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. A. Riley - Role call unanimous.

That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to move into Executive Session 10:13 a.m.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley – Role call unanimous. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session at 10:14 p.m.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley – Role call unanimous. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. No Vote was taken.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger. To adjourn from the Board of Superintendent’s Meeting, at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah	Kraeger,	Interim
Director _____	Coleen	Silvia,
Clerk _____		