

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

Board of Superintendents Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

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, Director, Newport County Regional

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

Mrs. C. Silvia, Admin. Asst, NCR

Mrs. G. Augustus, Finance Director, NCR

Atty. N. Galvin

Atty. S. Adams

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)

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

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley – 3-1 Recusal. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley, role call unanimous. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and seal the minutes at 9:14 a.m.

Legal matter was discussed. No Vote was taken.

II. Called to Order – 9:17 a.m.

III. Consent Agenda

Director Kraeger made the recommendation to non-renew the following staff for reasons specified.

A. Non-Renewals

1. Certified Staff

The specific reason for this recommendation is based upon the Portsmouth Public Schools' withdrawal from the Newport County Regional Special Education Program and the corresponding decline in enrollment. This elimination will be effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

- 1. Jeanne Kane – PMS**
- 2. Melanie Salomone – Melville**
- 3. Ann Grimes**
- 4. Christine Lawrence**
- 5. Michelle Murtha**
- 6. Deborah Melillo**
- 7. Nancy Mendonca**
- 8. Patricia Powell**
- 9. Danielle Laurie**
- 10. Teresa McGinnis**
- 11. Victoria Vieira**
- 12. Charity Shea**
- 13. Alexandra Phelan**
- 14. Mary Surber**
- 15. Dylan Roy**
- 16. Jodi Dame**
- 17. Sandra Warshauer**
- 18. Brooke Grant**
- 19. Shannon Maher**
- 20. Sara Hilyard**
- 21. Robin Fricchione**
- 22. Kerri Larson**
- 23. Margaret Lapore**
- 24. Leah Pineau**
- 25. Kim Warrington**

- 26. Nicole Desrosiers**
- 27. Brandyn Chace**
- 28. Elizabeth Galla**
- 29. Melissa Rollings**
- 30. Kristen Gill**
- 31. Marc Gonsalves**

2. Non-Certified Staff

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- 1. Amanda Dacyczyn**
- 2. Christine Bowler**
- 3. Karen Duval**
- 4. Gretchen Dugan**
- 5. Susan Lynch**
- 6. Cindy Garant**
- 7. Carol Farrow**
- 8. Terrance Jones**
- 9. Abigail Farrow**
- 10. Patricia Greene**
- 11. Janet Blaess-Holmes**
- 12. Frank Brow**

- 13. Suzanne Cosgrove**
- 14. Deb Maitland**
- 15. Maureen Costa**
- 16. Kim McKenna**
- 17. Carol Drapeu**
- 18. Kathy Pendergrast**
- 19. Sarita Pimentel**
- 20. Barbara Eyster**
- 21. Lindi Lopes**
- 22. Allison Lawson**
- 23. Deb Provost**
- 24. Paula Lynch**
- 25. Deb Jackson**
- 26. Teri King**
- 27. Susan Lewis**
- 28. Melissa Cabral**
- 29. Eileen Andrews**
- 30. Sonia Medeiros**
- 31. Michelle Silva - .8**
- 32. Tricia Andrade - .8**
- 33. Michelle Calouro - .8**
- 34. Lori Clarke - .8**
- 35. Erin Rodrigues**

3. Regional Certified Support Personnel

The specific reason for this recommendation is due to Portsmouth

Public Schools' withdrawal from the Newport County Regional Special Education Program which could result in program reductions, consolidation of classes, and realignment of staff and elimination of positions. In addition, this recommendation is due to the uncertainty of local, Federal and State funding for this department's programs for the 2015-2016 school year, which could result in program reductions, consolidation of classes, and realignment of staff and elimination of positions in order to more effectively and efficiently use the department's assets.

- 1. Ashley Crozier**
- 2. Brooke Lowery**
- 3. Melissa Rawson**
- 4. Michelle Schmitt**
- 5. Abigail Vellucci**
- 6. Jason Ford**

4. Certified Personnel & Regional Certified Personnel – One year only. The specific reason for this recommendation is based upon the fact that the assignment, _____ assigned to _____ was for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year only. This elimination will be effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

- 1. Deborah Knapman - .6**
- 2. Joanne Sturgeon - .6**

3. Emily Stenning - .5

4. Gabriela Batek

Mr. Walsh (NEA RI) spoke on behalf of the special educators, indicating that the Board's decision to lay-off the 31 teachers is complicated by the fact that it has an old MOA. He indicated that the region didn't lay off based on seniority and Portsmouth did not give out employment letters based on seniority. He requested to postpone the vote and wait until new Special Education Director in Portsmouth comes on Board to determine what the class/student needs are.

The following staff shared concerns they have.

Melanie Salomone – 25 years multiple children – Intensive Pre-K

Patti Powell – Integrated pre-K

Dylan Roy – Port/Midd

Brandyn Chace – 3.5 yrs Tiv/Ports

Elizabeth Galla – PMS 3 yrs

Melissa Rollings – PHS 1 yr Ports/1 yr Tiv

Margaret LePore – PHS 6 years

Teresa McGinnis – PMS RIAA Classroom Severe/Profound

Michelle Silva – Melville – TA

Georgie Murphy – Council 94 Union Representative Local 2669: Requesting that the vote be postponed; and if any positions become open in other towns allow them to have 1st opportunity to bid into these positions.

Bob Ibbottson – Vice President Council 94 Local 2669 – reiterated Ms. Murphy's request.

Mr. Rearick asked the Director for her recommendation:

I. A. Non-Renewals

1. Recommendations of Non-Renewals and Position Eliminations – Certified Staff

Motion – 1) Mrs. Crowley, 2) R. Kraeger – accept the recommendation of the Director to non-renew the certified staff as presented. The vote was 3-1 motion passes; Mrs. Riley opposed the recommendation.

Mrs. Kraeger, Mrs. Crowley and Mr. Rearick shared their thoughts and stated that this decision was made by Portsmouth to withdraw from the region and the MOA, as in place, needs to be followed.

2. Recommendations of Non-Renewals and Position Eliminations – Non-Certified Staff

Motion – 1) R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K Crowley – accept the recommendation of the director to non-renew the non-certified staff as presented. The vote was 3-1 motion passes; Mrs. Riley opposed the recommendation.

3. Recommendations of Non-Renewals and Position Eliminations – Regional Support Staff

Motion – 1) Mrs. Crowley, 2. Kraeger – accept the recommendation of the director to non-renew the Regional Support Staff as presented. The vote was 3-1 motion passes; Mrs. Riley opposed the recommendation.

4. Recommendations of Non-Renewals and Position Eliminations – One Year Only

Motion – 1) Mrs. Crowley, 2, Mrs. Kraeger – accept the recommendation of the director to non-renew the one-year-only staff

as presented. Unanimous Vote

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MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger, role call unanimous. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley – 3-1 Recusal. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and seal the minutes at 10:22 a.m.

Legal matter was discussed. No Vote was taken.

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Mrs. A. Riley, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley. To adjourn from the Board of Superintendent's Meeting, at 11:24 a.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Kraeger, Director _____ Coleen Silvia,

Clerk _____