

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE
Oct 02, 2014 MEETING
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

August 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION: Wendy King, Dave Fitzgibbons, Arthur Henick

DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION: Christine Daniels, Jim Olson

ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION: Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, DG Fitton

REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION: Chris Riley, Elaine Fitzgibbons, Lauri Wichtowski

Also in attendance: Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent; Dr. Joanne Beekley, Assistant Superintendent; Garth Sawyer, Business Manager, and Jennifer Bryan, Committee Clerk.

Audience of Citizens: None present

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Christine Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made and seconded the Committee unanimously VOTED to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the regular meeting of June 05, 2014, and the Accounts Payable Report.

OTHER ITEMS

None needed

PUBLIC COMMENT -

None present

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Financial Status – Business Manager Garth Sawyer reviewed the highlights of the end-of-year Supervision District financial status update for 2013-14. He noted that due to smaller than anticipated revenues, the District is ending the year with a very small surplus. There is nothing to report yet for current financial year.

Individual BOE reports

Chester – Board Chair Wendy King reported that the Chester BOE had recently received a resignation from Board member, Ashley Marsh who has moved out of town. The Board is now down to 5 out of the possible 9 members. The Board is planning to interview 2 possible Board member candidates at their meeting on September 23rd.

Deep River – Board Chair Christine Daniels reported that Board member Augusta Ferretti has resigned to avoid a conflict of interest now that she has recently accepted a position at one of the schools. Ms. Daniels also shared that Deep River Board member Jim Olson has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Region 4 Board of Education. The Districts' legal counsel has cleared him to serve as a full voting member on each of the Boards concurrently. He will continue to represent the Deep River BOE as a member of the Supervision District Committee as well. Ms. Daniels also noted that the school is ready to open and that the town has really helped in providing building upkeep and maintenance, especially over the summer months.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman reported that Essex Elementary has almost completed the change over to a Natural Gas hook-up for their boiler. All work should be completed before the start of school. He also noted that he is on the CABA Board and recently viewed a list of Board members who have served for 10+ years. He congratulated Chester Board Chair Wendy King for being on that list. He also noted that the CABA Convention will once again be held this Fall and that all Boards have professional development funds available for any members who wish to attend.

Region 4 – Board Chair Chris Riley reported that Board member Laurie Tomlinson recently resigned from the Region 4 Board, and that Deep River resident Jim Olson has been appointed to join the Board, as was previously mentioned by Christine Daniels. Mr. Riley also voiced his pleasure at having attended another wonderful graduation ceremony at Valley Regional High School this past June. He said the ceremony is a perfect reflection on Valley and the quality of the students there. He described it as the perfect capstone to end of the school year.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Beekley's report will be held until the Joint Board meeting immediately following this meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information and Communication

Superintendent Levy's district report will be held until the Joint Board meeting immediately following this meeting.

Dr. Levy did update the Committee on new Supervision District employees recently hired for the 2014-15 school year.

Dr. Levy also discussed upcoming work to be done by the Declining Enrollment Task Force – their next meeting is scheduled for September 9th @ 6:00 p.m. in Central Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none present

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Next Regular Supervision District Meeting: October 2, 2014
2. Beginning of Year Transportation Report by First Student – F. Kulick (Oct.)
3. First Reading of Proposed District School Calendar for 2015-16 (Oct.)
4. Superintendent Presents Major Budget Drivers for 2015-16 (Oct.)
5. BOE and Community Input on 2015-16 Budget (on-going)

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Riley, Secretary,
Jennifer Bryan, Clerk