

# **NEWPORT COUNTY REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Serving the Towns of Little Compton, Middletown, Tiverton**

**Board of Superintendents Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2016**

**Held at NCRSEP Office**

**Oliphant Administration Building**

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

**Mrs. R. Kraeger, Middletown Public Schools**

**Dr. R. Power, Little Compton Public Schools**

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

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

**Mrs. G. Augustus, Finance Director, Newport County Regional**

**Mrs. C. Silvia, Admin. Assistant, Newport County Regional**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

**The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Mr. Rearick**

## **II. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Matching Funds Memo – Signatures – The Matching Funds Memo was provided to the Superintendents for their signatures.**

## **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Out-of-District Placements – Separate File**

**B. Medicaid Reimbursement Update – Separate File**

**C. Year to Date Summary**

**D. Disbursement Detail Listing**

**E. Personnel Assignment Lists**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**1. March 2, 2016 & March 23, 2016**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Dr. R. Power, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2016 minutes. Unanimous Vote.**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Dr. R. Power, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 minutes. Unanimous Vote.**

**B. Resignations/Retirements/Leave of Absence**

**1. Mark Williams – Teacher Assistant – Gaudet Middle School -**

**Resignation**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Dr. R. Power, to accept the above named non-certified's letter of resignation. Unanimous Vote.**

**C. Non-Renewals**

**1. Certified Staff**

**A. Due to the uncertainty of local, Federal and State funding for the programs for the 2016-**

**2017 School Year, it is recommended that the following personnel's present positions be**

**eliminated at the end of the 2015-2016 School Year:**

**1. Kristen Gilbride**

**2. Patricia Lynch**

**3. Maureen Leahy**

#### **4. Francesca Shiels**

**The specific reason for this recommendation is due to the uncertainty of local, Federal and State funding for this department's programs for the 2016 - 2017 school year, which could result in program reductions, consolidation of classes, realignment of staff and elimination of positions in order to more effectively and efficiently use the department's assets. This elimination will be effective at the end of the 2015 – 2016 school year; this elimination may permit displacement of a less qualified or less senior teacher pursuant to state law.**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Dr. R. Power That the Board of Superintendents approve the non-renewals as presented above.  
Unanimous Vote**

**B. Due to the elimination of current positions at the end of the 2015-2016 School Year, it is recommended that the following personnel's position be eliminated.**

##### **1. Barbara DeSantis**

**The specific reason for this displacement is the elimination of current positions.**

**This elimination will be effective at the end of the 2015 - 2016 school year; this elimination may permit displacement of a less qualified or**

**less senior teacher pursuant to state law.**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Dr. R. Power That the Board of Superintendents approve the non-renewals as presented above.**

**Unanimous Vote**

**C. Due to the fact that the following positions were for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year only, it is recommended that the following positions be eliminated at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.**

- 1. Kelley Brennan: 1.0 FTE, Fort Barton School**
- 2. Marielle Clair: 1.0 FTE, Pocasset & Ranger Schools**
- 3. Kimberly Smith: 0.5 FTE, Wilbur McMahon Schools**
- 4. Deidre Gauch: .4 Special Education Coordinator – Tiverton Middle School**
- 5. J. Peter Dugan: Regional Out of District Coordinator**

**The specific reason for this recommendation is based upon the fact that the assignment, (position) assigned to (school) was for the remainder of the 2015 - 2016 school year only. This elimination will be effective at the end of the 2015 – 2016 school year.**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Dr. R. Power That the Board of Superintendents approve the non-renewals as presented above.**

**Unanimous Vote**

## **2. Non-Certified Personnel**

**A. Based upon uncertainty of funding for the 2016 - 2017 school year, it is recommended that the following employees be placed on layoff status effective on the last day of school for the 2015 – 2016 school year**

### **Middletown**

**Marian Coney**

### **Tiverton**

**Betsey Peckham**

**Grace Savastano**

**April Souza**

**Barbara Zeller**

### **Little Compton**

**Jennifer LaBonte**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Dr. R. Power That the Board of Superintendents approve the non-renewals as presented above.**

**Unanimous Vote**

**B. Based upon the programming needs for the 2016 - 2017 school year, it is recommended that the following employees be displaced due to the elimination of current position. This displacement will be effective the last day of school for the 2015 - 2016 school year.**

**Tiverton:**

**Stephanie DiPrato**

**Sandra Furtado**

**Dawn Sanford**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Dr. R. Power That the Board of Superintendents approve the non-renewals as presented above.**

**Unanimous Vote**

**C. Based upon the fact that the assignment, teacher assistant assigned to Wilbur-McMahon School was for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year only. This elimination will be effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.**

**Little Compton**

**Carla Woodhouse**

**MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Dr. R. Power That the Board of Superintendents approve the non-renewal as presented above.**

**Unanimous Vote**

## **V. NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

**A. Extended School Year (ESY) – Ms. Kraeger shared with the Board information regarding the 2016 ESY programs. Middletown's programs will be held at the Middletown High School and Gaudet**

**Middle School. Tiverton's programs will be held at the Pocasset School – equipment will need to be moved from Ranger/Fort Barton schools. Ms. Kraeger will contact Mr. Mendes, Director of Maintenance to coordinate this. Little Compton programs will be held at the Wilbur School**

**B. Annual Award's Ceremony – Ms. Kraeger shared the program for the Award's Ceremony which will take place on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. It was decided that based on the overwhelming response for the program that the location be changed from the Oliphant Administration Building to the Tiverton High School Auditorium.**

**C. Transition Coordinator – Ms. Kraeger shared with the Board the job description for the Regional Transition/Vocational Coach. The Board recommended that Ms. Kraeger investigate the possibility of contracting with an outside agency (EBCA, C&FS, RHD, Looking Upwards) vs. hiring through the NCRSEP.**

**D. FY 2015 Audit Report – Mrs. Augustus presented the Board with the FY 2015 Audit Report**

**It was discussed that a portion of the fund balance be allocated towards OPEB with the possibility of any remaining funds being used for Project Search. The Board recommended that Mrs. Augustus speak to the district business managers for their input regarding OPEB funding allocations. Mrs. Augustus will contact the R.I. Interlocal Trust to set up an OPEB account.**

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**There was no Executive Session for the May 4, 2016 meeting.**

**ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Dr. R. Power, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger, To adjourn from the Board of Superintendent's Meeting, at 9:45 a.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sarah Kraeger, Director \_\_\_\_\_ Coleen Silvia,  
Admin. Assistant \_\_\_\_\_**