

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE**  
*Dec 03, 2015 MEETING*  
**REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**October 01, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, October 1, 2015 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Wendy King, Arthur Henick
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Michelle Grow, Jim Olson, Miriam Morrissey
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, DG Fitton
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Chris Riley

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

Audience of Citizens: 0

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Lon Seidman called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion duly made and seconded the Committee unanimously VOTED to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Report. (there were no minutes from the August meeting, as there was no quorum and no meeting was held)

**OTHER ITEMS**

Frank Kulick of First Student presented the Board with his beginning of the year, semi-annual transportation report. He reported that 22 routes are in operation again this year, and there is a similar vehicle line up except for one small bus that has replaced a white van. The age of the fleet dictates, by contract, that 50% of the fleet will be replaced for next year. Bus inspections are coming up and inspection reports are available on-line. He reported that the start up for the year was fairly smooth without any major reported issues. Mr. Kulick also reported that First Student is currently fully staffed with a couple of reserve drivers also in training. There was some discussion regarding a few routing and scheduling issues, and what is being done to resolve those.

**PUBLIC COMMENT -**

None present

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

Financial Status – Business Manager Garth Sawyer reviewed the highlights of the Supervision District financial status updates for the current year.

Individual BOE reports

Chester – Board Chair Wendy King reported that Chester Elementary opened the year in good shape despite the water/sewer back-up issues that had to be contended with during the summer. The Board met last Thursday for their regular meeting and she reported that Dr. Beekley is off to a great start as the Interim Principal. Preliminary test scores are looking good. She also reported that they had just admitted the smallest kindergarten class (21 students) in the school's history this year.

Deep River – Board Chair Michelle Grow reported that a lot of building maintenance was completed over the summer, including the installation of the gas line for the future burner installation. The school has really been focusing on science and continues to show growth in test scores. She also reported that they had just received news this week that Principal Strickland has been awarded the CAS Outstanding First Year Principal Award. She noted that he has created a wonderful environment at the school. There will be an awards ceremony in November where he will be recognized.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman reported that the school had a new roof installed this summer. A new sign, designed by students, was installed in front of the school. Test scores show that some increased focus will be needed in math and that has already started. Harvest Fest will be held this Sunday.

Region 4 – Board Chair Chris Riley reported that both schools were off to a great start. He added a personal note as the parent of an 8th grader, that back-to-school night was run differently, and included following your child's schedule. He said as a parent he was thrilled, and as a board member he was proud. This format also allowed him to take note of just how well the curriculum between classes was tied together. He also noticed that all the teachers were taking advantage of available technologies in their own ways. He reported that the school was in impeccable condition, and it always seems to be. He shared that many parents agreed this was a wonderful way to run the back-to-school night and it was a great way to start the school year.

#### **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Held until the Joint BOE meeting

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

##### **Information and Communication**

Superintendent Levy's main district report was held until the Joint Board meeting.

Dr. Levy did briefly discussed the legislative requirement that the district follow a Regional Uniform Calendar developed by LEARN. That uniform calendar dictated many parameters of the proposed calendar. She is still waiting to hear word from LEARN as to the dates of the 2016-17 April vacation, therefore she is unable to present a calendar for vote this evening.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

None present

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next regular Supervision District Committee meeting – Dec 03, 2015
- Rotation of Supervision District Chair and election of officers (*Dec.*)
- Possible Review/approval of Supervision District Audit Report for 2014-15 (*Dec.*)
- BOE & Community Input on 2016-17 Budget (on-going)
- Superintendent Presents draft Supervision District budget for 2016-17 (*Dec.*)
- Possible First Reading of Proposed District School Calendar for 2016-17 (*Dec.*)

The Committee moved into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. for a presentation of the Superintendent's Goals.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chris Riley, Secretary,  
Jennifer Bryan, Clerk