



**Regional School District #4
Chester – Deep River – Essex – Region 4**

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA

Date: Jan 21, 2015

To: Members of the Chester Board of Education
 Subject: **Board of Education meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2015**
 Time: Board meetings begin promptly at **7:00 p.m.**
 Place: Library, Chester Elementary School

Please contact Jennifer Bryan at Central Office via email jbryan@reg4.k12.ct.us if you are unable to attend.

Mission Statement

We, the schools of Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4, engage all students in a rigorous, challenging, and cohesive educational program. As a community of learners, we foster individual student achievement and empower students to excel in an environment of collaboration, responsibility, and mutual respect. We prepare our students to be knowledgeable, involved citizens in a rapidly changing world.

1. **Call to order.** 7:00 p.m. – Chair, Wendy King
2. **Consent agenda.** The following items are to be handled as combined and by single vote. Any Board member may request that an item be pulled out for further discussion.
 - 2.1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of November 24, 2014 (*enclosure #1*)
 - 2.2. Minutes from the Special Meeting of December 18, 2014 (*encl #2*)
 - 2.3. Accounts Payable report (*enclosure #3*)
3. **Student Report** – General update by CES student
4. **Public comment.** The public is reminded to state name for the record. Comments should be kept to a maximum of three minutes. Public comment is not intended to be a question and answer period; rather it is an opportunity for the Board to hear citizen comment related to educational matters.
5. **Other items**
 - 5.1 Community and Board input on 2015-16 CES Budget
 - 5.2 Principal’s report – *M. Barile*
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1 Financial Status Report – (*G. Sawyer*)
 - a. Financial Status and Cafeteria Updates (*enclosure #4*)
 - 6.2 Committee reports. (BOE chair)
 - a. Joint PK-12 Committees – Policy – *J. Clark*, Curriculum – *D. Fitzgibbons*, Finance – *M. Watson*

Finance	Curriculum	Policy
Sept. 30, 2014	Sept. 21, 2014	Sept. 16, 2014
Nov. 18, 2014 Moved due to holiday	Nov. 18, 2014	Nov. 18, 2014
Jan 26, 2015 Set on last Mon.	Jan. 20, 2015	Jan. 20, 2015
Mar. 31, 2015	Mar. 24, 2015 Set on 4 th Tuesday.	Mar. 24, 2015 Set on 4 th Tuesday
No May Mtg.	May 19, 2015	May 19, 2015
Sept. 29, 2015	Sept. 15, 2015	Sept. 15, 2015
Nov. 24, 2015	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 17, 2015

- b. Supervision District Committee Update – *W. King, D. Fitzgibbons, A. Henick*
- c. LEARN Committee Update – *R. Bibbiani*
- d. Regionalization Committee – *R. Levy*
- e. Other committee reports
 - e.1 Need to appoint Chester BOE Representative to the Joint BOE Technology Ad Hoc Committee

6.3 Assistant Superintendent's report (*J. Beekley*)

- a. General update

7. Superintendent's report. (*R. Levy*)

- a. District update

- b. Information and Communication

- b.1 Discussion and possible VOTE to ask Region 4 BOE to begin the statutory process to add PreK-6th grades to the Region 4 School District.

- b.2 Second Reading and VOTE on the following policies from the December 4, 2014 Joint BOE meeting at which the Chester BOE did not have a quorum:

- b.1.a Policy #5145 Notice of Rights Under section 504
Rehabilitation Act Policy (*encl #5*)

- b.1.b. Policy #1112.6 Videotaping of Staff and Students (*encl #6*)

- b.2 Discussion regarding any pending policies - *standing item*

- b.2.a. Policy #4112.8/4212.8 Nepotism (*encl. #7*)

- b.2.b. Policy #4117.4 Non-renewal/Suspension (*encl. #8*)

- b.2.c. Policy #4118.23/4218.23 Conduct (*encl. #9*)

- b.2.d. Policy #4121 Substitute Teachers (*encl #10*)

- b.2.e. Policy #4131 Staff Development (*encl #11*)

- b.2.f. Policy #6142.101 Wellness Policy (*encl #12*)

8. Public Comment

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9. Future agenda items.

- 9.1 Joint BOE next regular meeting Feb. 26, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. (JWMS)

- 9.2 Chester BOE next regular meeting (Mar. 26, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.)

- 9.3 Chester BOE 2015-16 budget workshops – Feb 04, Feb 19, Mar 18, 2015 (@ 6:00 p.m. @ CO)

- 9.4 BOE and Community input for 2015-16 budget (on-going)

- 9.5 BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

10. Adjournment



Regional School District 4
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Boards of Education Committees – School Year 2014-15 (Updates in Progress)

Joint BOE Standing Committees (standing committees have regularly scheduled meetings)			
*Joint PK-12 Policy Sub-Committee	R4(Clark/Fitzgibbons/Alt. Riley) CH(Henick/Fearon) DR(Corcoran/Andrews) ES (Seidman/McCluskey)		
*Joint PK-12 Curriculum Sub-Comm.	R4(Wichtowski/Monaghan/ Kavanaugh Alt.) CH(Fitzgibbons/Bibbiani/Alt. Fearon) DR(Berardis/Grabowski/ Grow Alt.) ES(Rotella/Conrad Alt.)		
*Joint PK-12 Finance Sub-Committee	R4 (Gioco/Rankin/ Tomlinson Alt.) CH (Fitzgibbons/Sonn) DR (Olson/Daniels) ES (Watson/Conrad)		
Supervision District Committee (2 yr terms end in Nov. of the year listed after each name)	R4 (Wichtowski 15 / Riley 15 / Fitzgibbons 15) CH (King 15 /Fitzgibbons 15 / Henick 15) DR (Grow 15 / Olson 15 / Morrissey 15) ES (Fitton 15 /McCluskey 15 / Seidman 15)		
Joint Ad Hoc Committees (ad hoc committees meet for a designated period or as needed)			
Personnel & Negotiations		Contract duration	Initiate negotiations
- Joint BOE Teacher negotiations	R4 (TBD/Riley) CH (King/ Fitzgibbons/Alston Alt.) DR (Morrissey / Daniels) ES (Fitton / Watson)	Expires 6/2016	6/2015
- Joint BOE Administrator negotiations	Same as ABOVE for Teacher negotiations		Expires 7/2017
- Joint BOE Paraeducator negotiations	Same as BELOW for Net Tech et al.		Expires 7/2017
- Joint BOE NetTechs et al negotiations (ElemSec/Elem Nurses/ElemNetTech/R4NetTech/ElemCustodians) - Cafeteria (all schools)	R4 (Riley, Olson) CH (King/Alston) DR (Olson/Daniels) ES (Fitton/Watson)	Expires 6/2015	3/2015
		Expires 6/2017	3/2017
Public Relations & Community Outreach	R4(Riley/Fitzgibbons) CH (King/Bibbiani) ES (Seidman) DR (TBD)		
Transportation	As needed		
Technology	R4(Gioco) CH(TBD) ES (Seidman) DR (Daniels)		
Cafeteria	R4(Riley) CH (King) ES (TBD) DR (Daniels)		
School Calendar	R4 (Clark) CH (King) ES (TBD) DR (Morrissey)		
Space Utilization	R4(Fitzgibbons) CH(TBD) ES (TBD) DR (Daniels)		
District Governance (PK-12 Organization)	R4(Clark/TBD) CH(TBD) ES (Seidman) DR (Daniels)		
LEARN Joint BOE representative(s)	R4(Fitzgibbons), CH(Fearon), ES(Rotella), DR(Morrissey)		
Individual BOE Ad Hoc Committees (ad hoc committees meet for a designated period or as needed)			
<u>Chester BOE</u>			
Facilities	TBD		
Internal Marketing	TBD		
PTO	TBD		
CATV Advisory Council (Cable TV)	For Discussion		
<u>Deep River BOE</u>			
Facilities	Daniels/Olson/Morrissey		
PTO	Grow		
School Improvement Team	TBD		
CATV Advisory Council (Cable TV)	For Discussion		
<u>Essex BOE</u>			
Building	Seidman		
PTO	Rotating		
School Improvement Team	TBD		
Essex Foundation	McCluskey / Fitton		
Communications	Rotating		
CATV Advisory Council (Cable TV)	Fitton		
<u>Region 4 BOE</u>			
Personnel & Negotiations		Contract duration	Initiate negotiations
▪ R4 Secretaries/Nurses	Riley/Alt. TBD	Expires 6/2017	3/2017
▪ R4 Custodians	Riley/Alt. TBD	Expires 6/2015	3/2015
R4 Audit & Finance	Rankin/Gioco		
School Improvement Team	TBD/TBD/Tomlinson		
R4 Grounds Maintenance Oversight Committee	TBD/TBD		
R4 Building Committee	Tomlinson/Fitzgibbons/TBD		
R4 Educational Foundation	TBD		
Region 4 Extra compensation points committee	TBD (only 1 rep needed)		
Public Relations & Outreach	Riley		
R4 Safety	Fitzgibbons		
R4 Advisory Council (PTO)	For Discussion		
R4 Facilities Study Committee	Riley		

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Welcome to tonight's meeting of the Chester Board of Education. We appreciate your interest and attendance.

WHO WE ARE:

We are fellow residents of Chester, elected by the community to serve 4 years without compensation.

Arthur Henick	2017	Charlene Fearon,	Co-Sec. 2017	Crystal Sonn,	Co-Secretary 2015
Robert Bibbiani	2017	Vacancy	2017	Wendy King,	Chair 2015
Rodney Alston	2017	Vacancy	2017	David Fitzgibbons,	Vice-Chair 2015

Our contact information is listed in the school calendar and the school web site. Our annual goals are also listed on the school web site (www.reg4.k12.ct.us).

We are assisted in the meeting by our school administration:

Dr. Ruth I. Levy, Superintendent of Schools, Region 4 – Chester – Deep River - Essex
Dr. Joanne D. Beekley, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Michael Barile, Principal

Our board clerk is Ms. Kelley Frazier.

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE AND PARTICIPATE:

We typically have two "audiences of citizens" during the meeting. During this part of the meeting, you can make comments, suggestions and ask questions. We ask you to limit comments to 3 minutes. If you share a common topic with others, we encourage the use of a single spokesperson for the group. As the intention of the audience of citizens is for the Board to listen to you, the Board may not respond immediately since we may not have discussed or taken a position on the topic...please don't take this as a sign of disinterest. Our standard of courtesy and respect for the opinions of others is the same as the one expected of our students.

We encourage written input to the Board to include suggestions on future agenda items. Upon request, letters can be read at the meeting as long as they focus on issues or policies and not people.

While we value your input, please know the Board of Education meeting is a "Meeting in Public" and not a "Public Meeting." We appreciate your helping us accomplish our agenda in a time effective manner.

REGULAR MEETINGS:

Our regular meetings are normally held on the fourth Thursday of every other month, unless there is a conflict with school vacation. In addition we participate in meetings of the Joint Board of Education Committee every other month along with the Boards of Education of Chester, Deep River and Essex. Our agenda is posted at town hall and on the school website (www.reg4.k12.ct.us).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board may occasionally meet in "Executive Session." This closed-door meeting is for discussing items of a sensitive nature, such as personnel issues or negotiation strategy.

SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Special meetings may be called with 24 hours advanced notice, to discuss specific items. The agenda will be posted on the bulletin board by the cafeteria and the meeting will be limited to those items.

We appreciate your attendance this evening and invite your continued interest on behalf of the children and residents of Chester.