

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
May 15, 2014 7:00PM**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 15, 2014. In attendance were Christine Daniels, Miriam Morrissey, Nelle Andrews, Augusta Ferretti, Hadley Kornacki and Michelle Grow. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Superintendent, Dr. Joanne Beekley, Assistant Superintendent, Nancy Haslam, Interim Principal and Kelley Frazier, Clerk. Absent: Julia Grabowski, Jim Olson and Dave Berardis

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Executive Session – Personnel

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 7:07pm.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go out of Executive Session at 7:22pm.

Upon a motion made by Michelle Grow and seconded Hadley Kornacki the Deep River Board of Education **VOTED** to appoint Christian Strickland as the Principal of the Deep River Elementary School effective July 1, 2014.

To accommodate the attendees the Student Report has been moved up in the agenda.

**STUDENT REPORT**

Ms. Haslam introduced Madeline Kayser and Madison Alio who presented the school update. Ms. Daniels and the Board thanked the students for attending the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Augusta Feretti made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 20, 2014, minutes from the Budget Workshop and Special Meeting on April 22, 2014 and the Accounts Payable report. Hadley Kornacki seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **OTHER ITEMS:**

### **REPORTS:**

Financial Status Report –

Dr. Levy gave a brief update. She asked members to send questions to Mr. Sawyer. The 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 expected to meet our projections of a small deficit at the end of the year. We are waiting for the reimbursement from the Federal Government. Dr. Levy stated that a survey will be completed by students and parents. There has been a Committee formed to work on food selections at the Deep River Elementary School.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance**

The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet before the end of the school year. .

### **Policy**

May 20<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.

### **Curriculum**

May 20<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.

### **Joint PK-12 Policy Committee – L. Seidman**

No Updates

### **Supervision District**

The new Pupil Services coordinator is Sarah Smalley. She has previously worked in our District. She will begin work on July 1, 2014.

### **LEARN Committee Update**

No Update

### **Declining Enrollment Task Force**

Augusta Feretti and Jim Olson have volunteered.

### **Principal's Report (N. Haslam)**

Ms. Haslam gave a brief update. She noted that the DARE graduation went very well. Tomorrow DRES is on Cool Schools. Tomorrow is the last day of SBAC. Ms. Haslam unveiled a sign that read "Through these doors walk the greatest CHILDREN in the world!" which will be placed near the front door.

## **OTHER ITEMS:**

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

#### **General Update**

Dr. Beekley has received positive feedback from the SBAC testing. We are currently making revisions to our Educator's Evaluation Plan based on the State Department of Education requirements. She will give the Board the information in June to adopt at their meeting. This information will be submitted to the State.

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

### **District Update**

Dr. Levy commended Dr. Beekley and Ms. Haslam for their hard work on making the pilot SBAC successful. Dr. Levy thanked Ms. Haslam for stepping in at a crucial time and doing an amazing job. Dr. Levy is grateful for what she has done for our school, the Administrative team and the community of Deep River.

Dr. Levy has been invited to be part of a Committee to attend a meeting on similar components to improve the Administrative Evaluation Plan. She is also on a PreK-3 Committee which is looking at universal preschool. Dr. Levy noted that we have significant declining enrollments in our three towns. A committee has been formed to look at governance, facilities, and finances and to bring the 3 towns together and to blend things better than we have in the past. A meeting will be scheduled soon. They hope to have a recommendation by next year at this time. Graduation is June 11<sup>th</sup>. May 27<sup>th</sup> is training on security for office staffs. Ms. Grow asked if we could discuss the security breach. It was noted that the person was apprehended. The dismissal process will be reviewed. Security will be addressed and is very complex. Ms. Grow would like for this to be taken care of by September 1, 2014. Ms. Haslam suggested that we need additional parking.

### ***Discussion and possible Vote to Renew the Agreement Concerning the Establishment and Operation of an Interim Collaborative Preschool Program dated February 13, 2008.***

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to renew the Agreement Concerning the Establishment and Operation of an Interim Collaborative Preschool Program dated February 13, 2008 for renewal for a one year increment upon agreement (vote) of all signing parties (Boards of Education for Chester, Deep River, Essex and the Regional Supervision District Committee) no later than June 30, 2015.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to move into Executive Session at 8:45pm to discuss the Board of Education evaluation of the Superintendent and the Board of Education Self Evaluation. The motion passed. Dr. Levy remained at the meeting.

The Board Moved out of Executive Session at 9:32pm.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 9:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

9.1 BOE Self-Evaluation (TBD)