

Regional District #4

2020 Budget Public Hearing

April 1, 2020

Minutes

This public hearing was held by video conference with telephone access for the public.

This public hearing was called to order by Kate Sandmann at 7 pm.

Members present: Trisha Brookhart, Jane Cavanaugh, Dr Jennifer Clark, Lori Ann Clymas Dr Rick Daniels, DG Fitton, Kate Sandmann, John Stack and Paula Weglarz

Administration present: Brian White, Dr Kristina Martineau, Richard Huot, Sarah Smalley, Mike Barile and Matt Espinosa.

Brian White presented information on the budget process as well as the unique budget approval processes, this year, resulting from the governor's executive orders. Comments, questions and answers, from tonight's public hearing, will be posted on the district's website.

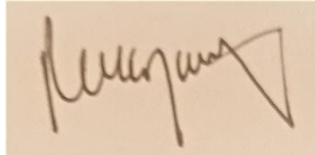
The Regional District #4 Board of Education is scheduled to meet on April 21, 2020 to consider the approval of the 2020 – 2021 budget.

Public comment:

John O'Hare – Chester	requested information on supervision district fringe benefits
Gina Sopneski – Deep River	requested information about the supervision district budget
Leif Nielsen – Chester	commented on the budget increases
Jim Carey – Essex	referred to an email that was sent regarding the attorneys
Susan Wright – Chester	commented on the change in the budget approval process, budget increases in light of the Corona virus and the potential for teacher contract modification
Lori Guerette – Deep River	requested information on several budget lines
Virginia Carmany – Chester	requested information on the timeline between tonight and the meeting on 4/21/2020 as well as information on the results of the current spending freeze.
Michael Hammond – Essex	requested an update on the status of the 2018 – 2019 audit
Madeline Meyer – Chester	commented on the budget increases
Richard Strauss – Chester	requested information about the budget

There being no further questions or comments, a motion was made by DG Fitton and seconded by Jennifer Clark, to adjourn this public hearing. Approved 9-0.

This public hearing was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Rick Daniels  
Secretary – Regional District #4 Board of Education