

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
September 18, 2014 7:00PM**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 18, 2014. In attendance were Christine Daniels, Miriam Morrissey, Dave Berardis, Peter Corcoran, Jim Olson, Hadley Kornacki, Michelle Grow and Julia Grabowski. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Dr. Joanne Beekley, Assistant Superintendent, Christian Strickland, Principal and Kelley Frazier, Clerk. Absent: Nelle Andrews

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Michelle Grow made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 15, 2014, minutes from the regular meeting and the Accounts Payable report. Hadley Kornacki seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

STUDENT REPORT

No report given.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER ITEMS:

Introduction of New Hires

Mr. Strickland introduced the new staff members and they discussed their previous experience.

Principal's Update

Mr. Strickland gave a brief update on the opening of school this year. He noted that students are adjusting well. Drop off and Pick up procedures has changed. He discussed six new clubs that will be part of the school. New improvements to the building and grounds took place over the summer. Ms. Grow commented thanking the Administration for listening to the public and making beneficial changes to the things offered at the school.

CMT-Science – Grade 5 Only

Mr. Strickland discussed the CMT science results. He discussed the action plan to improve the scores.

REPORTS:

2013-14 Financial Status

Deep River Elementary ended the school year within the budget. We did get money from the state for the Excess Cost Grant.

Cafeteria Report – Mr. Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave an update on the status of the Cafeteria Budget. We did well with our sales this year. The Breakfast Program has helped to increase the sale numbers.

Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave a brief update of the financial status for Deep River Elementary School. Currently Deep River is projecting a deficit due to some unanticipated special education needs for the 14-15 school year. We will remain vigilant of any unforeseen circumstances and will keep the Board informed of any developments as they arise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on September 30, 2014.

Policy

The next meeting will be on September 22, 2014.

Curriculum

There was a meeting on September 16, 2014. The summer curriculum work was completed. We are reviewing the Math instruction and how students should solve problems. MAP testing was discussed. The Professional Development Plan was posted on the website for the entire year.

Joint PK-12 Policy Committee

No Update

Supervision District

No Update

LEARN Committee Update

No Update

Declining Enrollment Task Force

The next meeting is on September 29, 2014. Dr. Levy will give facts and data at this meeting. Mr. Olson and Ms. Kornacki volunteered to be on this task force.

DRES Facilities (Buildings and Grounds)

There was a meeting yesterday. Options for the vestibule were discussed. A meeting will be held in the future with the Town and the Resident Trooper. Security will be focused on. Ms. Grow suggested having deliveries at a time when it will limit exposure to the students.

OTHER ITEMS:

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – J. Beekley

General Update

Dr. Beekley said that we have had a great opening to school. The MAP training has gone very well. The next Professional Development day will be reviewing the reporting from this testing. Parents will receive a report three times a year. She is looking at Professional Development for next year. We will be filing with the state the data for Educator Evaluation. Teachers are more at ease with system.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - R. Levy

District Update

Dr. Levy said that this has been the smoothest year that we have ever had across all five schools. She is very proud of the Administrative Team. We have had a number of new hires in the district. We now have the ability to pay online for cafeteria accounts. An email will go out when balances are below zero. Ms. Morrissey suggested the notification tell you which student has the low balance. She noted that the district will work with families who have a hardship. Mr. Peterlik is coming up with ideas to try different foods. We will do community outreach to encourage healthy eating. Dr. Levy noted that we have already begun the budget process. An email was sent regarding Enterovirus D68. The first round of security grant funds will go towards security cameras. The next round will be to expand our security network.

Discussion Regarding Any Pending Policies

Policy #5114 Expulsion

The policy was discussed. This policy will be voted on October 2, 2014 at the Joint Board of Education meeting.

Discuss Legal Services

There has been discussion about going out for an RFP for legal services. This will be discussed at further at the Joint Board of Education meeting.

Vote to Approve Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Plans

The plan was discussed.

Upon a motion made by Michelle Grow the Deep River Elementary Board of Education **VOTED** to approve the Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Plans as presented. Jim Olson seconded the motion. Abstentions: Peter Corcoran

Upon a motion made by Michelle Grow and seconded by Miriam Morrissey the Deep River Board of Education **VOTED** to approve the consent agenda for the Joint Board of Education meeting on June 5, 2014 and the Accounts Payable Report. Abstentions: Peter Corcoran

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Daniels noted that there are issues with email. She noted that this could be a problem if parents are not able to get in touch with their child's teacher. The settings will be checked. She also suggested having the Friday email blast designate Deep River Elementary School. Ms. Grow suggested that if students have siblings they could all be dismissed at the same time. Ms. Morrissey noted that the sign out sheet to take students out was confusing. She is happy, however that this is the new process. Ms. Kornacki is very impressed with the communication from the school.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to move into Executive Session at 8:29pm for the Presentation of the Superintendent's Goals. The motion passed. Dr Levy will stay.

The Board Moved out of Executive Session at 9:08pm.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 9:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk