

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MAY 16, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 16, 2013. In attendance were Christine Daniels, KC Nelson-Oliveria, Miriam Morrissey, Liz Tracy-Monteclavo, Dave Berardis (Arrival 7:40 p.m.), Art Robbins. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Dr. Joanne Beekley, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Byars, Principal, Garth Sawyer, Business Manager and Kelley Frazier, Clerk. Absent: Julia Grabowski, Mark Malcarne, Jim Olson

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Art Robbins made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 21, 2013 and the Accounts Payable report. Miriam Morrissey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

STUDENT REPORT

Dr. Byars introduced Jake Ramage and Jason Monteclavo who gave the school update. Ms. Daniels thanked the students for giving the update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER ITEMS:

Discussion and possible VOTE to Revise and Reconcile 2013-14 Proposed Budget with Town's Proposal

Mr. Sawyer discussed the revised budget.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the revised Deep River Elementary School Budget for school year 2013-14 in the amount of \$5,511,158 (five million, five hundred and eleven thousand, one hundred and fifty eight dollars) which is a 2.04 percent increase. The motion passed.

The vote is in Town Hall on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 7:30pm.

REPORTS:

Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave a brief financial status for Deep River Elementary School. Currently the Deep River Elementary School is projecting to have a deficit based on unanticipated special education needs. We will remain vigilant of any unforeseen circumstances and will keep the Board informed of any developments as they arise. We locked in fuel oil prices at \$3.18 for next year.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

The Finance Committee has not met.

Policy

Policy will have a brief meeting next week.

Curriculum

Curriculum will have a brief meeting next week.

Joint PK-12 Policy Committee

No Updates

Supervision District

We received our grant for the development of the Cooperative Agreement.

Facilities

There was a meeting to discuss the Five Year Plan. The roof repair has delayed some projects on this plan. There is a capital projects meeting for the town and the biggest issue is the replacement of the roof. It will be suggested that this be done in sections. The heat tape could be done in sections, as well. There will also be painting and the repair of a pump.

OTHER ITEMS:

Principal's Update – J. Byers

Ms. Byers discussed the donation of \$528 for the purchase of social studies books.

Upon a motion made by Art Robbins and seconded by Dave Berardis the Deep River Board of Education **VOTED** to accept the donation in the amount of \$528 as presented.

The students have been taking the Common Core State Standards Pilot testing. Teachers are working on the data boards. We are doing a backpack program through Walmart. The Invention Convention was successful. There is work being done on Professional Development for English Language Arts and the Common Core State Standards.

Kindergarten visits for incoming students. Staff has been participating in activities to provide four scholarships for Celebrate Learning.

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. The High School is doing well with the testing. Elementary math is algebra based and will be addressed. We have not heard from the State of Connecticut on our Education Evaluation Plan. The Administrators are signing up for training at LEARN this summer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - R. Levy

District Update

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. 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.

Region 4 and Essex budgets have passed. Next week Chester and Deep River will vote. All towns have been supportive.

Next year every staff member will have an ID tag.

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.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to renew the Agreement Concerning the Establishment and Operation of an Interim Collaborative Preschool Program dated February 13, 2008 for renewal for a one year increment upon agreement (vote) of all signing parties (Boards of Education for Chester, Deep River, Essex and the Regional Supervision District Committee) no later than June 30, 2014.

Ms Oliveria suggested having emergency procedure signs in Spanish as well as English.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to move into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. 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 8:50 p.m.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk