

## **F.O.I. Compliance**

### **JOINT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*Subject to approval*

**Date:** September 10, 2020

#### **Special Meeting – REMOTE MEETING held**

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CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Tom Englert, Charlene Fearon,  
Kristen Smith, Kris Pollock, Dale  
Bernardoni, Rob Bibbiani

DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Paula Weglarz, Miriam Morrissey,  
Marc Lewis, Lenore Grunko

ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Lon Seidman, DG Fitton, Mark Watson,  
Nancy Johnston

REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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

Administration:

Superintendent Brian J. White, Assistant  
Superintendent Kristina Martineau, Director  
of Pupil Services Sarah Smalley, Finance  
Director Kelly Sterner, Chester Elementary  
Principal Tyson Stoddard

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Supervision District Committee Chair Kate Sandmann called the meeting to order at approx. 7:00 p.m.

The Chairs of the Chester, Deep River, Essex and Region 4 Boards of Education called their respective Boards to order at approx. 7:00 p.m. The Deep River Board did not have a quorum present, however their board also did not have any action items on the agenda that would require a vote be taken by them.

Superintendent White provided a general update to the Boards. He thanked the local health districts for their help during the recent short closure at VRHS, as well as their invaluable service and partnership with the schools since the beginning of the pandemic, as it affects our schools, starting back in March.

Superintendent White also briefly shared information and updates regarding the following: the Chester BOE will be learning more about a fundraising initiative to provide an outdoor learning space at Chester Elementary at an upcoming meeting; He re-acknowledged the administration's commitment to look carefully at issues as it pertains to equity across our three communities and our school system and he will be sharing in more detail at upcoming individual board meetings what that work may look like and how a variety of stakeholders will be engaged in that work; And Superintendent White mentioned that he would be working with the BOE Chairs to schedule individual board meetings for the last two weeks of Sept./early Oct. in order to provide more board specific information, including financial updates soon to each board.

Superintendent White answered questions from Board members.

Superintendent White and Finance Director Kelly Sterner shared an update and overview on the HVAC and filtration systems at all 5 of our school buildings. Because we have 5 buildings with 5 different systems, the administration will discuss each board's specific system(s) at upcoming individual meetings. ([click to see HVAC slide presented](#) and visit these links for more information: [CSDE Ventilation Guidance](#) and [DPH Guidance for School Ventilation Systems](#))

Superintendent White shared a presentation with an update on the current status of fall athletics at VRHS ([click to see Athletic Presentation](#))

No action pertaining to COVID-19 related expenses was needed this evening.

### **Public Comment**

No comments were made

### **Executive Session**

Chair Sandmann reported that the Executive Session for this evening will only need to be attended by the Region 4 BOE.

The Chester, Deep River and Essex Boards adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The Region 4 Board moved into Executive Session at approx. 7:45 p.m. for a personnel matter to discuss the Superintendent's recommendations regarding employee requests for a Leave of Absence (LOA)

The Region 4 Board returned from Executive Session at approx. 7:55 p.m.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Region 4 Board unanimously VOTED to approve employee LOA requests as recommended by the Superintendent.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Region 4 Board unanimously VOTED to adjourn at approximately 7:58 p.m.