

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015, 7:00PM**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, September 17, 2015. In attendance were Miriam Morrissey, Jim Olson, Dave Berardis, Peter Corcoran, and Michelle Grow. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Christian Strickland, Principal and Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk. Absent: Christine Daniels, Julia Grabowski, Hadley Kornacki and Nelle Andrews

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Grow called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jim Olson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2015 regular meeting as amended and the Accounts Payable report. Miriam Morrissey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

STUDENT REPORT

Held until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

OTHER ITEMS:

Principal's Update

Mr. Strickland gave a brief update. We hosted the Celebrate Learning Program this summer at Deep River Elementary. We have had various repairs completed to the school over the summer. There will be repaving done in the drop off / pick up area. The opening of school was smooth. Professional Development sessions were very productive. We have 304 students. We are almost done with the first administration of MAP testing.

Introduction of New Hires for DRES

Mr. Strickland introduced the new hires at Deep River Elementary and discussed their backgrounds.

Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation to Accept IBM Grant

Mr. Strickland discussed the grant from IBM for \$1,000 which will be used for Professional Development and reading program materials.

Upon a motion made by Miriam Morrissey and seconded by Dave Berardis the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to accept the IBM Grant as recommended by Superintendent Levy.

Ms. Grow thanked Peter Corcoran and Dave Berardis for their service on the Deep River Board of Education.

CMT – Science – Grade 5 Only

Ms. Martineau and Mr. Strickland briefly discussed the results of the Grade 5 Science and the CMT results by grade. Mr. Strickland discussed the action plan for improvement. Mr. Strickland noted that the changes made last year have shown growth. Ms. Martineau discussed the SBAC results. Dr. Levy noted that SBAC is in its infancy and should not be compared to other districts. This should be used as a baseline and tool to make decisions for resources and tools needed. Ms. Grow discussed getting keyboards for the IPAD's in Grade 5. Dr. Levy feels that our district should focus on hiring a full time Math consultant. This person could provide dedicated time to look at curriculum, professional development and instruction. This would provide consistency.

REPORTS:

Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer was unavailable so Dr. Levy discussed the 2014-15 school year results. We are projecting a surplus of approximately \$90,000.

Dr. Levy updated the Board of the financial status for Deep River Elementary School. Currently Deep River is projecting a surplus. It is early in the year and we are always cognizant of the possibilities of unanticipated special education costs that can occur during the year. We will remain vigilant of any unforeseen circumstances and will keep the Board informed of any developments as they arise.

Cafeteria Report – Mr. Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer gave an update on the status of the cafeteria budget. We are paying more for our food. We have mechanisms in place to collect overdue balances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on September 29, 2015.

Policy

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2015.

Curriculum

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2015.

Supervision District

No Update

LEARN Committee Update

No Update

DRES Facilities(Buildings and Grounds)

A meeting will be scheduled in November.

Other Committee Reports

None

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – K. Martineau

General Update

Ms. Martineau said that MAP testing has begun for the entire district. The elementary schools will give the test three times per school year. October Professional Development will review the results and how to use the data to transform instructional practices. Staff is training on Goggle Classroom and all Goggle applications. Ms. Morrissey asked if items which are on Goggle Docs are owned by Goggle? Ms. Martineau will research this with Ms. Murphy.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - R. Levy

District Update

Dr. Levy discussed that we will be looking at the assessments over the next year and will make a decision as to which assessments are beneficial and which are taking time away from our instruction.

It has been a great opening to the school year. Dr. Levy thanked the Board for believing in the changes we made with our Administrators last year. It has been a positive move for everyone. The transition of new employees and administrators has gone very well and very smoothly.

Information and Communication

Discussion Regarding Policies

No discussion needed at this time.

Discussion Regarding Pertinent Legislative Update for 2015-16

Dr. Levy gave an overview of the Legislative updates. There are many unfunded mandates and new requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 8.1 Joint BOE next regular meeting on October 1, 2015 @ 7:00pm (JWMS)
- 8.2 Deep River BOE next regular meeting on Nov 19, 2015 @ 7:00pm
- 8.3 Presentation of Major Budget Drivers for 2016-17(Nov)
- 8.4 Election of Board officers (Nov or after seating of new members)
- 8.5 BOE and Community input for 2016-17 budget (on-going)
- 8.6 BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk