

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
January 23, 2020 7:00pm**

The regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 23, 2020. In attendance were Tom Englert, Kris Pollock, Charlene Fearon, Rob Bibbiani, Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis, Dale Bernardoni and Maria Scherber. Also in attendance were Brian White, Superintendent and Tyson Stoddard, Principal. Absent: David Fitzgibbons

CALL TO ORDER

Substitute Chair Tom Englert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Rob Bibbiani and seconded by Maria Scherber the Chester Board of Education **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 25, 2019 regular meeting and the Accounts Payable report.

STUDENT REPORT

Student leaders discussed the Three Rivers Community College Leadership Conference they recently attended. Mr. Englert thanked the students for presenting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

REPORTS and OTHER ITEMS:

**Superintendent's Report
District Update**

Mr. White noted that the budget process for CES will start on January 30th. Mr. Richard Huot will be the interim business manager and Mr. Chip Ward will also offer support on a project basis.

Information and Communication

No additional update.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ms. Martineau was not present. Mr. Stoddard discussed the report card development committee work. Feedback will be received from staff regarding the new report card.

Director of Pupil Services Report

Ms. Smalley was not present.

Financial Status Report

Financial Status and Cafeteria Account Update

Mr. White discussed the report through November 29, 2019 and the new format being used.

Possible VOTE to Approve Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,507.00 from General Supplies – Principal’s Office to Insurance Board of Education LAP(Object 5520)

Mr. White discussed the transfer.

Upon a motion made by Maria Scherber and seconded by Dale Bernardoni the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,507.00 from General Supplies – Principal’s Office (Object 5610) to Insurance Board of Education LAP (Object 5520).

Principal’s Update

Mr. Stoddard discussed the activities at CES. He gave an update on ALICE and the feedback from parents. Mr. Stoddard discussed the structures and supports in place in our district which he shared with the Chester PTO. The STEAM program is underway. Judging will be March 5th. The next town meeting will focus on Choose Love. There are fundraising opportunities which the Student Leaders are facilitating. They have raised over \$1,600 for the Pulsera project.

Possible VOTE to Accept the Following Donations to be used at the Discretion of Administration United Way of Central & Northeastern Connecticut donation in the Amount of \$299.86 and the Valley Soccer Club donation in the amount of \$500.00.

Mr. Stoddard discussed the donations.

Upon a motion made by Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis and seconded by Rob Bibbiani the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to Accept the Following Donations to be used at the Discretion of Administration: United Way of Central & Northeastern Connecticut donation in the Amount of \$299.86 and the Valley Soccer Club donation in the amount of \$500.00.

Committee Reports

A special meeting will be held for all Boards on January 27th regarding the self-insured fund.

Finance - Next meeting is January 27, 2020

Curriculum – The benefits of Music education was discussed. The Middle school and High School instrumental instructors gave a presentation. This program is growing. From 7th to 8th Grade there is a decline in participation due to scheduling. This will be examined more closely.

Policy – Next meeting is January 27, 2020

Supervision District:

The budget is up 3.57%. The next meeting is on January 28th at 6:00pm at JWMS. Chester’s allocation is up .16%.

LEARN Committee Report

A representative will need to be assigned.

Other Committee Reports

Joint BOE Ad Hoc School Security Advisory Committee

Parents are more comfortable with the implementation of security protocols at the Middle School.

Discussion regarding and Pending Policies

Policy #5114 Suspension/Due Process

This policy has been updated as discussed with the addition of pepper spray.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 CES Budget Workshop I is Thurs Jan 30, 2020 @ 6:00pm @CES Library

7.2 CES Budget Workshop II is Tues, Feb 11, 2020 @ 6:00pm @CES Library

7.3 CES Budget Workshop III is Tues Mar 3, 2020 @ 6:00pm @CES Library

7.4 Next CES BOE Regular Meeting is March 26, 2020 @ 7:00pm @ CES Library

7.5 BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary