

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE
December 5, 2019 6:30pm**

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE):	Charlene Fearon, David Fitzgibbons, Tom Englert
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Miriam Morrissey, Paula Weglarz, Bob Ferretti
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Loretta McCluskey, Lon Seidman, DG Fitton
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Jane Cavanaugh, John Stack, Kate Sandmann

Also in attendance: Mr. Brian White, Superintendent; Dr. Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Sarah Smalley, Director of Pupil Services and Kelley Frazier, Substitute Committee Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Sandmann called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Mr. Fitzgibbons has agreed to be the Vice Chair.

Upon a motion made by David Fitzgibbons and seconded by Loretta McCluskey the Regional Supervision Committee unanimously **VOTED** to appoint DG Fitton as the Secretary/Treasurer for the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by Lon Seidman and seconded Jane Cavanaugh the Committee unanimously **VOTED** to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Minutes from the regular meeting of October 3, 2019 and the Accounts Payable Report as presented. Abstentions: Jane Cavanaugh

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Wright from Chester asked when the workshop would be rescheduled. This will be discussed during the Superintendent Report.

REPORTS and OTHER ITEMS

Superintendent's Report

District Update

The budget workshop that was cancelled due to weather was discussed. Options for dates are: Monday, Dec 16th, Tues Dec 17th at 6:00pm. Ms. Bryan will email members with the date.

Ms. Sandman thanked Lon Seidman for chairing this board for the past year.

Information and Communication

No additional report

Review and Possible VOTE to Approve Revisions Recommended by the Calendar Committee 2020-21 District School Calendar

The proposed changes that would impact next year's calendar would be the removal of snowflake days. The state now allows for a fixed graduation date. Professional Development days were discussed. Alignment with other districts has been a consideration. The February break was discussed. Ms. Morrissey asked that illness be considered in scheduling the February break. Mr. Fitton discussed Columbus Day and the consideration of what we are celebrating on this day. The calendar committee has approved these changes.

Upon a motion made by DG Fitton and seconded by Loretta McCluskey the Regional Supervision District Committee unanimously **VOTED** to Approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar as recommended by the Calendar Committee.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

District Update

Hold for Joint Meeting

Director of Pupil Services

District Update

Hold for Joint Meeting

Business Manager Financial Status Report

Supervision District Budget Status Report

No Report

Reports and Communication (BOE chair from Chester, Deep River, Essex and Region 4)

Chester – 2 new members have joined the board. There is one vacancy.

Deep River – Math scores in grades 4 and 5 have improved. Work is being done on ELA. Physical fitness is also a high point.

Essex – 2 new members have joined the board. Math Scores have also improved.

Region 4 – Paula Weglarz and John Stack have joined the Region 4 Board. Ms. Sandmann discussed events at both John Winthrop and Valley Regional.

Committee Reports

Finance - Next meeting is January 27, 2020

Curriculum – Next meeting is January 16, 2020

Policy – Next meeting is January 27, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Jennifer Clark from Essex noted that studies indicate that longer school breaks do not have a significant influence the spread of influenza. She noted that there may be a small reduction but given that students are still in contact with each other, there is not much difference in having a longer break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Midyear Evaluation of Superintendent, Update on Personnel Matter

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Regional Supervision District Committee unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 6:55. Mr. White was invited to attend.

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 7:17pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 7.1 New BOE Member Orientation Dec 19, 2019 @JWMS @7:00pm
- 7.2 Welcome to Central Office Workshop (TBD)
- 7.3 Supervision District Committee Public Meeting – February 3, 2020 @ JWMS @ 7:00pm
- 7.4 Next regular Supervision District Committee meeting – February 20, 2020 @6:30pm @ JWMS
- 7.5 Supervision District Budget Workshop II @JWMS @6:00pm Jan 8, 2020
- 7.6 Supervision District Budget Workshop III @ JWMS @6:00pm Jan 14, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Supervision District Committee unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:19p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley S. Frazier, Substitute Clerk