

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 17, 2018 7:00pm**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018. In attendance were Nelle Andrews (Departure 7:07pm) Tatria Ciaglo, Miriam Morrissey, Paula Weglarz, Robert Ferretti (7:30pm Arrival), Imran Munawar, Lenore Grunko and Tracy Dickson. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Christian Strickland, Principal and Kim Allen, Business Manager. Absent: Mary Elizabeth Massey

CALL TO ORDER

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

Ms. Andrews stated that she will be resigning from the board June 8th. She thanked everyone that she has worked with. Dr. Levy thanked her for her work and the Board wished her the best.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Tatria Ciaglo and seconded by Miriam Morrissey the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 15, 2018 and the Accounts Payable report as written. Abstentions: Tracy Dickson

Amendments:

Ms. Morrissey would like added to the minutes under the discussion on fuel oil that Ms. Allen stated that there was money in this year's budget to fill the tank.

STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Strickland introduced Oliva Cunningham, Liam Welch and Logan Parker who gave the student's report of events occurring at Deep River Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Principal's Update

Mr. Strickland gave a brief update. Smarter Balance Assessment is almost complete. Grade 5 will take the Science Field test. There are many events at this time. An interactive anti bullying presentation was given to the students. The Kindness Rocks program had the students create rocks which will be placed in various sites around Deep River. A buddy bench was built by Valley Regional High School students and it will be presented to the students this month. The Memorial Day assembly will include the marching band. The chorale concert will occur next week. JW unity day and the ice cream social will be held for sixth grade students. Students will go to Bushy Hill for field day. An awards assembly will be in June. The last day of school is June 19th.

End of Year Presentation

Mr. Strickland did a presentation on what has happened at DRES this year. Ms. Ciaglo suggested having the Tip a Teacher event take place in one of the schools. She also suggested that rocks for Kindness Rocks be placed at Adams. Ms. Weglarz noted it has been a great year.

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 \$45,000 due to unanticipated special education costs. A bill from Southern Connecticut Gas indicates that they have been billing the school in error. They have under billed us \$16,000. Legal advice indicates the school does need to pay this. The budget for gas for next year may need to be reviewed. Ms. Allen will find out if usage can be validated. The town is aware of the deficit.

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 \$27,000 which is what was projected in the budget. The subsidy will be on target this year.

Committee Reports

Finance – The Meeting was cancelled on Tuesday and will meet in September

Curriculum – Next meeting is May 21, 2018

Policy – Next meeting is May 21, 2018

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

The next meeting is in June. No additional update.

DRES Facilities

A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the exterior trim which has not been worked on due to the budget being frozen. The roof is in the proposed town budget. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss a prioritized list of things that need to be done.

LEARN

No update.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Dr. Martineau was not present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Update – Critical Thinking and Creative Problem Solving

Dr. Levy noted that Dr. Martineau has worked on the rubric for grade levels. This has been revised. Dr. Levy discussed the changes to the rubric. In July we will develop assessment benchmarks to monitor student progress. A presentation by our administrators at the Joint Board meeting will be done on Critical and Creative Problem Solving. Problems have been identified. Ms. Grunko would like to know what the identified problems are. Mr. Strickland discussed the process.

Dr. Levy has been working on the budget. Next Monday is the town meeting for Deep River at 7:30pm. Every vote counts. She encourages people to attend the meeting. The State Department of Education indicated that there is a 100% graduation rate for students who have attended four years at Valley Regional High School. This is a wonderful statistic. Exit interviews at the high school are occurring. The cafeteria is getting great reviews. Students love the changes of many offerings and quick pick up. The Policy committee is exploring the use of cell phones at the high school. The students liked that they were part of the process. There was a power outage at the high school which caused the school to be released early.

The Security audit is costly. The last security audit included representatives from the town, law enforcement, board members, custodians and administrators. Dr. Levy discussed using a rubric from another school and working with our staff and local personnel to develop a similar plan. Troop F will also work with us to develop this plan. A team will be assembled with a representative from each board, facilities personnel, law enforcement and staff.

Information and Communication

Discussion Regarding and Pending Policies – standing item

None to discuss.

Discussion and possible VOTE to renew the *Agreement Concerning the Establishment and Operation of an Interim Collaborative Preschool Program dated February 13, 2008*. The Original contract expires June 30, 2012 per agreement may be renewed in 1 year increments upon agreement of all signing parties (Boards of Education for Chester, Deep River, Essex and the Regional Supervision District Committee) no later than June 30, 2018.

Upon a motion made by Tracy Dickson and seconded by Miriam Morrissey, the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to extend the contract of the preschool for one year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –PERSONNEL-EVALUATION OF SUPERINTENDENT

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 8:16 pm. Dr. Levy was invited to stay.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:14pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 Next Joint BOE meeting June 7, 2018 @ 7:00pm @ JWMS

9.2 Next Deep River BOE Regular Meeting is September 20, 2018 @ 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier