

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE  
December 06, 2018 MEETING  
Joint Board of Education Committee**

**October 04, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Joint Board of Education Committee was held on Thursday, October 04, 2018 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Board Members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	David Fitzgibbons, Robert Bibbiani, Charlene Fearon, Becky Iselin, Tom Englert, Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis, Theresa Myers
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Paula Weglarz, Miriam Morrissey, Robert Ferretti, Lenore Grunko, Mary Massey
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, DG Fitton, Loretta McCluskey, Judie McCann
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Jennifer Clark, Mario Gioco, Rick Daniels, Kate Sandmann (arrived at 7:05), DG Fitton, Trisha Brookhart

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

Audience of Citizens: 0

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervision District Committee Chair Paula Weglarz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairs of the Chester, Deep River, Essex Boards and Region 4 Board of Education called their respective Boards to order at 7:00\_p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region Boards of Education unanimously VOTED to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the June 07, 2018 regular meeting of the Joint Board

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – no comments were made

## **OTHER ITEMS –**

The Boards moved in Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. for Negotiations - to review the key provisions in the Net Techs et al. (Elementary Secretaries, Elementary Nurses, Elementary and R4 Net Techs and Elementary Custodians) contract for 2018-21. Attorney Kevin Roy, Superintendent Levy, Assistant Supt. Martineau and Business Manager Allen were invited to stay.

The Boards moved out of Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously VOTED to ratify the Agreement between the Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Boards of Education, and Local 1303-421, AFSCME, COUNCIL No. 4, AFL-CIO (Net Techs et al.) effective July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021.

Supervisor of Pupil Services Jennifer Nucci and Principal of Celebrate Learning Peter Foxon gave a presentation to the Boards on the 2018 Celebrate Learning Summer Program. It was held at Essex Elementary for K-6 and at John Winthrop Middle School for grades 7-8. It ran July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mon.-Thur. from 8:30-11:30 a.m.. The focus was on strengthening and reinforcing existing literacy and math skills. Mr. Foxon answered some questions and heard comments from board members.

No action was taken on the “Proposed Calendar of Regular BOE meetings for Jan. – Dec. 2019” due to a Region 4 Board request to include additional regular Region 4 Board meetings on the calendar. A revised calendar will come back for a vote by all Boards at the December Joint BOE meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### Financial Status Update

Business Manager Kim Allen gave a brief, high level financial update for each district. More detail will be given at the individual board meetings in November.

Ms. Allen ask the Board to approve the disposition of records per CGS Sec 7-109 as presented.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously VOTED to approve the disposition of records per CGS Sec 7-109.

### Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Levy reported that both the District School Security Advisory Committee and Tuition Committee have been meeting.

DG Fitton, Chair of the District School Security Advisory Committee reported that the Committee met again on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> with a very good turnout of 17 participants in the room. All stakeholders were well represented. Site surveys (security walk throughs) have been scheduled for all 6 facilities over the next two weeks. The Committee will meet again on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to

spend the day reviewing the data gathered during the site surveys and putting together budget recommendations before individual board budget workshops begin.

Tuition Committee member Miriam Morrissey reported that the Committee met on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and will meet again next week, where they will consider information regarding specific add-on costs for VRHS. They are considering different tuition levels for different grade levels. Committee member Michelle Grow reported that they are looking at both fixed and variable operating costs. They will need to decide how to best market the schools in light of any local competition. The goal is to create revenue without adding to overall fixed costs. The Committee would like to bring a proposed tuition fee structure to the Boards for a vote by December.

### Committee Reports

Joint BOE Policy Committee member Lon Seidman presented a second reading of the three policies on the agenda. These policies; #1331 Smoking in School Facilities, #5131.6 Students – Alcohol Drug and Tobacco, and #4118.231 Personnel – Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs Free Workplace, were first presented at the June Joint Board meeting, and discussed at all of the individual Board meetings in September. Throughout that process only one revision was requested and that was to make the language in Policy #1331 inclusive of all tobacco products and not just smoking. The policies reviewed tonight include that revision. There was some discussion. Several board members voiced their desire for strongly discouraging the use of all tobacco products by students in school and on school property, which does include buses. There was consensus that the policies are effective in doing that.

On motion duly made and seconded the Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously VOTED to approve Policies #1331 Prohibition against Smoking and Tobacco Use, #5131.6 Students - Alcohol Drug and Tobacco, and #4118.231 Personnel - Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs Free Workplace, as presented.

The Joint BOE Policy Committee will next meet on October 15th.

Joint BOE Finance Committee member Rick Daniels reported that they met on September 25th and reviewed policies #3160 Transfer of Funds and #3323 Soliciting Prices. The Committee took no action. They have asked for additional clarification on policy language and will meet again on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> to continue their discussions of those two policies and to also review policy #3300 Purchasing Authority. Ms. Allen reported that the Committee also discussed the health care plan, bidding of upcoming contracts, and requests for 5 year budget projections from the towns.

Joint BOE Curriculum Committee member Rob Bibbiani reported that they met on September 17th. The K-6 math coaches presented an update on math resources and curriculum, and the transition into the Bridges program. He said the teachers indicated that they love the Bridges program and having math coaches at each school. They are running a pilot program in Grade 6 for the *Illustrative Mathematics* curriculum and Grade 7 is exploring that as well. The

Committee also received a brief update and discussed the transition to NGSS grades 4-6 and resource pilot (TCI Science).

Region 4 Board Chair Jennifer Clark asked her members to stay after the meeting so they could discuss possibly appointing an alternate representative to some, or all of their negotiations committees.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Martineau had nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No comments were made

Lon Seidman thanked Paula Weglarz for her year of service as the Supervision District and Joint BOE Chair. It will move along to the Essex BOE Chair in December.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next Regular Joint BOE Meeting, ~~December 06~~, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.  
(Please note: meeting has been re-set to Dec. 03<sup>rd</sup>)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On Motion duly made and seconded, the Chester, Deep River, and Essex Boards of Education unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

The Region 4 Board of Education stayed in session to determine a possible alternate representative for some or all of their negotiations committees.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Region 4 Board of Education unanimously VOTED to adjourn at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer Bryan, Clerk