

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 15, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 15, 2018. In attendance were Tatria Ciaglo, Miriam Morrissey, Paula Weglarz, Robert Ferretti (7:04 arrival), Nelle Andrews, Imran Munawar and Mary Elizabeth Massey. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Christian Strickland, Principal and Kim Allen, Business Manager. Absent: Lenore Grunko, Tracy Dickson

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Weglarz at 7:00p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion duly made by Miriam Morrissey and seconded by Mary Elizabeth Massey the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 18, 2018 and the special meeting of March 1, 2018 and the Accounts Payable report as written. Abstentions: Nelle Andrews

**STUDENT REPORT**

Mr. Strickland introduced Clara Shea and Linette Spaner who gave the student's report of events occurring at Deep River Elementary School. These students were also the recipients of the school Arts Award.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**Principal's Update**

Mr. Strickland noted that the school has been busy. The Science Fair was recently held and 67 students participated. The fifth and sixth graders showed great growth in their presentations of their inventions for the Invention Convention. Smarter Balance and Science Assessments will begin in May. A Science in Motion grant was awarded from Hess trucks. Report Cards go home on Monday. The Day of the Arts is March 26<sup>th</sup> which is also the Kindergarten Orientation night. The Book Fair begins the 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

**Possible VOTE to Accept Donation from Tri Town Leo Club in the amount of \$200 to be used at the Principal's Discretion**

Upon a motion made by Miriam Morrissey and seconded by Robert Ferretti the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to accept the donation from the Tri Town Leo Club in the amount of \$200 to be used at the Principal's discretion.

**REPORTS:**

**Financial Status Report – Ms. Allen**

Ms. Allen gave a brief update on the financial status for Deep River Elementary School. Currently the Deep River Elementary budget is projecting a deficit of approximately \$38,000 due to unanticipated special education costs. Cost saving measures are being implemented. The budget freeze is effective in reducing the deficit. We will remain vigilant of any unforeseen circumstances and we will keep the Board informed of any developments as they arise.

### **Cafeteria Report – Ms. Allen**

Ms. Allen gave an update on the status of the cafeteria budget. The revenue has not been received. The deficit will be approximately \$20,000 which is what was projected in the budget.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance** - Next meeting is March 27, 2018

**Curriculum** – Next meeting is March 19, 2018.

**Policy** – Next meeting is March 19, 2018

Please let people know if you are unable to attend these meetings. It is important that a representative from DRES be at each Committee meeting.

### **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Supervision District Committee Update**

The budget passed. This was not an easy process but productive.

#### **DRES Facilities**

Meeting will be scheduled in the future. Grants are not being given for roofs at this time.

#### **LEARN**

Mr. Munawar distributed the Annual Report for LEARN. LEARN is one of 6 educational centers in Connecticut. They support Southeastern Connecticut. They promote regional efficiencies and provide education based services for teachers and students.

#### **Ad hoc Joint BOE Cafeteria Committee**

A report will be written of the findings. This will be presented to all of the Boards.

#### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

Ms. Martineau was not present.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **District Update – Critical Thinking and Creative Problem Solving**

##### **Information and Communication**

##### **Discussion Regarding Pending Policies – Standing Item**

There are currently no policies to discuss.

Security was discussed. The Parkland, Florida high school shooting has been the catalyst for fears and political banter. Both the Middle School and the High School held a rally to remember the 17 people who lost their lives. It was very moving. There were police present. Family members and the press were not allowed to attend for security reasons. This was well orchestrated by the students for the students. All schools have heightened awareness of security. Upgrades are being discussed. Costs are being researched to do a comprehensive audit of our security. Process and procedures are being reviewed. A visitor management system is being researched. This completes a nationwide data search of someone requesting entry into a school. This will alert staff of possible problems. A resource officer would be beneficial, but it is costly. This is something the Boards need to consider. The Board agreed that doing a security audit is beneficial.

### **Discussion Regarding Oil Budget**

The penalty for usage lower than stated in the contract is \$23,000. The penalty is for FY16-17. The penalty was paid out of Supervision District. Ms. Allen will check on the delivery schedule for oil. Mr. McDonald has been made aware of this. Moving forward a contract for usage will not be signed.

### **Discussion and possible VOTE to adopt proposed 2018-19 Deep River Elementary School budget to be presented to the Town.**

Dr. Levy discussed the budget. It is \$161,630 under last year's budget.

On a motion made by Nelle Andrews and seconded by Mary Elizabeth Massey, the Deep River Elementary School Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the 2018-2019 budget of \$5,215,793 (five million, two hundred fifteen thousand, seven hundred ninety three dollars) which is a (-3.01 decrease and to recommend this be brought to the Town of Deep River.

### **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 8:00pm. Dr. Levy and Mr. Strickland was invited to stay.

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

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

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 10.1 Next Joint BOE Meeting is April 5, 2018 @7:00pm @ JWMS
- 10.2 Next Deep River BOE Regular Meeting May 17, 2018 @7:00pm.
- 10.3 End of Year Data and Strategic Focus Presentation (May)
- 10.4 BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary