

**CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
MARCH 25, 2021 7:00pm**

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Chester BOE

David Fitzgibbons
Tom Englert
Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis
Dale Bernardoni
Kris Pollock
Kristin Smith
Maria Scherber
Charlene Fearon

Administration

Brian White
Tyson Stoddard
Bob Grissom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fitzgibbons at 7:00p.m.

VERBAL ROLL CALL FOR BOE MEMBERS

See above.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Tom Englert and seconded by Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 28, 2021, the Budget Workshop of February 4, 2021, the Budget Workshop of February 23, 2021 and the Accounts Payable report. Abstentions: Rob Bibbiani

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

REPORTS and OTHER ITEMS:

Superintendent’s Report

District Update

Mr. White gave a brief report. Spring Sports are being held. Things have been better in the district managing Covid. Teachers are being vaccinated. End of year ceremonies are being reviewed.

Information and Communication

No additional update.

Finance Office Report

Current Year to Date Financial Status Update

Mr. Grissom gave an update on the financial reports. CES is trending well at this time. It appears that all expenses will be covered for the remainder of the year. Mr. Grissom will keep the Board apprised of any changes that may occur.

Cafeteria Fund Update

Mr. Grissom gave a brief update on the cafeteria reporting. This is trending well. The cafeteria is able to cover all of its expenses.

Medical Reserve Tracking

Favorable results in the Medical Reserve account. Claim activity is expected to return to prior levels.

Principal's Update

Mr. Stoddard gave a brief update. Kindergarten orientation took place. At this time we number of new students is approximately 34. Mr. Stoddard gave an update on the outdoor classroom. The Rotary helped procure additional salt water fish for the aquarium. A digital camera will be used to allow students to monitor the fish when they are away from school. The Invention Convention took place. The state level will be held virtually. The morning broadcast included both students in school and students learning virtually. The food collection for the food pantry is complete. A podcast by students will be enjoyed by classrooms.

Presentation of Proposed Chester Elementary 2021-22 Budget

Mr. White gave a presentation of the budget and the capital plan for Chester Elementary.

Possible VOTE to approve Chester Elementary 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$5,150,022 to be presented to the Town of Chester.

A discussion regarding the audit of the building and grounds was held.

Upon a motion made by Maria Scherber and seconded by Tom Englert the Chester Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Chester Elementary 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$5,150,022 and to present to the Town of Chester.

This will be presented to the Chester BOS/BOF on April 7, 2021.

Committee Reports

Communications Committee

The focus at this time is developing a plan on how to inform the community of the positive things going on in our schools. A strategy to develop an appropriate response to things on social media is being developed.

The Legal RFP Committee will be soliciting bids for legal services. This would affect all district boards.

The Insurance Committee submitted an RFP to receive bids from insurance providers. The type of insurance and service providers were considered. Anthem was the chosen provider. Administrative fees are being reviewed for potential savings.

Supervision District:

The budget has passed.

LEARN Committee Report

The Superintendent of Montville presented her strategic plan. IEP rollout training is being done by LEARN. The Connecticut teacher residency program is gathering increased attention and is worth pursuing.

Other Committee Reports

None

Discussion regarding and Pending Policies

None Pending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 Present Proposed CES BOE 2021-22 Budget to Chester BOF/BOS April 7, 2021 at 7:00pm.

7.2 Joint BOE Meeting April 1, 2021

7.3 Present Proposed CES BOE 2021-22 budget on April 29, 2021 at Public Hearing @ 7:30.

7.4 Chester Town Budget Vote May 19, 2021 @ 7:30pm.

7.5 Chester BOE Regular Meeting is May 27, 2021 @ 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:52p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary