

***THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE
October 6, 2016 MEETING
Joint Board of Education Committee
June 2, 2016***

A regular meeting of the Joint Board of Education Committee was held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Board Members present:

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| CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION: | Arthur Henick, John Ropiak, Maria Scherber, Becky Iselin, John Stack, Tom Englert, Charlene Fearon |
| DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION: | Nelle Andrews, Jim Talbott, Tracy Dickson, Miriam Morrissey, Michelle Grow |
| ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION: | Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, Mark Watson, Carolyn Rotella, DG Fitton, |
| REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION: | Jennifer Clark, Susan Hollister, Jane Cavanaugh, Leigh Rankin, Jennifer Clark, Lori Ann Clymas, Chris Riley |

Also in attendance: Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent; Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Mike Barile, VRHS Principal, William Duffy, JWMS Principal, Dr. Joanne Beekley, Chester Principal, Christian Strickland, Deep River Principal, Scott Jeffrey, Essex Principal, Garth Sawyer, Business Manager, Tyson Stoddard, Supervisor of Pupil Services, Kelley Frazier, Substitute Board Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Supervision District Committee Chair Chris Riley Seidman called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

The Chairs of the Region 4, Essex, Deep River and Chester Board of Education called their Boards to order at 7:09 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made and seconded, the Region 4, Essex, Deep River and Chester Boards of Education **VOTED** to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular April 7, 2016 meeting of the Joint Boards of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made.

OTHER ITEMS –

Presentation of Individual School Highlights

Board members enjoyed a presentation of Middle School and High School highlights presented by school principals, Mr. Barile and Mr. Duffy. Dr. Levy thanked staff for their hard work all year long.

Representative Miller presented Citizen's Awards to students from our three elementary schools. Jordan Azzinaro from Essex, Samantha Pierce from Deep River and Sarah Cole from Chester were given certificates. Dr. Levy congratulated the students for their impact in their communities.

Executive Session – Review of Key Provisions in Net Techs et al. contract for 2015-18

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee moved into Executive Session at 7:30pm to review the Key Provisions in the Net Techs et al. contracts for 2015-2018.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:53p.m.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously **VOTED** to ratify to ratify the Agreement between the Chester Board of Education, Deep River Board of Education, Essex Board of Education, Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education, and Local 1303-421 of Council No. 4 (*also known as "Net Techs et. al." and encompassing the following: Elementary Secretaries, Elementary Nurses, Elementary Net Techs, Region 4 Net Techs, Elementary Custodians*) for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018

Vote on Superintendent's Recommendation to appoint Shipman and Goodwin as legal counsel for 2016-17.

Ms. Rankin would like to see the state statute which references having to accept the lowest bid. There are not many firms that do this kind of work.

Upon a motion made by DG Fitton and seconded by Lon Seidman the Chester, Deep River, and Essex Boards unanimously **VOTED** to appoint Shipman and Goodwin as legal counsel for 2016-2017.

The Region 4 Board VOTED (6 -Yes / 0 - no / 1-Abstention: Leah Rankin = motion passed) to appoint Shipman and Goodwin as legal counsel for 2016-17.

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

High Level Financial Status Updates for all Boards

Mr. Sawyer gave a general overview of the district wide fiscal status. More detailed reports of the fiscal year's activity will be at the individual Board meetings.

Information and Communication Items

Region 4 is being federally funded for breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday at Deep River Elementary. Students up to the age of 18 are welcome. Lunch must be eaten at the school. We have almost finished the budget process. Chester will vote on May 31st

Every school will use one to one technology. Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will have Chromebooks. Ethics and appropriateness will be discussed with students. We are moving forward looking at an International Baccalaureate program. The NEASC process will take place in November.

The program to bring students from China will not occur. There is hope that next year we may be able to do this program. We will begin with 2 or 3 students.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

The budget was approved. There was lower turnout than expected, but this is what other local towns have also seen.

Committee Reports

The Finance meeting discussed insurance and the expected increases. Half of the reserve will be eliminated this year. This will be watched closely. The next meeting will be held on September 27, 2016.

Curriculum will be held on September 19, 2016.

Policy will be held on September 19, 2016.

Second Reading and possible VOTE on the following Policies:

Questions have been addressed by the policy committee. Policies have been reviewed at the individual board meetings.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Region 4, Essex Elementary, Deep River Elementary and Chester Boards of Education **VOTED** to approve Policy#4134 Tutoring, #4138/4238 Non-School Employment, #4147/4247 Employee Safety, #4152.6/4252.6 Family Medical Leave Act, #4212.42 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers. Nays: Tom Englert

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Update on Professional Development – Update on Curriculum

Ms. Martineau noted that work will be done to align standards for the science curriculum over the summer. She met with the Math Resource Committee to decide who will be part of the pilot program. A recommendation of the new resource pilot will be available soon. A timeline for implementation and feedback needed from teachers will be decided as well as the assessments data needed. Teachers are very excited about these resources. This will not have a significant impact on the budget. She continues to review next generation science to dive deeper into the sciences K-12 and to align curriculum and professional development. Social study standards will be also be worked on.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments were made

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 7.1 Next Regular Joint BOE Meeting, October 6, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
- 7.2 Update on Celebrate Learning Summer Program (Oct)
- 7.3 First Reading of BOE Meeting Calendar for Upcoming Calendar Year (Oct)
- 7.4 Executive Session-Presentation of Superintendent's Goals (Oct)

ADJOURNMENT:

On Motion duly made and seconded, the Chester and Deep River Boards of Education unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:22p.m. Essex and Region 4 remained in session.

The Essex Board of Education stayed in Session for the following business:

- a. Discussion and possible VOTE regarding a request for an additional appropriation
- b. Discussion and possible VOTE to accept the Essex Elementary School roofing project #050-0007 as complete.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Essex Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to request an additional appropriation of up to \$50,000 from the Town of Essex.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Essex Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to accept the Essex Elementary School roofing project #050-0007 as complete.

The Region 4 Board of Education stayed in Session for the following business:

- a. Discussion and possible VOTE regarding revised itinerary for planned music festival trip.
- b. Discussion and possible VOTE to approve sale of JWMS *Once Upon a Mattress* stage set for \$500 with all proceeds from the sale to be designated for deposit into the JWMS Musical Student Activity Account

On motion duly made and seconded, the Region 4 Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the revised itinerary for the planned music festival trip, to the Toronto WorldStrides Music Heritage Festival on April 27-30th, 2017 as presented.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Region 4 Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the sale of the JWMS *Once Upon a Mattress* stage set for \$500 with all proceeds from the sale to be designated for deposit into the JWMS Musical Student Activity Account

On Motion duly made and seconded, the Region 4 Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

On Motion duly made and seconded, the Essex Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Substitute Clerk