

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE**  
**Apr. 5, 2018 MEETING**  
**Joint Board of Education Committee**

**February 22, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Joint Board of Education Committee was held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Board Members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	David Fitzgibbons, Robert Bibbiani, John Stack, Maria Scherber, Tom Englert
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Paula Weglarz, Miriam Morrissey, Imran Munawar, Robert Ferretti
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, Carolyn Rotella; DG Fitton (arrived 7:50 p.m.)
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Jennifer Clark, Mario Gioco, Jane Cavanaugh, Leigh Rankin, Rick Daniels, Trisha Brookhart

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

Audience of Citizens: 2 present

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervision District Committee Chair Paula Weglarz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Chairs of the Chester, Deep River, Essex Boards and Region 4 Board of Education called their respective Boards to order at 7:02 p.m. Chester and Region 4 Boards had a quorum present. Deep River did not have a quorum, and Essex did not have a quorum but anticipated one later in the evening.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Chester and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously VOTED to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the December 07, 2017 regular meeting of the Joint Board.

*Please note:* The Deep River Board did not have a quorum and was unable to vote. They will vote on this at a future special Deep River BOE meeting, date TBD.

The Essex Board did not have a quorum and was unable to vote at this time. *Please note:* The Essex Board gained a quorum at approx. 7:50 p.m. and at that time, on motion duly made and seconded, the Essex Board unanimously VOTED to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the December 07, 2017 regular meeting of the Joint Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – no comments were made

**OTHER ITEMS** –

None needed

**REPORTS**

Financial Status Update

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

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Allen presented the proposed Supervision District Budget for 2018-19 already approved by the Supervision District Committee. A public hearing was held on February 5, 2018 and there have been no changes to the proposed budget since that time.

There was a brief discussion.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Chester (4=Yes, 1=No (Tom Englert), 0=Abstained) MOTION PASSED and Region 4 (unanimous) Boards VOTED to approve the 2018-19 Supervision District Budget as presented.

*Please note:* The Deep River Board did not have a quorum and was unable to vote. They will vote on this at a future special Deep River BOE meeting, date TBD.

The Essex Board did not have a quorum and was unable to vote at this time. *Please note:* The Essex Board gained a quorum at approx. 7:50 p.m. and at that time, on motion duly made and seconded, the Essex Board unanimously VOTED to approve the 2018-19 Supervision District Budget as presented.

Committee Reports

Policy #5132 Dress Code was presented by Joint BOE Policy Committee Chair L. Rankin for a second reading and vote.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Chester and Region 4 Boards unanimously VOTED to approve revised policy #5132 as presented.

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The Essex Board did not have a quorum and was unable to vote at this time. *Please note:* The Essex Board gained a quorum at approx. 7:50 p.m. and at that time, on motion duly made and seconded, the Essex Board unanimously VOTED to approve revised policy #5132 as presented.

There was no new update from the Joint BOE Finance Committee, as their last scheduled meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

As requested, Dr. Levy and Ms. Allen shared a presentation on “Understanding the Budget”

There was a brief discussion on the 2018-19 Supervision District Budget line item for Diesel Fuel.

Assistant Superintendent Martineau and Joint BOE Curriculum Committee member J. Cavanaugh reported that they met on January 22nd and heard a wonderful presentation by Jennifer Taliercio, Vocational Education Teacher, on the Foods and Textile Courses at VRHS.

The Joint BOE ad hoc Cafeteria Committee will meet again next week and will be preparing their report for the Joint BOE.

#### Assistant Superintendent’s Report

Assistant Superintendent Martineau gave an update on Professional Development and Curriculum. A full day of Professional Development for teachers has been scheduled for March 9th.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No comments were made

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:45 p.m. the Board moved into Executive Session for Negotiations, to review the key provisions in the Cafeteria Employees contract for 2017-20.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at approx. 7:52 p.m.

On motion duly made and seconded the Chester, Essex, and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously VOTED to ratify the agreement between the Chester Board of Education, Deep River Board of Education, Essex Board of Education, Region 4 Board of Education and Local 1303-098 of Council No. 4 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (Cafeteria Employees) for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020

*Please note:* The Deep River Board did not have a quorum and was unable to vote. They will vote on this at a future special Deep River BOE meeting, date TBD.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next Regular Joint BOE Meeting, April 05, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Presentation by Joint BOE ad hoc Cafeteria Comm. (TBD)
- End-of-Year Strategic Plan Presentation on Next Steps (June)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On Motion duly made and seconded, the Essex and Region 4 Boards of Education unanimously VOTED to adjourn 7:55 p.m.

**The Chester Board of Education remained in session.**

The Chester Board moved into Executive Session at approximately 8:00 p.m. to interview potential candidates to fill two BOE vacancies until Nov. 2019.

The Chester Board moved out of Executive Session at approximately 8:20 p.m.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Chester Board unanimously VOTED to appoint Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis to fill a vacancy for a two year period until November 2019 (i.e. 2 yrs. of a 2017-2021 term - the position will go back on the ballot in Nov. of 2019 for a 2 yr. appointment to complete the 2017-2021 term.)

On motion duly made and seconded, the Chester Board unanimously VOTED to appoint Theresa Myers to fill a vacancy for a two year period until November 2019 (i.e. 2 yrs. of a 2017-2021 term - the position will go back on the ballot in Nov. of 2019 for a 2 yr. appointment to complete the 2017-2021 term.)

On Motion duly made and seconded, the Chester Board of Education unanimously VOTED to adjourn at approx. 8:25 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer Bryan, Clerk