

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 16, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 16, 2017. In attendance were Hadley Kornacki, Nelle Andrews, Tracy Dickson, Imran Munawar, Tatria Ciaglo, Paula Weglarz and Michelle Grow. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Christian Strickland, Principal, Garth Sawyer, Business Manager and Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk. Absent: Miriam Morrissey, Paula Weglarz and Jim Olson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Grow at 7:01p.m.

STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Strickland introduced Leif Duvall and Taylor Robinson who presented the student report of events happening at Deep River Elementary.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Tracy Dickson and seconded by Nelle Andrews the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 19, 2017 and the Accounts Payable report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

OTHER ITEMS:

Bridges Presentation – DRES Teachers

Mr. Strickland introduced Jenny Nims and Angela Hruska discussed the pilot program they are using called Bridges. They discussed why they want to use this program moving forward. Discussion held on how this program engages students and gives them the skills and concepts they need. Materials are available online. This is in the budget for next year.

Principal's Update

Mr. Strickland gave a brief update. There are three students moving to regionals for the Invention Convention. Fifth grade will do the CMT Science assessment in the coming weeks. SBAC testing will occur after spring break.

REPORTS:

Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave a brief update on the financial status for Deep River Elementary School. Currently the Deep River Elementary budget is projecting to come within the current year appropriation. We will remain vigilant of any unforeseen circumstances and we will keep the Board informed of any developments as they arise.

Cafeteria Report – Mr. Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave an update on the status of the cafeteria budget. Sales for free and reduced breakfast have increased. We are within our expected budget.

VOTE on Recommended Budget Transfer for 2016-17

Upon a motion made by Hadley Kornacki and seconded by Nelle Andrews the Deep River Board of Education **VOTED** unanimously to approve the recommended budget transfers for 2016-17.

Committee Reports

Finance will be held on March 28, 2017.

Curriculum will be held on March 20, 2017.

Policy will be held on March 20, 2017.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

The budget is complete and has gone through a public hearing.

DRES Facilities

There has not been a recent meeting.

LEARN

No Update.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

K-5 teachers are meeting in their groups and diving into the Bridges program so they are prepared to implement the program next year. The implementation for next generation science is being discussed. Resources will be pooled with area schools. The Tech Summit will be postponed until later in the year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Budgets are currently being worked on. Strategic Planning is moving forward and we hope to have the Board as an active part of Strategic Planning. The findings and action plans will be discussed with the Board in the future. Legislatively it has been a busy year. There is a negative sentiment regarding public education. Dr. Levy will be testifying regarding how the ECS reductions will affect our small towns.

The High School performance of Aida was great. The Middle School play is on March 31st and April 1st. The High School will move forward to host 25-30 students from China this summer along with two teachers this summer. Dates are still being decided. They will be here for 11-12 days. We will accept 4 tuition paying students from China for the next school year. This will offset the expense of bringing the I/B program to our district. The I/B program is marching forward. The scheduling change was approved by the Region 4 Board last week. Next year we now have a modified 7 period block. Meetings were held regarding how to handle the flex time next year during lunch. New options may be available next year in the cafeteria. There was a brief discussion held regarding the Math Coach roles and responsibilities.

Discussion Regarding Any Pending Policies – Standing Item

No policies to discuss.

Discussion and possible VOTE to adopt proposed 2017-18 Deep River Elementary School budget to be presented to the Town.

Dr. Levy discussed the changes that have recently occurred in our budgets. Our health costs are much lower than anticipated which has caused significant savings. The Region 4 budget was also impacted positively. The Deep River portion is 2.08% which is much lower.

On a motion made by Tracy Dickson and seconded by Hadley Kornacki, the Deep River Elementary School Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the 2017-2018 budget of \$5,417,368 (five million, four hundred seventeen thousand, three hundred and sixty eight dollars) which is a -1.74% decrease and to recommend this be brought to the Town of Deep River.

Discussion Regarding School Lunch Prices

The Joint Board agrees that prices should be raised. The proposal for the elementary schools is raise the price to \$3.00 and \$3.25 or \$3.50 for Middle School and High School. There will also be an increase in the adult lunch prices possibly to \$4.50. Ms. Dickson voiced concerns that adults get the same portion as students. She also discussed her concern regarding having too much of an increase because teachers are unable to leave and get lunch out of the building. The Board agrees that this is fair and something they would support.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –PERSONNEL

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 8:18pm. Dr. Levy was invited to stay.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:21pm.

Upon a motion duly made by Hadley Kornacki and seconded by Tadria Ciaglo the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Staff Non-Renewal Notice as recommended by Superintendent Levy.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Joint BOE meeting April 6, 2017
- Next Deep River BOE Meeting is May 18, 2017 @ 7:00pm
- BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:24p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary