

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

Board of Superintendents Meeting

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting

Held at Ranger School

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

Mrs. R. Kraeger, Middletown Public Schools

Mrs. K. Crowley, Little Compton Public Schools

Mrs. A. Riley, Portsmouth 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

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Mr. Rearick.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

42-46-5, Exceptions (a) (2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. A. Riley - Role call unanimous. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to move into Executive Session 9:06: a.m.

Mrs. Kraeger entered executive session at 9:10 a.m.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. A. Riley – Role call unanimous. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:08 a.m. No Vote was taken.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. A. Riley – Role call unanimous. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to move back into open session at 9:09 a.m.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

No “Correspondence” for the 11/5/14 meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Out of District Placements – Questions/Concerns

B. Critical Cases – Questions/Concerns

C. Medicaid Reimbursement Update – Questions/Concerns

D. Year-to-Date Summary

E. Disbursement Detail Listing

F. Personnel Assignment List

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. October 1, 2014, October 21, 2014, October 29, 2014

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger To approve the minutes of the October 1, 21, 29, 2014

Meetings. Three approved – 1 abstention.

B. Resignations/Retirements/Leave of Absence

1. Brandyn Chace – Special Educator – PMS – Request for Leave

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

above named certified personnel's request for six-eight weeks of leave to run concurrent with FMLA with

anticipated return to current position January 2015.

Unanimous Vote

2. Stephanie Larocque – Teacher Assistant – Middletown High – Request for Leave

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

above named non-certified's request for a six week leave of absence utilizing accrued sick days with remainder to be leave without pay; to

run concurrent with FMLA. Unanimous Vote

3. Sandra Furtado – Teacher Assistant – Fort Barton – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named non-certified's request leave without pay; to run concurrent with FMLA with anticipated return to current position January 5, 2015. Unanimous Vote

4. Deborah Adler – Teacher Assistant – Tiverton Middle – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley That the Board table this request pending medical documentation. Unanimous Vote

5. Linda Ekstrom – Teacher Assistant .6 – Fort Barton – Resignation

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, Mrs. A. Riley – To accept the above non-certified's letter of resignation.

Unanimous Vote.

6. JoNell Blanchette – Teacher Assistant – Fort Barton – Resignation

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, Mrs. R. Kraeger – To accept the above non-certified's letter of resignation.

Unanimous Vote.

7. Samantha Emmons – Teacher Assistant – Portsmouth High - Resignation

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, Mrs. A. Riley – To accept the above non-certified's letter of resignation.

Unanimous Vote

C. Appointments

1. Un – Budgeted

a. Jamie Sunderlund – Regional Pre-School Psychologist .5

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. A. Riley That the Board of Superintendents approve the

above named certified personnel .5 assigned to the NCRSEP for the 2014-2015 school year only.

Unanimous Vote

D. Transfers

1. Cherie Canulla – Teacher Assistant – Ranger – Displacement/Reassignment

Ms. Kraeger shared with the Board the reasoning for the Displacement/Reassignment

VI. NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Approval of Regional Director's Contract

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. A. Riley That the Board of Superintendents approve the

the Director's contract with amendment date of salary effective 9/8/14.

Vote was 3-0. Mrs. Kraeger recused herself.

B. Articles of Agreement and By-Laws of the NCRSEP

To reflect signatures on one page the Superintendents will bring back the signature page to their respective school committees for signatures utilizing actual date of approval.

C. .5 Special Educator – Hathaway

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

Superintendents approves the addition of a .5 Special Educator at Hathaway School. Post .5 special educator position for Hathaway School. Unanimous vote.

D. Sherlock Center Demonstration Project

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. A. Riley That the Board of Superintendents approves the request from Ms. Kraeger to send letter to the Sherlock Center regarding the Demonstration Project.

E. Regional Reorganization

1. OPEB Obligations/Liabilities

Mrs. Augustus shared information she has gathered. ACOPEB will complete a study re: OPEB liability the cost is estimated at \$1,200.00

2. List of Assets

Ms. Kraeger shared with the Board a list of Assets for purchases for Portsmouth schools/staff. Mrs. Augustus will investigate the useful life of fixed assets. Ms. Kraeger will work with Mrs. Riley to discuss the possibility of the purchasing of assets.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mrs. K. Crowley, Little Compton Public Schools

Mrs. R. Kraeger, Middletown Public Schools

Also Present: Ms. S. Kraeger, Director, NCR

Mrs. C. Andrade, Assistant Director, NCR

Mrs. G. Augustus, NCR Business Manager

Mrs. C. Silvia, Admin. Asst, NCR

Atty. N. Galvin

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MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley - Role call unanimous. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to re-enter into Executive Session 10:10 a.m.

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 11:09 a.m. No Vote was taken.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger – Role call unanimous. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion re-enter open session at 11:10 a.m.

The Board was seeking legal advice regarding the Reorganization of the NCRSEP. No votes were taken.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sarah Kraeger, Director _____ Coleen Silvia,
Clerk _____**