

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 19, 2015 7:00PM**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 19, 2015. In attendance were Miriam Morrissey, Hadley Kornacki, Nelle Andrews, Tracy Dickson, Imran Munawar, Tatria Ciaglo, James Talbot, Paula Weglarz and Michelle Grow. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Garth Sawyer, Business Manager, Christian Strickland, Principal and Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk. Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Levy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Levy opened the floor for the nominations for the office of chairman.

A motion made by Nelle Andrews to nominate Michelle Grow as the Chairman of the Deep River Board of Education. Tracy Dickson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Grow opened the floor for the following nominations:

A motion made by Michelle Grow to nominate Nelle Andrews as the Vice Chair of the Deep River Elementary Board of Education. Miriam Morrissey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by Miriam Morrissey to nominate Tracy Dickson as the Secretary of the Deep River Elementary Board of Education. Nelle Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Committees:

Supervision District: Michelle Grow, Miriam Morrissey, Nelle Andrews

Policy: Tatria Ciaglo, Jim Talbot

Curriculum: Tracy Dickson, Paula Weglarz, Hadley Kornacki (Alternate)

Finance: Imran Munawar, Miriam Morrissey

LEARN: Hadley Kornacki

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Hadley Kornaki and seconded by James Talbot the Deep River Board of Education **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes and the Accounts Payable report in one combined vote.

Upon a motion made by Miriam Morrissey and seconded by James Talbot, the Deep River Board of Education **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2015 regular meeting as amended and the Accounts Payable report.

Change to September 2015 Minutes:

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STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Strickland introduced Ellie Cost and Simon Partyka who presented the update of things happening at Deep River Elementary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

OTHER ITEMS:

Community and Board Input on 2016-17 Budget

Ms. Grow feels that Math and Science needs to be focused on. There was a brief discussion regarding the 2016-17 budget.

Principal's Update

Mr. Strickland introduced teachers from the fourth, fifth and sixth grade who discussed the one to one integration of IPADS into the classroom. This is a pilot program. Ms. Grow discussed the possible funding of keyboards for the IPADS. Mr. Strickland thanked his staff for all of their hard work on this initiative.

Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave a brief update of the financial status for Deep River Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year. Currently the school budget is projecting a deficit due to some unanticipated special education needs. 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. The Cafeteria manager is reviewing the meals that sell the best. These items may be served more often.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Discussed the self-insurance fund. The insurance consultant discussed claims and the changes to the affordable care act. The committee reviewed the written procedures manual.

Policy

Reviewed two policies which will be reviewed at the Joint Board meeting.

Curriculum

Discussed next generation science and the SAT. Social Studies was adopted in the spring. The impact was discussed. The two course proposals for Valley Regional High School is Intro to Computer Programming and Intro to Mobile App development.

Supervision District

Update on transportation.

LEARN Committee Update

Ms. Grow attended a LEARN science field trip for fifth grade and it was a great experience.

DRES Facilities

Miriam Morrissey would like to remain on this committee. A meeting is needed.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – K. Martineau

General Update

Ms. Martineau discussed Jonathon Costa and the help he can provide for our district. Ms. Martineau discussed the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. This program will make Valley Regional High school a very desirable school in our area. Ms. Martineau also discussed the various programs which this includes. She noted the differences between AP and IB. Mr. Jonathon Costa may help facilitate bringing this program to our district. There will be a community dinner in February 2016. Discussions will continue on this subject.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - R. Levy

District Update

Dr. Levy discussed where we need to go in our district. We need to make sure that our children are career and college ready. We need to focus on coherence so everyone knows what we are focused on. Our district is working with Jonathon Costa to set the goals for the boards of education as well as strategic planning for the next year. We also hope to build a plan for the next 5 to 10 years. He has a slide show that can be viewed at <http://www.slideshare.net/ipcostasr/cas-coherence-share>. The first year our Junior students could participate in a new IB program would be in 2020-2021. There are only a few schools in Connecticut that participate in this program.

We will review the tuition policy to receive students into our district. Dr. Levy discussed having an International Baccalaureate Program which would provide an international perspective to solve world problems. We are in the early exploration stage of the process. Teachers who would be involved in teaching the IB program would need a large amount of training. Dr. Levy discussed the facilitation of this program.

**Information and Communication
Discussion Regarding Policies**

No discussion needed at this time.

Anti-Bullying Rally

Discussed in Student Update. There were 25 students across our schools who attended.

Presentation of Major Budget Drivers for DRES for 2016-17

Dr. Levy gave a high level view of the Supervision District budget drivers. She noted that the enrollment trend is going down significantly. The shared services for our schools would include a Math Curriculum Coach in the Supervision District Budget. The Strategic Planning Process will also be discussed so that we are discussing our goals for the next several years. Dr. Levy reviewed the DRES Budget considerations. We are looking at one to one Chromebook technology. She also discussed other capital items.

Review School Security and Safety Plans for DRES per P.A. 13-3, Section 86, 87

The latest legislation states that the Board needs to be notified and to review the comprehensive safety plan. This will be discussed further.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

New Board members are asked to attend a meeting on December 14th from 6-8pm at Central Office. Central Office staff will discuss their functions.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.1 Joint BOE next regular meeting on October 1, 2015 @ 7:00pm (JWMS)
- 9.2 Deep River BOE next regular meeting on January 21, 2016 @ 7:00pm
- 9.3 BOE and Community input for 2016-17 budget (on-going)
- 8.6 BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 9:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk