

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
May 23, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 23, 2013. In attendance Lianne Ruddy, Nicole Sypher, Peg Reyer, Ashley Marsh, 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: Amy Safran and David Fitzgibbons

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 March 28, 2013, and the Accounts Payable report. Laurie Rubinow seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Barile introduced Fifth Grade students: Macquire Nelson, Samantha Calamari and Max Gill 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:

None

REPORTS:

Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer was not present but Dr. Levy gave a brief financial status for Chester Elementary School. Currently the Chester Elementary School is projecting to have a surplus. We 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. We are in line with where we expect to end the year. Next year we are accepting Visa and MasterCard online for lunch accounts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

The Finance Committee has not met.

Policy

Policy had a brief meeting and discussed two policies which will be voted on soon.

Curriculum

The calculus curriculum was discussed at the last meeting.

Joint PK-12 Policy Committee

No Update

Supervision District

No Update

OTHER ITEMS:

Principal's Update

Mr. Barile noted that it is a busy time. The Performance Task initiative is completed. Results will be shared at the Data Fair. The students have been taking the Common Core State Standards Pilot testing. Teachers and Administration are working on class placement for next year. Chalk Talk has been received well. Professional development for the IPADS has taken place after school.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – J. Beekley

General Update

Dr. Beekley discussed the Common Core State Standard State Assessment Pilot testing is being completed through out the district. This is a rigorous assessment. The Language Arts team went to a LEARN conference. We received information back from the State of Connecticut on our Education Evaluation Plan. We have one area that needs more elaboration. This will be resubmitted to the State. The Professional Development is being planned for next year. The Administrators are signing up for training at LEARN this summer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - R. Levy

District Update

The Budgets for all schools have passed. The budgeting process went very smoothly this year.

Dr. Levy noted that the Common Core State Standards has been challenging.

Celebrate Learning this year will be more like a camp. There will be activities that are academically focused and other fun activities. We now accept VISA and MasterCard on our website. This will be expanded to include cafeteria accounts.

The Security Advisory Committee will be doing a walk through around the perimeter of the building as well as through the building. Training for the secretaries and the front office staff occurred two weeks ago. We have had ongoing security of our school. Ambulance and Fire from all three towns were met with and will join us on our walk through. This will be ongoing next year. Dr. Levy will meet with clergy from all three towns to have them ready to help in an emergency. Next year all staff members will have an ID tag.

We did receive the grant for the Cooperative Agreement. This agreement is being developed and will be worked on this summer. We are in an excellent place to move forward with this plan.

Graduation is June 20th and the last day is June 25th.

Discussion and possible Vote to Renew the Agreement Concerning the Establishment and Operation of an Interim Collaborative Preschool Program dated February 13, 2008.

There is an orphan asterisk in the agreement. This will be reviewed. The three Elementary Boards will discuss and vote on this at the Joint Board of Education Meeting on June 6, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to move into Executive Session at 7:45pm to discuss a Personnel Matter - the Board of Education evaluation of the Superintendent and the Board of Education Self Evaluation. The motion passed. Dr. Levy remained at the meeting.

The Board Moved out of Executive Session at 8:28pm.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.1 Review Strategic School Profile (when available from State)-J. Beekley
- 9.2 Joint BOE Meeting June 6, 2013
- 9.3 Next Regular CES BOE Meeting September 26, 2013 at 7:00pm