

F.O.I. Compliance

JOINT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Subject to approval at future Joint BOE Meeting

Joint BOE Retreat – Strategic Planning Process

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2022

Location: John Winthrop Middle School Library

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION: David Fitzgibbons, Dale Bernardoni, Ken Rice, Jan Taigen, Stuart Johnson

DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION: Miriam Morrissey, Bob Ferretti, Lenore Grunko, Alyson Whelan, Melissa McIntyre

ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION: Lon Seidman

REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION: Kate Sandmann, Jane Cavanaugh, Rick Daniels, Jennifer Clark, Lol Fearon, Lon Seidman

Administration: Superintendent Brian J. White, Assistant Superintendent Sarah Brzozowy

Other: Nick Caruso, Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE); Richard Strauss, Chester resident

The Retreat was called to order at approx. 9:00 a.m.

Superintendent White welcomed everyone. He shared that today's meeting is a continuation of the process initiated last year, in which administration has been gathering feedback and input from a variety of stakeholders to help guide the development of an initial draft of the proposed 5 Year Strategic Goals. Superintendent White and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Brzozowy presented the draft goals and asked for Board feedback.

The Board provided feedback that administration will use to further refine the 5 Year Goals and Strategic Plan.

Next steps will be to finalize the documents shared, and present them later this fall for each individual BOE to approve. There will be a mid-year Joint BOE retreat where we will invite Nick Caruso back to work with us on the implementation of our new strategic priorities, the continuous improvement cycle, and discuss how we can use the strategic planning process to routinely report out on our progress to the community and to inform our budget and resource allocation practices moving forward.

Once our new strategic priorities are shared out with all stakeholders, the next phase of work in the process will consist of developing school-based strategic planning documents, and identifying baseline data for each of the measurable areas of our plan. This work is scheduled to occur during the winter and spring months of this school year.

The Boards also discussed preferred modes for future meetings and workshops.

ADJOURNMENT

The retreat adjourned at approx. Noon.