

Chariho School Committee Meeting
Executive Session – February 15, 2024
**ESP MOA - Minutes to remain sealed until an agreement is reached.
Unsealed February 15, 2024**

Committee Members Attendance: Chair Catherine Giusti, Vice Chair Karen Reynolds, Donna Chambers, Kathryn Colasante, Polly Hopkins, Craig Louzon, Linda Lyall, Andrew McQuaide, Larry Phelps, Patricia Pouliot and Jessica Purcell. Absent: Tyler Champlin.

Administrators and Others Attendance: Superintendent Gina Picard, Assistant Superintendent Michael Comella, Director of Administration and Finance Ned Draper and School Committee Clerk Donna Sieczkiewicz.

II. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Chariho Regional School District and Chariho Education Support Professionals (ESP) Pertaining to Article 17.5.a of the Collective Bargaining Agreement - Superintendent Picard noted that Article 17.5.a states *“In the event that an assistant’s position becomes vacant after the first day of school, the following procedure will be followed: a. The position may be filled on a temporary basis in accordance with Article 17 provided that the new assignment does not result in an additional classroom assistant’s position being vacated.”* We have a student moving here who is in need of a 1:1 assistant so in order to maintain consistency for this student, we would like this teacher assistant, who bid on this position to begin July 1st, to start in this position now and not fill the position temporarily and change the assistant at the beginning of the next school year. ESP Union has agreed to allow her to begin now. Discussion will take place in executive session; the vote will occur in open session. Andrew noted his thanks to NEA ESP for allowing this as it is very helpful to the District and the student. There were no questions or concerns with this MOA.

The Committee moved approval of executive session minutes.

Donna J. Sieczkiewicz, Clerk