

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE
December 04, 2014 MEETING
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

October 02, 2014

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, October 02, 2014 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Arthur Henick
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Christine Daniels, Jim Olson, Miriam Morrissey
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, DG Fitton
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Chris Riley, Lauri Wichtowski

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

Audience of Citizens: none

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Christine Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 21, 2014, and the Accounts Payable Report.

OTHER ITEMS

Frank Kulick of First Student gave his Beginning of Year Transportation Semi-Annual report to the Committee. He reported that there are 19 routes in district this year and all had a good and safe start up for the school year. He discussed safety inspections, GPS systems, and security cameras, as well as answering questions from the Committee.

The Committee and any community members present were asked for their input on the development of the 2015-16 budget. There was a brief discussion regarding anticipated challenges with regards to declining enrollment.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

None present

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Financial Status – Business Manager Garth Sawyer reviewed the highlights of the Supervision District financial status updates for the current year. He reported that the pre-audit numbers show a surplus of approx. \$2800. So far they have started 2014-15 in good shape.

Individual BOE reports

Chester – Board member Art Henick reported that the Chester Board met two new staff members at their first Board meeting, and also elected two new members Crystal Sonn and Charlene Fearon to help fill some of the vacancies on their Board.

Deep River – Board Chair Christine Daniels reported that they also met new staff at their first meeting. She also reported that their new Principal, Christian Strickland, is very involved and has had a great start to the year. She reported that MAP testing has started and is going well; and their Book Drive will be starting soon.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman reported the Harvest Festival is coming up soon. It is always the school's most successful fundraiser,

Region 4 – Board Chair Chris Riley reported that John Winthrop Middle School received another CAS Spotlight School Award which recognizes not just academic metrics, but also school climate and other equally important factors as well as recognizing the terrific job being done by faculty and staff.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Report held until the Joint BOE meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information and Communication

Superintendent Levy's district report was held until the Joint Board meeting.

Dr. Levy discussed upcoming work by the Declining Enrollment Task Force. She reported that the next meeting of the task force is currently on hold until she can hold more discussions with the First Selectmen.

There was a first reading on the proposed District School Calendar for 2015-16 as recommended by the Calendar Committee. Dr. Levy reported that the Committee has been creating calendars on a year-by-year basis because of potential legislation that requires a uniform regional calendar in upcoming years. The enactment of that legislation has now been delayed another year. The Committee tried to look at other local districts to match up with their Spring recess dates, however, no other local districts have their calendar available yet. It was suggested that the Committee vote on the calendar now, but revise later if need be.

On Motion duly made and seconded the Committee unanimously VOTED to approve the 2015-16 district calendar as presented.

The anticipated major budget drivers for the 2015-16 Supervision District budget were held until a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none made

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next regular Supervision District Committee meeting – December 04, 2014
- Rotation of Supervision District Chair and election of officers (*Dec.*)
- BOE & Community Input on 2015-16 Budget (on-going)
- Review/approval of Supervision District Audit Report for 2013-14 (*Dec.*)
- Superintendent Presents draft Supervision District budget for 2015-16 (*Dec.*)

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Riley, Secretary,
Jennifer Bryan, Clerk