

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

**Board of Superintendents Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2014**

**9:00 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 9:04a.m. by Mr. Rearick.**

## **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes of the May 21, 2014 Minutes.**

**MOTION: 1) Mr. David Croston, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger To approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014.**

**Unanimous Vote.**

## **II. CORRESPONDENCE**

- **June 2014 Counts By Disability**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Out of District Placements – Questions/Concerns**
- **Projected 14-15 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**

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

**Recommendations on Personnel**

### **A. Resignation**

**1. Alex Simeone – Teacher Assistant – Portsmouth Middle School – Resignation**

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

**above named personnel's letter of resignation. Unanimous Vote**

### **B. Requests for Leave**

**1. 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 leave without pay for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year to run concurrent with FMLA with anticipated return to current position for the 2014-2015 school year. Unanimous Vote**

**C. Recommendations – Certified Personnel**

**1. Recalls**

**Based on program needs and services for the students with special education needs, it is**

**recommended that the following personnel be recalled to their present position for the 2014-2015**

**school year:**

**Melissa Rollings Tiverton High School**

**Elizabeth Galla Portsmouth Middle School**

**Nicole Desrosiers Portsmouth High School**

**Kim Warrington Portsmouth High School**

**Leah Pineau Portsmouth Middle School**

**Margaret Nicoletti Portsmouth High School**

**Liane Barone Fort Barton School**

**Brandyn Chace Tiverton Middle School**

**Jennifer Lynch Tiverton High School**

**Maureen Leahy .5 Tiverton High School**

**Patricia Lynch Fort Barton School**

**Victoria Rapoza Tiverton High School**

**Amy Quintal Tiverton Middle School**

**Shana McKinnon Wilbur & McMahon School**

**Rebecca Duggan Middletown High School**

**MOTION: 1) Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel's recalls as presented. Unanimous Vote**

**Based on program needs and services for the students with special education needs, it is recommended that the layoffs be rescinded for the 2014-2015 school year for the following personnel:**

**Keri Larson**

**Hope Valloney**

**Kaitlyn Birrell**

**MOTION: 1) Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel's layoffs be rescinded as presented. Unanimous Vote**

**Based on program needs and services for the students with special education needs, it is recommended that the following personnel be**

**displaced due to the elimination of a program for the 2014-2015 school year.**

**Danielle Laurie**

**MOTION: 1) Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel be notified of her displacement for the 2014-2015 school year. Unanimous Vote**

#### **D. Recommendations – Non-Certified Personnel**

##### **1. Recalls**

**Based on the needs of the students who receive special education services, it is recommended that the following non-certified personnel be recalled.**

##### **Middletown – Full Time**

**Kerri Russo Middletown High School**

**Susan Rohrman Middletown High School**

**Devhan Ring Middletown High School**

**Rachel Williams Gaudet Middle School**

**Cindy Thornsbury Middletown High School**

**Cheryl Poholek Aquidneck School**

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

**Portsmouth**

**Samantha Emmons Portsmouth High School**

**Deborah Maitland Portsmouth Middle School**

**Kimberly McKenna Portsmouth Middle School**

**Teri King Hathaway School**

**Michelle Silva Melville School**

**Susan Lewis Melville School**

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

**Tiverton**

**Elizabeth Cabral Tiverton High School**

**Kathryn Tappan Ranger School**

**Jonell Blanchette Fort Barton School**

**Erin Goulart Fort Barton School**

**Dawn Sanford Fort Barton School**

**Kelly Kulpa Fort Barton School**

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

**Based on program needs and services for the students with special education needs, it is recommended that the following non-certified personnel be displaced due to the elimination of a program for the 2014-2015 school year.**

**Whitney Troutman**

**MOTION: 1) Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named non-certified personnel be notified of her displacement for the 2014-2015 school year. Unanimous Vote**

#### **E. Discussion and/or Action Items**

**1. John F. Kennedy – Mrs. Kraeger/Dr. Santa shared additional information regarding the potential use of the John F. Kennedy School for the Middletown/Portsmouth pre-school programs. The Board recommended that the NCRSEP look into possibly utilizing the building for the 2015-2016 school year.**

**2. Kindergarten Self-Contained Program – Ms. Kraeger shared information she gathered regarding using the Hathaway School for the Kindergarten Self-Contained Program. Concerns were with space**

available due to the equipment needs of the children ie. Strollers/wheelchairs, etc. Ms. Kraeger will continue to investigate the possibility of using space at the Hathaway School and return to the Board with additional information.

3. Extended School Year – Ms. Kraeger shared information regarding the planning of the 2014 Extended School Year services ie. Staffing/students/transportation etc.

4. Staffing – Certified/Non-Certified – Dr. Santa, Ms. Kraeger & Mrs. Andrade presented the Board with a spreadsheet reflecting the projected Certified/Non-Certified staffing plans for the 2014-2015 school year.

5. Special Education Coordinator Positions – Dr. Santa shared concerns with the Board regarding the future need for Special Education Coordinator Positions. The Board recommended that NCRSEP post the Special Education Coordinator Positions for Tiverton Middle School, Portsmouth Middle School, Portsmouth High School.

#### 6. Budget

Dr. Santa shared the plans/needs for School Psychologists/Social Workers for the 2014-2015 school year. She requested that the Board approve the hiring of a .6 Regional School Psychologist and a .4 Regional Adaptive P.E. Teacher which will affect the 2014-2015 regional budget.

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

of a .6 Preschool Regional School Psychologist. Unanimous Vote

**7. Transition Program – Dr. Santa discussed with the Board the possibility of adding a Transition Program to the Region to bring back students that are currently attending the EBEC Transition Academy as well as additional students that will be needing Transition Services after leaving High School.**

**8. Nurse/Teacher – Dr. Santa discussed with the Board the possibility of hiring a Regional School Nurse/Teacher to assist with students at the Gaudet Middle School.**

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

**Region’s posting of a .5 School Nurse/Teacher position for the 2014-2015 school year. Unanimous Vote**

**9. Adaptive P.E. - .4 – Dr. Santa discussed with the Board the possibility of hiring an additional .4 Regional Adaptive P.E. Teacher.**

**MOTION: 1) Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the Region’s**

**posting of a .4 Adaptive P.E. Teacher position. Unanimous Vote**

**10. 2013 NCRSEP Annual Audit**

**MOTION: 1) Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the 2013**

**NCRSEP Annual Audit as presented. Unanimous Vote**

**11. Articles of Agreement and By-Laws of the NCRSEP – Amended & Restated**

**The Board was given a copy of the Amended & Restated Articles of Agreement and By-Laws of the NCRSEP provided by Attorney Neil P. Galvin for their review/discussion and debate. The Board would like**

**to bring the original by-laws of the NCRSEP as well as the Amended & Restated by-laws**

**to their local school committees/attorneys for their review/input.**

## **12. Special Education Local Advisory Committee (SELAC) By-Laws**

**The Board was given a copy of the Special Education Local Advisory Committee (SELAC) By-Laws prepared by the 2014 Leadership Team for their review/approval.**

**MOTION: 1) Mr. D. Croston, 2) Mr. W. Rearick That the Board of Superintendents approves the SELAC By-Laws as presented.**

**Unanimous Vote**

## **F. Program Highlights/Evolving School-Based Needs**

### **1. Critical Cases – Questions/Concerns**

## **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) Mr. D. Croston - Role call unanimous.**

**That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to move into Executive Session 11:01 a.m.**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mr. D. Croston – Role call unanimous.**

**That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to adjourn**

**from Executive Session at 11:34 a.m. No Vote was taken.**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mr. D. Croston – Role call unanimous.  
That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session at 11:35 a.m.**

**ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Mr. W. Rearick 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger. To adjourn from the Board of Superintendent’s Meeting, at 11:36 a.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rachel Santa, Director \_\_\_\_\_ Coleen Silvia,  
Clerk \_\_\_\_\_**