

Minutes

This public hearing was held by video conference with telephone access for the public.

This public hearing was called to order by Kate Sandmann at 7 pm.

Members present: Trisha Brookhart, Jane Cavanaugh, Dr Jennifer Clark, Lori Ann Clymas Dr Rick Daniels, DG Fitton, Kate Sandmann, John Stack and Paula Weglarz

Administration present: Brian White, Dr Kristina Martineau, Richard Huot, Sarah Smalley, Mike Barile and Matt Espinosa.

Brian White presented information on the budget process as well as the unique budget approval processes, this year, resulting from the governor's executive orders. Comments, questions and answers, from tonight's public hearing, will be posted on the district's website.

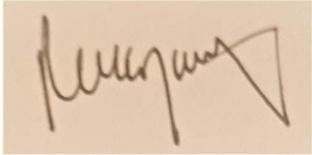
The Regional District #4 Board of Education is scheduled to meet on April 21, 2020 to consider the approval of the 2020 – 2021 budget.

Public comment:

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| John O'Hare – Chester      | requested information on supervision district fringe benefits   |
| Gina Sopneski – Deep River | requested information about the supervision district budget   |
| Leif Nielsen – Chester     | commented on the budget increases   |
| Jim Carey – Essex          | referred to an email that was sent regarding the attorneys  |
| Susan Wright – Chester     | commented on the change in the budget approval process, budget increases in light of the Corona virus and the potential for teacher contract modification |
| Lori Guerette – Deep River | requested information on several budget lines   |
| Virginia Carmany – Chester | requested information on the timeline between tonight and the meeting on 4/21/2020 as well as information on the results of the current spending freeze.  |
| Michael Hammond – Essex    | requested an update on the status of the 2018 – 2019 audit  |
| Madeline Meyer – Chester   | commented on the budget increases   |
| Richard Strauss – Chester  | requested information about the budget  |

There being no further questions or comments, a motion was made by DG Fitton and seconded by Jennifer Clark, to adjourn this public hearing. Approved 9-0.

This public hearing was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Rick Daniels  
Secretary – Regional District #4 Board of Education