

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 19, 2019 7:00pm**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 19, 2019. In attendance were Miriam Morrissey, Paula Weglarz, Robert Ferretti, Dave Berardis, Lenore Grunko, Tracy Dickson and Mary Elizabeth Massey. Also in attendance were Mr. Brian White, Superintendent, Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Kim Allen, Business Manager, Christian Strickland, Principal. Absent: Imran Munawar

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 Tracy Dickson the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 16, 2019 and the Special meeting of August 1, 2019 and the Accounts Payable report.

STUDENT REPORT

Report held until November 2019 meeting.

Park and Rec is coordinating a bus trip to *To Kill a Mocking Bird* on October 9th. The Region 4 Foundation will have the annual Jingle Bell Run on December 14th.

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Update

It has been a great opening to the school year. Mr. White would like to recognize the staff and administration for a great start to the year.

Staffing Update

Mr. Strickland introduced new staff at Deep River Elementary School.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

General Update

Ms. Martineau noted that content areas with an emphasis on priority standards were focused on over the summer. Curriculum was reviewed along with learning and assessment practices across all grade levels. The K-5 Report Card Committee has been reviewing the Connecticut standards. The Committee will develop a timeline for the pilot and implementation phases. Assessments are being discussed. Our curriculum has been aligned with the Next Generation Science standards for all grade levels. Professional Development for the three days before the start of the year was well received.

Director of Pupil Services Report – S. Smalley

Ms. Smalley noted that the summer was successful. The high school students who participated in the vocational program were paid. At the high school level students are being brought back to allow them to participate in the many curriculum options. Board members may ask questions as to how outplacements affect their budget.

REPORTS:

Financial Status Report – Ms. Allen

Deep River ended the last fiscal year with a surplus unaudited of approximately \$99,746 which includes the MBR appropriation. Ms. Allen will keep the Board apprised of changes as they occur. Please email the Superintendent with any questions.

Financial Status and Cafeteria Account Update

Ms. Allen gave a brief update on the financial status for Deep River Elementary School. Various line item detail was discussed. Trends indicate a surplus for the end of the year. Historical trend data will be reviewed when developing the budget. Ms. Allen will remain vigilant of any unforeseen circumstances and we will keep the Board informed of any developments as they arise.

Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Year End Transfer of Funds

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the recommended budget transfers as presented by the Business Manager.

Principal's Update

Update on 2019-20 School Year Opening

Mr. Strickland gave a brief update. The Park and Rec program was housed in the school over the summer. The Home/School Learning Experience will begin in October and the Mystic Aquarium will come to the school with a program. The Building and Grounds Committee have worked on many projects this summer. The Security upgrades are being completed. PA speakers outside are functioning.

Possible VOTE to Accept Donation of \$100 from the Deep River/Chester Lion's Club to be used at the Discretion of Administration

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to accept the \$100 donation from the Chester Lions Club to be used at the discretion of the Principal.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

Committee Reports

Finance - Next meeting is September 24, 2019. Financial policies will be reviewed this year.

Curriculum – Reviewed the standards for World Language and what it looks like at different levels.

Policy – Reviewed the policy on Suspension and Expulsion. The other policies were Region 4 specific.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

The next meeting is in October.

DRES Facilities Building and Grounds

The status of the roof and smoke detectors was discussed. The gym and library lighting will be updated over Rosh Hashanah.

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No report available.

Joint Ad Hoc School Security Advisory Committee

A meeting will be held next week. Alice training is being assessed and additional training will be reviewed for best practice. The community and parents need to be comfortable with this training. The roll out of the Raptor software will be done in some district schools. Deep River will not have this at this time. Security projects previously proposed will be done at the Middle School after the scope is reassessed.

Discussion Regarding any Pending Policies

First Reading of these policies were held at the June 6th Joint BOE meetings – the Second Readings and Possible VOTES to approve will be done at the October 3rd Joint Board of Education meeting

Policy #3300 Purchasing Authority

Policy #3453 Student Activity

Policy #5141.21 Administering Medication

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Joint BOE meeting October 3, 2019 at 7:00pm
- Next Deep River BOE Meeting is November 21, 2019 at 7:00pm
- BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary