

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE
Dec 06, 2012 MEETING
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

October 4th , 2012

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, October 4th, 2012 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Wendy King, Peg Reyer
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Christine Daniels, KC Nelson Oliveria
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, DG Fitton
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Linda Hall, Mary-Beth Harrigan, Elaine Fitzgibbons

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

Audience of Citizens: 2 present

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Linda Hall 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 August 23, 2012 and the Accounts Payable Report.

OTHER ITEMS

Frank Kulick of First Student presented his beginning of the year transportation semi-annual report. The fleet is same as it was in June. All vehicles are within specifications for age requirements. All of the *81 passenger* buses will exceed contract specifications by June of 2013 so they will be going out of service. First Student will be phasing in four digital cameras to replace three current 8 mm cameras. The yard is fully staffed, but had 2 unexpected and sudden losses of drivers from the fleet. Mr. Kulick reported that First Student has taken it upon itself to save fuel for all clients and have been using GPS monitoring to assist with tune-up schedules, routes, individual bus fuel usage, etc...

The Committee and any present community members were asked for their thoughts on the upcoming 2013-14 Supervision District budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Two present, no comments made

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Financial Status – Business Manager Garth Sawyer reviewed the highlights of the Supervision District financial status updates. The biggest change from last time was some savings in transportation line item due to some routing changes. Pre-school tuition was updated to reflect current students.

Individual BOE reports

Chester – Wendy King reported that the Chester Elementary School will be installing solar panels through a state program in conjunction with the town. At their last meeting Dr. Beekley reviewed their CMT scores with them. The First Selectman is asking them to consider putting a small addition onto CES for Parks and Rec storage. She also announced that Chester Elementary School is 1 of 3 finalists for the CAS Elementary School of the Year. The Board toured the school and it's looking the best it ever has.

Deep River – Board Chair Christine Daniels reported that new Principal, Dr. Byars has settled in very nicely. They also reviewed DRES CMT scores.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman reported they also reviewed CMT scores. Their new Principal, Scott Jeffrey got school off to a smooth start.

Region 4 – Board Chair Linda Hall reported that they reviewed CAPT scores and looked at improvement plans. She also shared that Valley was the recipient of Michael's Cup award for athletics.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information and Communication

Dr. Levy updated the Committee on the status of the Cooperative Agreement formation and its implications for 6th grade. She has just been informed that the State will award a few grants to help districts come together to form a cooperative agreements, but they have less than 2 weeks to write this grant. She is hoping to win one of these grants for possibly \$33,000 to \$50,000 to be used for legal advice and help with writing an agreement and moving it toward a referendum, while also assisting with public awareness. She asked if anyone has grant writing experience and/or would like to help in working on this 2 to 3 page succinct document to submit to the State. She will be working on it Monday, October 8th in Central Office at 6:00 p.m., with a goal of submitting it by that Friday. Lon Seidman and Linda Hall offered their help.

The presentation of major Supervision District budget drivers for 2013-14 was held until the Joint BOE meeting a little later in the evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT – no comment

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Rotation of Supv. Dist. Chair and election of officers (Dec.)
Review/approval of Supv. Dist. Audit report for 2011-12 (Dec.)
Superintendent presents draft Supv. Dist. 2013-14 budget (Dec.)
BOE & Community input on 2013-14 budget - ongoing

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary-Beth Harrigan, Secretary,
Jennifer Bryan, Clerk