

*THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE NEXT*  
**REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**  
**June 6, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, June 6, 2013 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Peg Reyer, Wendy King(6:12pm arrival)
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Christine Daniels, Art Robbins, KC Nelson Oliveria
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, DG Fitton, Loretta McCluskey
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Linda Hall, Mary Beth Harrigan (6:34pm arrival) Elaine Fitzgibbons

Also in attendance: Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Dr. Joanne Beekley, Assistant Superintendent, Garth Sawyer, Business Manager, and Kelley Frazier, Substitute Committee Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Vice-Chair Christine Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:05p.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 April 4, 2013 and the Accounts Payable report.

**OTHER ITEMS**

**End of Year Transportation Semi-Annual Update – F. Kulick**

Ms. Daniels introduced Frank Kulick who gave an update of transportation usage. The older buses have been replaced. There were no major breakdowns. Dr. Levy noted that is has been a very good year with few incidents. She commended the drivers for the care they take on the road during bad weather. There will be a 95% retention of drivers. Dr. Levy noted that the new employees will need to view the bullying and harassment video.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comment

## **REPORTS:**

### **Financial Status Report**

#### **Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer**

No major changes from the April report. There is expected to be a surplus. Mr. Sawyer will keep the Board informed of any developments. Old records will need to be scanned and this will be a small additional cost.

### **Reports and Communication(BOE Chair from Chester, Deep River, Essex and Region 4)**

#### **Essex:**

Held for Joint Board of Education Meeting

#### **Deep River:**

Held for Joint Board of Education Meeting

#### **Chester**

Held for Joint Board of Education Meeting

#### **Region 4**

Held for Joint Board of Education Meeting

### **Joint PK-12 Committee:**

#### **Policy Committee:**

Held for Joint Board of Education meeting.

#### **Finance Committee:**

Held for Joint Board of Education meeting.

#### **Curriculum Committee:**

Held for Joint Board of Education meeting.

### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

Held for Joint Board of Education meeting.

### **Superintendent's Report – R. Levy**

#### **District Update:**

Held for Joint Board of Education meeting.

### **Information and Communication**

#### **Discussion and Possible Vote to amend the Agreement Concerning the Establishment and Operation of an Interim Collaborative Preschool Program.**

Dr. Levy discussed the amendment. Shipman and Goodwin recommended a five year agreement, but a three year agreement is acceptable because it is voted on yearly. Tuition will be decided sometime next year.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to amend the Agreement Concerning the Establishment and Operation of an Interim Collaborative Preschool Program.

**Discussion and Possible Vote to approve recommendation by the Joint BOE Calendar Committee for revisions to the already approved 2013-2014 district-wide school calendars.**

Dr. Levy briefly discussed the revision. She noted that graduation will be on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The snow days will be added to the end of the year until June 20<sup>th</sup>. After this, additional days will be taken from the April break.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve recommendation by the Joint BOE Calendar Committee for revisions to the already approved 2013-2014 district-wide school calendars.

**Vote on Superintendent's Recommendation to Appoint Shipman and Goodwin as Legal Counsel for Supervision District 2013-14.**

Dr. Levy is very happy with this firm. The rates are competitive and they have the expertise we need.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Shipman and Goodwin as legal counsel for Supervision District for 2013-2014.

**Discussion Regarding Cooperative Agreement**

Mr. Seidman discussed the Cooperative Agreement. You could still have three Boards.

Dr. Levy introduced Ms. Littlefield who briefly discussed the development of the Cooperative Agreement and the next steps to move forward. She briefly discussed the conflict of interest issue. She noted that her firm will be representing all four boards. Each Board will need to appoint a person to work on the issues and terms of the Cooperative Agreement. She is very excited to work on this project.

Ms. Hall asked about possibly dissolving the Region 4 Board. Ms. Littlefield noted that the Agreement is flexible and can do anything a Board of Education can do. This is process intense and would require many significant steps. It would be a lengthy process and it is premature to say whether this would happen or not. The idea is that you will streamline and make the process easier. This will create a comprehensive PreK-12 view. Mr. Seidman suggested having a referendum to have the towns approve this agreement. The committee will be appointed, meetings will be scheduled and possible sub committees assigned. We may consider a community forum for feedback. Supervision district will be the working group. This vote will be moved to August 22, 2013. Dr. Levy asked Ms. Littlefield to come to the Joint Board of Education in August to answer any questions. Dr. Levy wants to proceed judiciously and cautiously and to include all members of the Boards.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comment

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

7.1 Special Supervision District Committee Meeting June 24, 2013 @6:00pm Central Office

7.2 Next Regular Supervision District Committee Meeting – August 22, 2013

7.3 Update on Summer Hiring (Aug)

7.4 End of Year Financial Report (Aug)

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Substitute Board Clerk