

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
September 24, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 24, 2015. In attendance Rodney Alston, Charlene Fearon, Maria Scherber, Arthur Henick and Wendy King. Also in attendance were Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Joanne Beekley, Principal, Mr. Garth Sawyer, Business Manager and Kelley Frazier, Clerk. Absent: Robert Bibbiani and David Fitzgibbons

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. King called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Arthur Henick moved to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2015 Regular Meeting and the Accounts Payable report. Rodney Alston seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

**STUDENT REPORT**

Held until the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comment

**OTHER ITEMS**

**Principal's Report – Dr. Beekley**

Ms. King welcomed Dr. Beekley to Chester Elementary. Dr. Beekley introduced the new FLES teacher. She said it has been an amazing opening to school. We had 111 students who fulfilled their summer reading assignment. Dr. Beekley distributed an enrollment report. Professional Development sessions were very productive.

**Introduction of New Hires for CES**

Previously discussed.

### **CMT – Science / SBAC – Grade 5 Only**

Ms. Martineau and Dr. Beekley briefly discussed the results of the Grade 5 CMT Science results. Individual science reports have not been released but will be released soon. Our students are understanding a basic level of science. Ms. Martineau discussed the SBAC results. Ms. Martineau noted that this is a baseline year. We have not received all of the data. Dr. Beekley reviewed the results by grade level and briefly discussed the action plan for improvement. Mr. Henick asked if anyone has opted out of Chester Elementary. Dr. Beekley does not believe that this has happened at Chester Elementary.

Dr. Beekley said that MAP testing is now complete.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer**

Mr. Sawyer gave a brief update of the financial status for Chester Elementary School. We finished the year with a surplus for 2014-15. Mr. Sawyer discussed this year's budget. Overall, we are doing well and projecting a small surplus for the end of the year. The Administration will keep the Board informed if the situation should change as we proceed through the year.

#### **Cafeteria Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer**

Mr. Sawyer gave an update on the status of the Cafeteria Budget. Sales have increased. The breakfast program was available for the whole year and has helped with the increased sales. We will be paying more for our food this year due to less funding from the State.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Finance – D. Fitzgibbons**

The Finance Committee will reschedule their meeting due to a conflict with teacher negotiations. Maria Scherber has volunteered to be on the Finance Committee.

#### **Policy – C. Fearon, A. Henick**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2015.

#### **Curriculum – D. Fitzgibbons**

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#### **Supervision District - W. King, D. Fitzgibbons, A. Henick**

No Update

#### **LEARN Committee Update – C. Fearon**

Ms. Fearon gave an update on the LEARN meeting she attended. A team from LEARN will be visiting schools systems they support. Region 4 will be visited later in the fall. A survey will be conducted to see how they can better service the school systems they support.

#### **Other Committee Reports**

None

## **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – K. Martineau**

### **General Update**

Ms. Martineau said that MAP testing has begun for the entire district. The October Professional Development will review the results and how to use the data to transform instructional practices. Staff is training on Goggle Classroom, IPAD integration and all Goggle applications. Staff is embracing this technology. SAT will be given in April at the high school.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - R. Levy**

### **District Update**

Dr. Levy was unavailable. Ms. Martineau gave a brief update.

### **Information and Communication**

#### **Discussion Regarding Policies**

No discussion needed at this time.

#### **Discussion Regarding Pertinent Legislative Update for 2015-16**

Dr. Levy was not available for this update.

Mr. Henick asked the two attendees who are considering being on the Board of Education to introduce themselves. Mr. Stack and Mr. Ropiak introduced themselves and briefly discussed their background.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Stack discussed the Math scores and how it relates to Common Core. Ms. Martineau will be discussing this frequently in the future. She noted that we will be looking at a possible Math Consultant during the budgeting process.

Ms. King would like to have a representative from the PTO attend the Board of Education meetings.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 9.1 Joint BOE next regular meeting on October 1, 2015 @ 7:00pm (JWMS)
- 9.2 Chester BOE next regular meeting on Nov 23, 2015 @ 7:00pm
- 9.3 Presentation of Major Budget Drivers for 2016-17(Nov)
- 9.4 Election of Board officers (Nov or after seating of new members)
- 9.5 BOE and Community input for 2016-17 budget (on-going)
- 9.6 BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk