

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

March 28, 2013

The regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 28, 2013. In attendance Lianne Ritty, Peg Reyer, Ashley Marsh, Amy Safran, David Fitzgibbons, Wendy King, Sean Savoy, and Laurie Rubinow. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Dr. Joanne Beekley, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Barile, Principal, Mr. Garth Sawyer, Business Manager and Kelley Frazier, Clerk.

Absent: Nicole Sypher

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. King called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Peg Reyer moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 30, 2013, the minutes from the budget workshop on February 6, 2013 and March 19, 2013 as amended as well as the Accounts Payable report. David Fitzgibbons seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Barile introduced Silvia Gopalakrishnan and Catherine Malli who gave the school update by grade. Ms. King thanked the students for giving the update and presenting at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER ITEMS:

Solar Project Presentation

Mr. Woomer from the Chester Energy Team introduced the team and thanked the Board and the school for their support of this project. Mr. Woomer gave a brief history of the solar project. He detailed the design of the system and how to get more benefit from the system. There will be a solar day at the school. Dr. Levy thanked the Energy Team for their hard work and for the benefits that it has provided the students and community.

Discussion and Possible Vote to Adopt Proposed 2013-14 Budget

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to recommend to bring the Chester Elementary School Budget for school year 2013-14 to the Chester Board of Finance in the amount of \$4,182,373 (four million, one hundred and eighty two thousand, three hundred and seventy three dollars) which is a decrease of -0.98 percent. The motion passed.

REPORTS:

Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave a brief financial status for the Chester Elementary School. Currently the Chester Elementary School is projecting to end the year with a surplus. The Administration will keep the Board informed of any developments that may arise.

Cafeteria Report – Mr. Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave an update on the status of the Cafeteria Budget Updates.

Discussion and Possible Vote on Recommended Deep River Budget Transfers for 2013-14.

Mr. Sawyer reviewed the requested budget transfers.

Upon a motion made by Laurie Rubinow and seconded by Peg Reyer the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the 2012-2013 budget transfers as recommended by Superintendent Levy and Business Manager Sawyer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

The Finance Committee met with two insurance carriers to discuss their plans. Ms. Safran briefly updated the Committee on the presentation.

Policy

There will be several policies sent via email which will be voted on at an upcoming Joint Board of Education Meeting.

LEARN

A representative from the Waterford Schools discussed the new Teacher Evaluations. Waterford schools are involved in the pilot program.

Curriculum

No Update

Joint PK-12 Policy Committee

No Updates

Calendar

No Update

Supervision District

No Update

Other Committee Reports

The Deputy Director from CABE wrote a letter to acknowledge David Fitzgibbons' completion of a week-long CABE conference for Board members. Ms. King thanked Mr. Fitzgibbons for his efforts.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Mr. Barile noted that the second task for Common Core State Standards is complete. Teachers will review the data and decide how to proceed. Teachers are working on developing rigorous performance tests. He noted that full day kindergarten is a tremendous success. The school had a scheduled lockdown drill. It was a success. A crisis team met after the drill.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – J. Beekley

General Update

Dr. Beekley noted that CMT and CAPT testing is complete for the year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - R. Levy

District Update

Dr. Levy noted that the budgets are coming in very reasonably across the district. Budgets are being received very well in our towns. The Chester Board of Finance meeting is April 2nd and the Region 4 public hearing is on April 1st.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to move into Executive Session at 7:54pm to discuss a Personnel Matter and to vote on staff non-renewals. The motion passed. All Administrators present were asked to attend the Executive Session.

The Board Moved out of Executive Session at 8:05pm.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Non Renewal Notice as presented by Mr. Barile. The motion passed.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk