

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE  
June 04, 2015 MEETING  
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**April 16, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Dave Fitzgibbons, Arthur Henick
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Jim Olson, Miriam Morrissey
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, DG Fitton
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Chris Riley, 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: none present

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Lon Seidman called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 February 26, 2015 and the Accounts Payable Report.

**OTHER ITEMS**

None needed

**PUBLIC COMMENT -**

None present

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

Financial Status – Business Manager Garth Sawyer was unable to attend. In Mr. Sawyer’s absence Dr. Levy reviewed the highlights of the Supervision District financial status updates for the current year. There is currently a surplus projected.

Individual BOE reports

Chester – Board Vice Chair David Fitzgibbons reported that the Chester BOE recently presented their budget to Board of Finance where it was received favorably. He also reported that at their most recent Board meeting, a former Chester Elementary Principal, Lol Fearon, presented a plaque to replace the original one, since lost, dedicated to honoring Jack Brogan, the first principal of Chester Elementary.

Deep River – Board Vice Chair Jim Olson reported that the school's first science fair was recently held and was a huge success. All grade levels participated. Also, the Buildings and Grounds Committee met to discuss a termite problem which was then taken care of over spring recess.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman reported that they are about to start the roofing project at Essex Elementary. They are currently looking at a possible MBR (minimum budget requirement) issue with their budget for next year.

Region 4 – Board Chair Chris Riley reported that Valley boy's basketball team had a great run and competed in the state championship game. The musical, Band Geeks, was hands down the best thing to happen at Valley, as it had over 183 kids working on it from Nov. until the recent shows in April. He felt the level of performance and the amount of kids involved was a great reflection of VRHS. He also shared that there is a Valley student, who has been in the district since kindergarten, who is a National Merit Finalist. Additionally, a junior at Valley just won 3rd place in the National American Legion Oratory Competition held in Indiana. Mr. Riley briefly discussed the 2013-14 Region 4 financial audit and the Board's vote to return funds to the three towns, as well as to put some into a sinking fund. He said the Board has been working wonderfully together.

#### **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Held until the Joint BOE meeting

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

##### **Information and Communication**

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

None present

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next Regular Supervision District Meeting: June 04, 2015
- Discussion and possible VOTE regarding Superintendent's recommendation to appoint legal counsel for 2015-16 (June)
- End of Year Transportation Report – *F. Kulick* (June)
- Discussion and possible VOTE to renew the *Agreement Concerning the Establishment and*
- *Operation of an Interim Collaborative Preschool Program* dated February 13, 2008. (June)

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chris Riley, Secretary,  
Jennifer Bryan, Clerk