

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE
June 02, 2016 MEETING
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

April 07, 2016

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, April 07, 2016 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	David Fitzgibbons, Arthur Henick
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Michelle Grow, Nelle Andrews, Miriam Morrissey
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, DG Fitton
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Chris Riley, Jennifer Clark, Jane Cavanaugh

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

Audience of Citizens: 1

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Chris Riley called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. (The position of Committee Chair rotates yearly among BOE Chairs, and moved to Region 4 this year.)

A moment of silence was held to honor Dick Smith, long time Deep River First Selectmen who passed away recently.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made and seconded the Committee VOTED (10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained - DG Fitton, = motion passed) to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Report, and the minutes from the February 25, 2016 regular meeting.

OTHER ITEMS – none needed

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 is currently projecting a small surplus for the end of the year.

Individual BOE reports

Chester – Board Chair David Fitzgibbons reported that the Chester BOE recently had good news. They found out that Dr. Joanne Beekley will be allowed by the State Retirement Board to remain as Principal for one more year, through the 2016-17 school year. Beginning July 1, 2017, Current Supervisor of Pupil Services, Tyson Stoddard, will assume the role of Chester Elementary Principal. Mr. Fitzgibbons also announced that the Board had recently appointed Tom Englert, a former Chester Selectmen, to fill a vacancy on their Board.

Deep River – Board Chair Michelle Grow reported that the Invention Convention and Science Fair was recently held at Deep River Elementary and the science fair in particular showed great progress in only its second year of being held. She also mentioned that a fourth grade student had recently won a Connecticut Writing Project, Fiction Writing award.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman reported that they had recently presented their budget to the Board of Finance. Because they have just caught up on current maintenance projects, the Board of Finance suggested that they add money into a sinking fund for future maintenance needs.

Region 4 – Board Chair Chris Riley reported that Valley Regional High School had a recent national scholar finalist, who happened to be one of their two student Board Representatives, Julia Hammond. He reported that Ms. Hammond attended Region 4 schools as a K-12 student and serves as a great example of what our local public schools have to offer. He also praised the recent Valley Musical production of *The Addams Family*. Additionally, he mentioned that the Region 4 Public Hearing on the budget was postponed due to a snowstorm that hit on April 4th. The hearing has been rescheduled for April 25th.

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.

Superintendent Levy presented the proposed revised/reduced 2016-17 Supervision District budget. The proposed budget was reduced by a little over \$25,000 due to a staffing change.

There was a brief discussion.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to approve the 2016-17 Supervision District budget for a total appropriation of Six Million, eight hundred sixty seven thousand, four hundred thirty two dollars (\$6,867,432)

PUBLIC COMMENT –

None present

The Superintendent's presentation of her self-evaluation was held until the June 02nd Supervision District Committee meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next regular Supervision District Committee meeting – June 02, 2016
- 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 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DG Fitton, Secretary,

Jennifer Bryan, Clerk