

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 16, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 16, 2017. In attendance were Tracy Dickson, Tatria Ciaglo, Miriam Morrissey, Nelle Andrews, Jim Olson (8:10pm Arrival) Paula Weglarz and Michelle Grow. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Christian Strickland, Principal, Kim Allen, Business Manager. Also Attending: Robert Ferretti, Lenore Grunko, Mary Elizabeth Massey

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Grow at 7:01p.m.

Upon a motion made by Michelle Grow and seconded by Miriam Morrissey the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to add Election of Officers to the agenda.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Levy opened the floor for the nominations for the office of chairman.

A motion made by Tatria Ciaglo to nominate Nelle Andrews as the Chairman of the Deep River Board of Education. Miriam Morrissey seconded the motion. Due to her work schedule, Ms. Andrews declined the nomination.

A motion made by Nelle Andrews to nominate Paula Weglarz as the Chairman of the Deep River Board of Education. Michelle Grow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by Michelle Grow to nominate Nelle Andrews as the Vice Chair of the Deep River Elementary Board of Education. Miriam Morrissey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by Miriam Morrissey to nominate Tracy Dickson as the Secretary of the Deep River Elementary Board of Education. Paula Weglarz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee assignments will be discussed at a future meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Tracy Dickson and seconded by Paula Weglarz the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 19, 2017 and the Accounts Payable report.

Amendments:

The attendance should be changed to say Kim Allen, Business Manager. The Principal's Update should say Google instead of Goggle.

STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Strickland introduced Teague Evans and Isabella Herrick who gave the student's report of events occurring at Deep River Elementary School.

Introductions were made for new and old board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

Community and Board Input on 2018-19 Budget

Ms. Grow noted that budgeting will be difficult this year. She feels a sinking fund for Deep River Elementary may be beneficial.

Principal's Update

Mr. Strickland gave a brief update. He discussed the CMT and Smarter Balanced Data. The Grade 5 CMT science test will not be taken this year, but the field test for Next Generation Science will be given. Mr. Strickland discussed what has worked in previous years and what the emphasis will be this year. Bridges and the Math Coach have had a huge impact in our math instruction. Scoring trends are moving upward and he is pleased with this. Ms. Grow thanked Mr. Strickland for his efforts on focusing on critical and creative problem solving. The PTO bingo night is tomorrow night. The school has a mitten tree for local families in need during the holiday season. On December 8th there will be a PTO holiday craft night, on December 19th the winter concert will be presented and on the 20th there will be a DRES STEM day.

Possible VOTE to Accept \$1,000 Donation from the Gray Family Foundation to be used at Administration Discretion

Upon a motion made by Miriam Morrissey and seconded by Tracy Dickson the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to accept the donation of \$1,000 from the Gray Family Foundation to be used at the discretion of the Administration.

The Administration would like to purchase five Lego simple and powered machine kits.

REPORTS:**Financial Status Report – Ms. Allen**

Ms. Allen gave a brief update. At this time, it is expected that there will be a small surplus. This is due to staff turnover and a reduction in benefits. Out of District placement costs may be more than anticipated. All other expenses are trending as expected.

Cafeteria

No additional comments.

Committee Reports

Finance

The next meeting is November 27, 2017.

Curriculum

The next meeting is November 27, 2017.

Policy

A first read was done on Physical Restraint and Seclusion at the Joint Board Meeting. This is rarely used. Questions should be emailed to Dr. Levy.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

The district transportation update was given. Finding enough drivers is an issue. There was an update regarding the land purchase. The audit is scheduled to begin in January.

Facilities

The school is older and maintenance issues will need to be addressed. The chimney needs repairs. Savings have been incurred due to the new gas burner. An outside consultant may be needed to evaluate the building and the timeline for maintenance. Wood trim will be replaced in the back portion of the school. There is a 5 year plan for building maintenance, but a comprehensive plan is needed.

LEARN

No Update.

Ad Hoc Cafeteria Committee

The Committee toured Valley Regional High School, John Winthrop Middle School and Deep River Elementary school. Accommodations have been made and the food is wonderful. Reporting is done for each school. This is labor intensive and costly. The high school students like the many things offered and the flexibility. Sharing staff and becoming more efficient between schools is important. The next meeting is after the holidays.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ms. Martineau gave a brief update. She discussed the rubrics. The Professional Development Committee has worked with the K-12 rubrics. The rubrics are being piloted throughout the district. Alignment has been developed K-12, for critical and creative problem solving. Feedback is being collected. Lesson plans and design templates are the next step. The Math Curriculum and math coach is providing wonderful support. The structure of the Tech Summit Professional day will be reviewed to support critical and creative problem solving. CMT Science is not going to occur this year. Next generation science will become the focus.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Update

Critical Thinking and Creative Problem Solving

Goal setting is the focus. All Boards will be aligned with our goals. We are functioning as a K-12 district. Essex and Deep River BOE will have a workshop on November 30th with Jonathon Costa. Jonathon Costa will present and will align all Boards to push our initiatives forward. Appointments will be made with Dr. Levy and new board members. There will also be a new board member workshop with Shipman and Goodwin and CABA. The Regional Calendar Committee will be meeting. The Social and Emotional Wellness Committee is a collaborative effort with Tri-town. The Courage to Speak Foundation will present on November 28th at 6:00pm at John Winthrop. They will also meet with the middle school and high school kids to discuss the

opioid crisis and mental health issues. Anxiety and resiliency will be discussed in two additional programs. Administrators are working with a consultant to review a coaching model for working with teachers on what excellent instruction looks like. Walk thru will be done to identify excellent practice.

Information and Communication

The state now has a budget. There are many unfunded mandates. A mentorship program for new educators is still a mandatory activity, but the expense for this has been transferred to the district.

Discussion Regarding Any Pending Policies – Standing Item

#5131.21 Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students

No additional information.

Jonathan Costa Workshop Reminder

The workshop will be held on November 30th from 5-8pm at Central Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Grow recognized Jim Olson for his dedication to serving on the Board of Education for 15 years. He noted that he has enjoyed his time and feels that things are better and things have come a long way. He noted that transparency is important.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Joint BOE meeting December 7, 2017 at 7:00pm
- Next Deep River BOE Meeting is January 18, 2018 @ 7:00pm
- BOE and Community Input for 2018-19 Budget(on-going)
- Presentation of Major Budget Drivers for 2018-19(TBD)
- BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:38p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary