

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
JANUARY 21, 2016 7:00PM**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016. In attendance were Miriam Morrissey, Nelle Andrews, Tracy Dickson, Imran Munawar, Tatria Ciaglo, James Talbot(7:12pm Arrival), Paula Weglarz and Michelle Grow. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Garth Sawyer, Business Manager, Christian Strickland, Principal and Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk. Absent: Hadley Kornacki

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Grow called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Upon a motion made by Tracy Dickson and seconded by Miriam Morrissey the Deep River Board of Education **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2106 regular meeting as presented and the Accounts Payable report.

STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Strickland introduced Sophie Morin and Philippe Stroud who presented the update of events happening at Deep River Elementary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

OTHER ITEMS:

Community and Board Input on 2016-17 Budget

There was a brief discussion regarding the 2016-17 budget.

Principal's Update

Mr. Strickland gave an additional update of events at DRES. The PTO Craft night was a big hit. The chorus sing-a-long was well attended. We have DRES spirit wear available. Academics and Achievement have gone out and will run in connection with our Invention Convention. This will be held on March 10th which will showcase the experiments. Judging will be on March 11th. On January 12th students participated in the CAS leadership program. We have 2 students who will attend the Evening of the Arts at the end of February. CMT science testing will take place in March. SBAC will be at the end of March. Five of our students will go to the Coast Guard Academy for Math Counts. Professional Development focused on an overview of SBAC and how to integrate in their day to day instruction. Teachers will be meeting with Mr. Strickland for their mid-year meetings. The PTO is hosting a magician for Family Fun Night. There are 24 students participating in the production of Robin Hood.

Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave a brief update of the financial status for Deep River Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year. The property and liability insurance for the building has increased. Currently the school budget is projecting a deficit due to some unanticipated special education needs. We will remain vigilant of any unforeseen circumstances and we will keep the Board informed of any developments as they arise.

Cafeteria Report – Mr. Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave an update on the status of the cafeteria budget. There has been an increase on the daily average of meals sold.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

The Finance Committee meeting will be rescheduled. The insurance representative will be attending.

Policy

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2016.

Curriculum

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2016.

Supervision District Committee Update

There were 2 budget workshops which resulted in a budget that has an increase of 2.78%. Most of this increase is for a Math Coach who will work with the teachers in all four schools. This will go to a public hearing on February 1st.

Facilities

Discussion occurred regarding maintenance and upkeep items which have been done on the school. Mr. Strickland noted that the roof project is complete and there have been no leaks. Drain spouts have been worked on. There was a freezer alarm placed on the freezer. Gas lines have been run to the buildings but are not hooked up. There was paving done in the main parking lot. Lighting enhancements are being looked to increase safety.

LEARN

Ms. Kornacki was not available for an update.

Other Committee Reports

None

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ms. Martineau discussed the changes in curriculum for social studies. She met with all three town's historical societies to discuss working together. We will be working with them to implement our new social studies curriculum. We will honor the history of all three towns and find what binds us together. Our Tech Summit is coming up in February. Teachers will attend various workshops. We have been working with the Language Arts coaches looking at the writing assessments for the Elementary Schools. This is based on real time assessments of what our students are doing.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Update – Information and Communication

Superintendent Levy noted that we are developing our five budgets. On February 8th from 6-7pm there will be a community dinner which will be open to families. Jonathon Costa will be giving a presentation. This will allow the public to be thinking of how our communities want to move forward. Celebrate Learning will once again be held at Deep River. There has been a push from the federal government to provide breakfast and lunch for our students in need. We would have reimbursement for all children in our district. Students would pick up a brown bag and they have to eat on school grounds. More information will become available soon.

We have been working on the budget process. We have completed the first phase of the Supervision District budget. It will go to public hearing. The increases are due to mandates.

Discussion Regarding Any Pending Policies – Standing Item #5141.4 Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

The changes are purely statutory.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None Present

EXECUTIVE SESSION –BOE SELF EVALUATION

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Deep River Board of Education VOTED to go into Executive Session at 7:53pm to discuss the BOE Self Evaluation.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:26pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.1 Joint BOE next regular meeting on February 25, 2016 @ 7:00pm (JWMS)
- 9.2 Deep River Budget Workshops Feb 02nd, Feb 23rd, Mar 08th, 2016 (Central Office)
- 9.3 Deep River BOE next regular meeting (Mar 17, 2016 at 7:00pm)
- 9.4 Community input for 2016-17 budget (on-going)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Miriam Morrissey and seconded by Nelle Andrews the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk