

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
March 20, 2014 7:00PM**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 20, 2014. In attendance were Christine Daniels, Mark Malcarne, Miriam Morrissey, Nelle Andrews, Dave Berardis, Augusta Ferretti, Michelle Grow and Julia Grabowski(7:06 Arrival). Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Superintendent, Nancy Haslam, Interim Principal, Mr. Garth Sawyer, Business Manager and Kelley Frazier, Clerk. Absent: Hadley Kornacki

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**STUDENT REPORT**

Ms. Haslam introduced Sean Davis and Erin Hardy who presented the school update. Ms. Daniels and the Board thanked the students for attending the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Michelle Grow made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 16, 2014 and the Accounts Payable report. Jim Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**OTHER ITEMS:**

**REPORTS:**

Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer

Deep River Elementary is currently projecting a year end deficit due to unanticipated special education needs. We will continue to look at areas in which there may be savings to help cover some of the unanticipated costs.

**Cafeteria**

We are in line to meet our projections. We are projecting a small deficit at the end of the year.

Deep River and Chester qualified for a state grant for breakfast for their free and reduced lunch needs. Students will be charged \$1.25. Essex will also offer this program.

## **Discussion and Possible Vote on Recommended Deep River Budget Transfers for 2013-14.**

Mr. Sawyer reviewed the requested budget transfers.

Upon a motion made by Miriam Morrissey and seconded by Jim Olsen the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the 2013-2014 budget transfers as recommended by Business Manager Sawyer.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance**

No Update.

### **Policy and Curriculum**

Extra-curricular activities and clubs were discussed at the Curriculum meeting. The Capstone project was discussed. This will allow students to do a work study or gain volunteer hours. Teacher Evaluation was also discussed. New CCT requirements were received from the state. We will keep our current evaluation system through the end of the year. The Policy Committee did not meet.

### **Supervision District**

The Cooperative Agreement was discussed at the last meeting.

### **DRES Facilities (Building and Grounds)**

This meeting will be scheduled in the future.

### **Other Committee Reports**

None

### **Principal's Update**

Ms. Haslam gave a brief update. The breakfast program has been a success. The teachers were happy because they had been providing items for breakfast. The largest numbers of students served in one day was 54. Monday will be the day of the Arts. Sixth grade students and their teachers will be going to John Winthrop to see Grease. Report cards were distributed and Parent/Teacher conferences are taking place this week. The PTO had refreshments for parents.

## **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – J. Beekley**

### **General Update**

No report.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - R. Levy**

### **District Update**

Dr. Levy gave a brief update of the events in our district. Dr. Levy read a letter from a teacher praising the breakfast program being offered.

## **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION**

The budget process is being finalized. Our basketball team for the third out of four years is going to the State Final. The Secret Garden was last weekend and Grease at the Middle School is in a couple of week. Yesterday began our Mosaic Five to view children's artwork. This will be available to view for few weeks. We continue to comply with the state requirements for SBAC, Common Core and Teacher Evaluations. We did our first round of telephone interviews for Deep River Principal candidates. There will be four people that move to the next round of interviews. Dr. Levy reviewed the process of interviewing. Dr. Levy and Ms. Daniels met with the Board of Finance to present the budget. The Board of Finance had many questions. We will hear their recommendations in the near future.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION-Personnel Matter – Staff Non-Renewals**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to move into Executive Session at 7:35pm to discuss a personnel matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Levy attended the Executive Session.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Non Renewal Notice as presented by Dr. Levy. The motion passed.

The Board Moved out of Executive Session at 7:50pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 10.1 Deep River BOE next Regular Meeting May 15, 2014 @7:00pm
- 10.2 Present DRES 2014-15 Budget at town meeting (date TBD)
- 10.3 BOE Self-Evaluation(TBD)