

**CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
MEDIA CENTER  
JANUARY 25, 2024 6:00pm**

**F.O.I. Compliance** – Subject to BOE approval at a future meeting

**Chester BOE**

David Fitzgibbons  
Jan Taigen  
Dale Bernardoni  
Stuart Johnson  
Maria Scherber  
Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis  
Ken Rice  
Lorraine Connelly  
Other Attendees: Kelley Frazier, Clerk

**Administration**

Brian White  
Sarah Brzozowy  
Tyson Stoddard

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fitzgibbons at 6:00p.m.

**VERBAL ROLL CALL FOR BOE MEMBERS**

Mr. Fitzgibbons did a verbal roll call of members.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 20, 2023 and the Accounts Payable report as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pat Bandzes is a Chester Select person and will be the liaison with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education. John O'Hare, Chester Board of Finance also introduced himself and will be the liaison for to the BOE.

**Superintendent's Report**

**District Update – Information and Communication**

No Update.

**Assistant Superintendent's Report**

**General Update**

Ms. Brzozowy gave a brief update. The literacy program is being mapped out for the elementary level. Elementary schools are working together to be cohesive. Implementation was discussed. Program options were discussed. Grants were discussed. I Ready assessment and kindergarten preparation for next year was also discussed. Information will be given to parents to help them make the best decision for their child.

## **Financial Status Updates**

### **Current Year to Date Financial Status Update**

This report is through December. All financial obligations are expected to be met. Trends are as expected.

### **Cafeteria Fund Update**

No Update.

### **Medical Reserve Tracking**

No update.

### **Grants Update**

No update.

## **Principal's Report**

Mr. Stoddard gave an update. Fifth and sixth grade students attended a Student Leadership workshop. A therapy dog is visiting the school. The STEAM fair and the Invention Convention will occur in February.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

No Discussion

## **Committee Reports**

### **Curriculum**

Three courses were discussed for the High School. Kindergarten considerations were also discussed for readiness for starting school. Options for the Write to Read were discussed. Funding options were discussed.

### **Finance**

The insurance consultant discussed the strategies for the insurance reserve. He will present to the Joint Board on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Policy**

A number of policies were reviewed during the meeting.

### **Supervision District Committee Updates**

The budget is being worked on. Full day preschool and the facilities director are currently in the proposed budget. Superintendent White discussed the projected Region 4 and Supervision District ADM for Chester.

## **Other Committee Reports**

### **LEARN Committee Update**

Ms. Bernardoni gave a brief report. LEARN is developing a plan to build a school in New London for Birth to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This is a new concept.

## **Discussion Regarding any Pending Policy for all BOE's**

No policies to approve.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – INTERVIEW**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 6:57.

Executive Session ended at 7:18pm.

### **ACTION ITEM**

**Possible VOTE to appoint a candidate to fill a BOE vacancy until the next Municipal Election in 2025 at which time the position returns to the ballot for a full term 4 year vacancy.**

Candidate withdrew from the process. No action taken.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Chester BOE Budget Workshops Feb 1, 15; Mar 24, 2024 @ 6:00pm @ CES Media Center
- Joint BOE Meeting February 22, 2024 @ 6:30pm at VRHS Media Center Library
- Chester BOE Regular Meeting March 28, 2024 at 6:00pm @ CES Media Center

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion duly made and seconded the Region 4 Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier Clerk