

**CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2021 7:00pm**

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Chester BOE

David Fitzgibbons
Charlene Fearon
Jan Taigen
Dale Bernardoni
Maria Scherber
Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis

Administration

Brian White
Tyson Stoddard
Bob Grissom
Sarah Brzozowy

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

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

VERBAL ROLL CALL FOR BOE MEMBERS

See above.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. White opened the floor for the nominations for the office of chairman.

A motion was made by Charlene Fearon to nominate David Fitzgibbons as the Chairman of the Chester Elementary Board of Education. Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Fitzgibbons opened the floor for the following nominations:

A motion made by David Fitzgibbons to nominate Dale Bernardoni as the Vice Chair of the Chester Elementary Board of Education. Charlene Fearon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by David Fitzgibbons to nominate Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis as the Secretary of the Chester Elementary Board of Education. Charlene Fearon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Supervision District representative will be Charlene Fearon and Dale Bernardoni along with Mr. Fitzgibbons.

Policy: Maria Scherber and Jan Taigen

Finance: Will be decided

Curriculum: Charlene Fearon and Dale Bernardoni

The Ad-Hoc Security Committee will meet in the winter months. Committees will be reviewed as to whether they are needed. Maria Scherber will join the calendar committee. The PTO liaison will be decided. Dale Bernardoni will also be the LEARN representative. Jan Taigen will be on Negotiations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Charlene Fearon and seconded by Maria Scherber the Chester Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 23, 2021 and the Accounts Payable report.

Amendment:

In Public Comment it should read Mr. Fitzgibbons thanked the Board members who have completed their terms.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

REPORTS and OTHER ITEMS:

Superintendent's Report

District Update

Mr. White gave a brief update. A vendor to conduct a building study is being secured. The purpose is to have a long term assessment of capital needs for all buildings. Capacity and a review of HVAC and all mechanical systems are also included in the study. A recommendation will be presented at the next Joint Board of Education meeting. Contract Negotiations are in process for six groups of employees.

Information and Communication

No additional report.

Financial Reports

No additional report

Sharing of Superintendent's Goals

Mr. White discussed his goals for the district and how they will be defined for the district.

Assistant Superintendent's Report S. Brzozowy

General Update

Dr. Brzozowy gave a brief status. She has been visiting CES and interacting with teachers and students. The outdoor classroom is being utilized.

2019-20 Performance Profile Report for CES

Dr. Brzozowy discussed the 2019-2020 Performance Profile Report for CES. This data is two years old. Student achievement data will continue to be discussed.

ESSER Grants Update

Two areas of focus for the use of these funds is math intervention and social and emotional wellbeing. Dr. Brzozowy discussed the priorities for CES. She noted that students are doing well and have not lost 2 years of time due to the pandemic.

Finance Office Report

Financial Status Updates

Current Year to Date Financial Status Update FY-21-22

Mr. Grissom gave an update on the financial status. All financial obligations are expected to be met. This reporting is through October 2021.

Cafeteria Fund Update

Mr. Grissom gave a brief update on the cafeteria reporting. The grant reimbursement is considered revenue. The participation rate is up slightly.

Medical Reserve Tracking

Net favorable results have been realized for the beginning of the year. Conversations during labor negotiations is occurring regarding insurance. Claims are trending lower. The insurance representative feels the district is well funded.

Grants Update

Pandemic relief funds were discussed. A presentation to the Joint Board of Education will discuss how these dollars are being spent across the district.

ADM Calculation Methodology

Mr. Grissom gave an overview of the methodology for the ADM calculation. Enrollment projects will be discussed at the Joint Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Grissom discussed the budget transfer.

Upon a motion made by Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis and seconded by Dale Bernardoni the Chester Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the budget transfer as presented by the Finance Director.

Principal's Update

Opening of School

Mr. Stoddard updated the Board on the new staff members who have joined Chester Elementary. Mr. Stoddard thanked the PTO for their social development opportunities and their updates to the bathrooms. The PTO also had an outdoor book fair. Professional Development was a collaborative effort for all district teachers using data to drive instruction. Mr. Stoddard updated the Board on school events.

Committee Reports

Supervision District:

Budget workshops are being scheduled.

Other Committee Reports

LEARN Committee Report

The Guilford Superintendent discussed the school equality and social justice work being done in his district. The Ocean Avenue Learn Academy funding for renovations has been approved.

Discussion regarding and Pending Policies

None Pending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION –Interview Candidate(s) to fill BOE vacancy for a term to last until November 2023.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chester Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 8:07pm.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:28pm.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chester Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve Stuart Johnson and Ken Rice to fill the BOE vacancy for a term to last until November 2023.

Upon a motion made by Jan Taigen and seconded by Maria Scherber the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to accept the Superintendent’s Recommendation to accept an employee request in accordance with Article 26F of the Teacher’s Contract.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 10.1 Joint BOE meeting December 2, 2021 at 7:00pm
- 10.2 Chester BOE Regular Meeting is January 27, 2022 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary