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**School Committee Appoints Shaver as New School Business Manager**

(Salem, MA – June 14, 2016) – The Salem Public Schools School Committee tonight voted unanimously in favor to appoint Kristin E. Shaver as the new Business Manager for the Salem Public Schools. Shaver will replace Phil Littlehale who had served as Business Manager since 2011.

Shaver currently serves as the Director of Finance for Collaborative for Regional Educational Services and Training (CREST) based in Methuen, MA. While working for CREST, she undertook a number of initiatives including implementing a new payroll system to track student information and billing, clearing twelve major audit findings within 18 months, worked with stakeholders to manage a budget that has grown by 80% since fiscal year 2013.

“With more than 13 years of related experience, Kristin will be able to have an immediate impact, especially as we continue to work to implement systems, create efficiencies and manage our scarce resources effectively,” said Superintendent Margarita Ruiz, who presented Shaver’s candidacy to School Committee.

Prior to joining CREST, she served for six years with Community Teamwork in Lowell, MA where she took on increasing responsibilities. At that organization, Shaver oversaw a \$16 million operating budget; trained program directors and managers on budgeting; and, supervised the Facilities and Food Service departments

Shaver said, “I am excited for the opportunity to serve the Salem Public Schools and work with the School Committee and the Superintendent to ensure that the District is managing its resources in the best interest of the nearly 4,000 students we serve every school day”

Shaver received her MBA and her BA in Management from University of Massachusetts – Amherst.

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