

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE
June 7, 2012

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, June 07, 2011 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

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| CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION: | Peg Reyer, Wendy King (6:41pm arrival) |
| DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION: | Christine Daniels, Art Robbins, Jim Olson |
| ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION: | Lon Seidman, DG Fitton, Loretta McCluskey |
| REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION: | Linda Hall, Mary-Beth Harrigan, Elaine Fitzgibbons |

Also in attendance: Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Mr. Ian Neviasser, Assistant Superintendent, Garth Sawyer, Business Manager, and Kelley Frazier, Substitute Committee Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Linda Hall called the meeting to order at 6:37p.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 April 5, 2012 and the Accounts Payable report.

OTHER ITEMS

End of Year Transportation Semi-Annual Update – F. Kulick

Dr. Levy introduced Frank Kulick who gave an update of transportation usage. He noted that he is incorporating the addition of students for full day Kindergarten. Ms. Harrigan questioned the routes for Essex Elementary. Mr. Olson discussed seating of kindergarten and sixth grade students on the bus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laurie Lenz thanked the Board for their hard work during budget season.

REPORTS:

Financial Status Report

Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave a brief update of the financial status for Supervision District. There are not many changes. There is a small surplus.

Presentation of 2010-11 Audit Report and VOTE to accept report – G. Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer presented the audit report for our district. He discussed issues found in the audit. He noted that there were no issues or disagreements with management. Budgetary Operations for the year were briefly discussed. The surplus will be returned to the towns.

On motion duly made by and seconded the Committee unanimously **VOTED** to accept the 2010-2011 Supervision Audit Report as presented.

Vote to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation for the return of surplus Supervision District Funds from FY2010-2011

On motion duly made by Wendy King and seconded by DG Fitton the Committee unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to return the surplus of Supervision District Funds from Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Discussion and Possible Vote to Exercise a 1 Year Renewal Option on Current Contract with Grant Thornton, LLP(formerly Carlin, Charron & Rosen, LLP) to Re-Appoint Them as Auditors of the Supervision District Financial Statements for a 1 Year Period to Audit the Financial Records for the 2011-12 School Year

On motion duly made by Christine Daniels and seconded by Mary Beth Harrigan the Committee unanimously **VOTED** to approve a 1 year renewal option on a current contract with Grant Thornton, LLP(formerly Carlin, Charron & Rosen, LLP) to re-appoint them as auditors of the Supervision District Financial Statements for a 1 year period to audit the financial records for the 2011-12 School Year.

Mr. Sawyer discussed our working relationship with this firm. This was put out to bid three years ago. The Board discussed their displeasure in the increase of charges during these difficult economic times.

Reports and Communication(BOE Chair from Chester, Deep River, Essex and Region 4)

Essex:

Essex had their Memorial Day celebration inside this year. The roof repairs were briefly discussed.

Deep River:

The Memorial Day parade was successful. On May 17th there was a welcome reception for the new Principal. There was a celebration honoring the Deep River librarian who wrote a book. On June 13th there is a Tip a Teacher fundraiser to benefit our Sister City in Haiti at Oliver's in Essex. June 20th is Sixth Grade Graduation. Deep River is under a budget freeze due to some unanticipated costs.

Chester:

The budget passed unanimously at the Town Meeting. It was a difficult budget year. Roof repairs have been delayed for three years as requested by the Board of Finance. The Elementary School band was wonderful during the Memorial Day parade.

Region 4:

Region 4 passed their budget in all three towns. At the Middle School, Mr. Duffy was announced as the new Principal. Mr. Russell will be helping with the manufacturing course with Whelan offered next year at the High School. The Middle School received the Gold Level Status for the Math Counts award. Valley Regional received a Silver rating as a top high school in Connecticut. On Monday at the Academy Awards of High School Musicals Valley Regional won six awards. Graduation is June 21st.

Joint PK-12 Committee:**Policy Committee:**

Held for Joint Board of Education meeting.

Finance Committee:

Held for Joint Board of Education meeting.

Curriculum Committee:

Held for Joint Board of Education meeting.

Assistant Superintendent's Report – I. Neviasser

Held for Joint Board of Education meeting.

Superintendent's Report – R. Levy**District Update:**

Held for Joint Board of Education meeting.

Information and Communication

Discussion and Possible Vote to renew the Agreement Concerning the Establishment and Operation of an Interim Collaborative Preschool Program Dated February 13, 2008. The Original Contract Expires on June 30, 2012 and Per the Agreement May Be Renewed in 1 Year Increments Upon Agreement of All Signing Parties (Boards of Education for Chester, Deep River, Essex and the Regional Supervision District Committee) No Later Than June 30, 2012

This has been discussed at all district Boards previously to this meeting. There is room for the preschool at Essex Elementary.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to renew the Agreement Concerning the Establishment and Operation of an Interim Collaborative Preschool Program dated February 13, 2008 for renewal for a one year increment upon

agreement (vote) of all signing parties (Boards of Education for Chester, Deep River, Essex and the Regional Supervision District Committee) no later than June 30, 2012.

Vote on Superintendent's Recommendation to Appoint Shipman and Goodwin as Legal Counsel for Supervision District 2012-13.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** on the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Shipman and Goodwin as legal counsel for Supervision District for 2012-2013. The motion was approved.

These services will be used this summer during teacher contract negotiations. This has not been put out to bid. We are very pleased with the services we have received from Shipman and Goodwin. Ms. Monahan noted that prudently we need to make sure we are getting a fair market value for their services. We should research rates from other firms. Ms. Hall noted that this is a recommendation that will be considered in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 Next Supervision District Committee Meeting August 23, 2012

7.2 Update on Summer Hiring (Aug)

7.3 End of Year Financial Report (Aug)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Substitute Board Clerk