

**DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2021 7:00pm**

F.O.I. Compliance – Subject to BOE approval at a future meeting
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Deep River BOE
Paula Weglarz
Miriam Morrissey
Tracy Dickson
Rob Feretti
Mary Campbell
Lenore Grunko
Pat Maikowski

Administration
Brian White
Sarah Smalley
Bob Grissom
Lauren Feltz

Absent: Marc Lewis and Scott Hallden

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Weglarz at 7:00p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Rob Ferretti and seconded by Miriam Morrissey the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 19, 2020 and the Accounts Payable report.

Amendments:

Tracy Dickson was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

REPORTS and OTHER ITEMS:

Superintendent’s Report

District Update

Mr. White gave a brief report. He introduced Mr. Gissom who is the new Business Manager for Region 4. The district continues to work through the challenges. The routines and protocols established are working.

Information and Communication

Mr. White gave a Covid update and addressed member questions. He noted the changes to the quarantine protocol which was adopted under guidance of the Essex health department and the CRAD health district. Mr. White discussed the process of contact tracing and the guidelines for the schools. This practice continues to be reviewed. Mr. Ferretti discussed questions about the methodology used for contact tracing. To date there is no known case of community spread in the schools. Roughly 20 percent of the students at DRES are remote learning. The school is working with the Governor’s office

to get staff vaccinated. The only employees who have currently received their vaccine are the nurses.

Sharing of Superintendent's Goals

Mr. White shared his goals for the district.

Finance Office Report

Current Year to Date Financial Status Update

Mr. Grissom presented the financial status report. Mr. Grissom discussed the expense report year to date. He was able to answer questions regarding the financial reporting. Expenses are tracking well and trends are favorable at this time.

Cafeteria Fund Update

Mr. Grissom discussed the cafeteria reporting. Participation is lower, but participation in the Grab and Go program is good. Revenues are exceeding costs.

Medical Reserve Tracking

Trends are favorable for the year. An upcoming budget workshop will include a presentation by the insurance representative.

Principal's Update

A brief update was given. Ms. Feltz praised the teacher leadership at the school. It is an ongoing and proactive spirit of collaboration. Despite all of the challenges staff are facing, they are rising to the challenge.

Possible VOTE to Approve Memorandum of Agreement between The Chester, Deep River, Essex Regional School District No. 4 Education Association as Presented (encl #6)

Upon a motion made by Tracy Dickson and seconded by Miriam Morrissey the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between The Chester, Deep River, Essex Regional School District No. 4 Education Association as Presented (encl #6).

Committee Reports

No Committee Meetings.

Supervision District:

The budget is being worked on. Funding and billing of the summer program is being reviewed. Discussion was held regarding what is currently in the Supervision budget. A public hearing will be held February 1st.

Other Committee Reports

DRES Facilities

The next meeting will be on Tuesday.

LEARN Committee Report

Ms. Grunko attended the last meeting. They are growing and selling coral. Budgets are healthy. There is opportunities available for diversity in teaching.

Discussion regarding and Pending Policies

None Pending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 Deep River BOE Budget Workshops: Feb 3rd, Feb 18th, March 16th, 2021 at 6:00PM

7.2 Joint BOE Meeting Regular Meeting is February 25, 2021 @ 7:00pm

7.3 Deep River BOE Regular Meeting is March 18, 2021 @ 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:32p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary