

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE
June 07, 2018 MEETING
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

April 05, 2018

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, April 05, 2018 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	David Fitzgibbons, Charlene Fearon
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Paula Weglarz, Miriam Morrissey
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, DG Fitton
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Jennifer Clark, Mario Gioco (arrived 6:27 p.m.)

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

Audience of Citizens: 1

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Paula Weglarz called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. (The position of Committee Chair rotates yearly among BOE Chairs, and moved to Deep River this year.)

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made and seconded the Committee unanimously VOTED to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Report and the minutes from the February 22, 2018 regular meeting

OTHER ITEMS –

None needed

PUBLIC COMMENT -

no comments made

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Business Manager Kim Allen reviewed the highlights of the Supervision District Budget Status Report.

Ms. Allen presented the Superintendent's recommended budget transfers for 2017-18.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the following budget transfers:

Object 200 Fringe Benefits	Decrease (\$2,001)
Object 800 Other Miscellaneous	Increase <u>\$2,001</u>

Total transfers = \$0.00

Individual BOE reports

Chester – Board Chair David Fitzgibbons reported that the Chester BOE presented their budget to their BOF and BOS recently. Two new members have been appointed to the Board, Theresa Myers and Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis, and there are no longer any vacancies. He also mentioned that 7 students in the Chester Elementary STEAM fair advanced to the State competition.

Deep River – Board Chair Paula Weglarz reported the Board recently presented their budget to their BOF and BOS. Deep River Elementary recently held their Science Fair, Invention Convention, Day of the Arts, and book fair.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman reported the Board held their budget workshop with their BOF and BOS. Essex Elementary will have 30 kindergarteners starting next year.

Region 4 – Board Chair Jennifer Clark reported the Board presented their budget at Public Hearing on Monday to a large crowd. The budget has been moved forward to the Annual Meeting on May 1st and then will move to a referendum vote on May 2nd. The Board recently received a report from Bruce Glowac, Director of Region 4 Facilities on the 5 year Capital Projects Plan. They have also held Board self-evaluations which have been helpful. She also shared that VRHS was named #1 in Middlesex County by the Niche report.

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 and Supervisor of Pupil Services, Jennifer Nucci discussed the Collaborative Preschool Program and its current tuition costs. Dr. Levy noted that the Collaborative Preschool program is far and away one of the best programs of its type in the State of Connecticut, and it has provided a marked difference in the lives of students and has reduced ongoing special education needs. By law, the districts are required to have 1:1 ratio of community peers to students with special needs. They discussed the process by which community peers are evaluated and invited to join the program and explained some of the difficulties in staying in compliance with the 1:1 mandate. There was a discussion regarding the current structure for collection of tuition from the community peers for the ½ day program on either 3 days per week (\$1500/yr.) or 4 days per week (\$2000/yr). They noted that there are community peers they would like to have enter the program, whose families are unable to afford the tuition. The Committee discussed a variety of options for mitigating this problem.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to offer tuition scholarships, as needed, for community peers to attend the Collaborative Preschool Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

None present

On motion duly made and seconded the Committee unanimously VOTED to move into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. p.m. for a Personnel matter to hear the Superintendent's presentation of her self-evaluation.

The Committee moved out of Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next regular Supervision District Committee meeting – June 07th, 2018
- End-of-Year Transportation Report - *F. Kulick* (June)
- Discussion and possible VOTE to renew the *Agreement Concerning the Establishment and Operation of an Interim Collaborative Preschool Program* dated February 13, 2008 (June)

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DG Fitton, Secretary,
Jennifer Bryan, Clerk