

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE
February 23, 2016 MEETING
Joint Board of Education Committee**

December 01, 2016

A regular meeting of the Joint Board of Education Committee was held on Thursday, December 01, 2016 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Board Members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION: David Fitzgibbons, Arthur Henick, Robert Bibbiani, Charlene Fearon, John Stack, John Ropiak, Maria Scherber, Becky Iselin

DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION: Michelle Grow, Miriam Morrissey, Nelle Andrews, Hadley Kornacki, Jim Olson, Imran Munawar, Tatria Ciaglo.

ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION: Lon Seidman, DG Fitton, Loretta McCluskey, Mark Watson, Carolyn Rotella. Adam Conrad (arrived at 7:13 p.m.)

REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION: Chris Riley, Jennifer Clark, Mario Gioco, Susan Hollister, Elaine Fitzgibbons, Jane Cavanaugh, Leigh Rankin, Jim Olson

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

Audience of Citizens: none present

CALL TO ORDER

Supervision District Committee Chair David Fitzgibbons called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

The Chairs of the Chester, Deep River, Essex Boards and Region 4 Board of Education called their respective Boards to order at 7:11 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made and seconded, the Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously VOTED to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the October 06, 2016 regular meeting of the Joint Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – no comments were made

OTHER ITEMS – None needed

REPORTS

Financial Status Update

Mr. Sawyer gave a brief, high level financial update for each district. More detail will be given at the individual board meetings in January.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Levy reported that the first Supervision District Budget Workshop is scheduled for December 6th. She also updated the Boards on the following recent activities: VRHS hosted a visit from the NEASC accreditation committee; Seniors at Valley were recently trained (in accordance with state statute), and also certified in CPR; the High School Scheduling Committee held their first meeting to examine the pros and cons of the current block schedule as well as other schedule types; She recently awarded the Shoreline Superintendent Award to Valley Seniors Mitch Conrad and Maggie Walsh. She noted that both of the students attended Region 4 schools from K-12.

Committee Reports

The November meetings for both Joint BOE Policy and Joint BOE Curriculum were cancelled.

Joint BOE Finance Committee - Committee Chair Mark Watson reported that they met on November 29th and discussed the following: medical insurance issues, including the fact that the insurance reserve took a big hit last year due to higher than anticipated claims. They will revisit that fund balance again as we get further into the claims year to see how claims are shaping up. Depending on continued claims activity, they may need to be more conservative in proposed budgets for next year.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Martineau gave an update on Professional Development and Curriculum. She reported that they are in the process of planning a tech summit full PD day in March with teacher leaders running the workshops in their areas of tech expertise, or tech application areas they feel passionate about.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments were made

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Regular Joint BOE Meeting, February 23, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

On Motion duly made and seconded, the Chester, Deep River, and Essex Boards of Education unanimously VOTED to adjourn 7:24 p.m.

*** The Region No. 4 Board of Education stayed in Session for the following business:**

-Executive Session regarding a Student Matter

The Region 4 Board moved into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

The Region 4 Board moved out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Region 4 Board unanimously VOTED to add the following item to the agenda: Region 4 Water discussion.

The Board discussed recent testing of the wells at Region 4 Schools.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Region 4 Board unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Bryan, Clerk