

***THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE
June 07, 2012 MEETING
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE***

April 05, 2012

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, April 05th, 2012 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Peg Reyer, Wendy King arrived at 6:44 p.m., Laurie Rubinow arrived at 6:44 p.m.
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Christine Daniels, Art Robbins,
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, DG Fitton
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Linda Hall, Mary-Beth Harrigan, Elaine Fitzgibbons

Also in attendance: Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent; Ian Neviasser, Assistant Superintendent; Garth Sawyer, Business Manager, and Jennifer Bryan, Committee Clerk.

Audience of Citizens: none present

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Lon Seidman called the meeting to order at 6:38p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made and seconded the Committee unanimously VOTED to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Minutes from the regular meeting of February 28, 2012 and the Accounts Payable Report. With the following correction to the minutes: no vote was taken to move out of Executive Session, the Committee just moved out of executive session per Roberts Rules of Order.

OTHER ITEMS

There was discussion regarding the 2012-13 Supervision proposed budget. A revision due to lower anticipated costs for health care was discussed.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to bring the proposed revised 2012-13 Supervision District budget in the amount of \$6,261,738 (Six million, two hundred sixty-one thousand, seven hundred thirty eight dollars) to the Joint Board of Education for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None present

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Financial Status – Business Manager Garth Sawyer reviewed the highlights of the Supervision District financial status updates. There are some anticipated savings under Professional Development. If no unanticipated costs are incurred, the district is currently showing an approximately \$4000 surplus for the end of the year.

There was a brief discussion regarding recommended budget transfers for 2011-12.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to approve the following Supervision District budget transfers for 2011-12 as recommended:

Object 100: Salaries	Budget Increase of	\$11,386
Object 200: Fringe Benefits	Budget Increase of	\$26,200
Object 300: Purchased Services	Budget Decrease of	(\$15,771)
Object 400: Rentals and Repairs	Budget Decrease of	(\$1,558)
Object 500: Other Outside Services	Budget Decrease of	(\$23,461)
Object 600: Supplies	Budget Increase of	<u>\$3,204</u>
Net Amount of Increases versus (Decreases)		\$0

Individual BOE reports

Chester – Wendy King reported that the Chester BOE approved their budget on March 22nd for presentation to the town Board of Finance. Jim Gordon was also recently appointed to fill a vacancy so they now have a full board seated.

Deep River – Board Chair Christine Daniels reported that the DRES media specialist has written a book for middle schools kids and will be doing a book signing at the Stone House in May. Kindergarten orientation will be held on April 18th, the annual Civics Bee is coming up soon, and Invention Convention was held today. She also announced that the Board just voted to appoint Dr. Jennifer Byars as the new principal effective July 1, 2012 to replace Dr. Jack Pietrick who is retiring. Dr. Byars is a Deep River resident, and her family has been there for 4 generations.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman reported that the Essex Board is done with their budget for now. They will present to the town on April 19th @ 8:00 p.m. at a public hearing. The town budget vote will be in May sometime, and it is still to be determined if the vote will be by town vote or referendum. Essex Elementary School Recently held kindergarten orientation, with the smallest crowd ever to attend.

Region 4 – Board Chair Linda Hall reported that JWMS Principal David Russell recently announced his retirement and they will begin a search for his replacement shortly. Both schools recently held their musicals with sold out crowds at every performance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information and Communication

Dr. Levy held her updates for the Joint BOE meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT – none present

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vote/approve recommendation for legal counsel for 2012/13 (June)

End-of-Year Transportation Report by First Student (June)

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary-Beth Harrigan, Secretary,
Jennifer Bryan, Clerk