

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 18, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 18, 2018. In attendance were Tracy Dickson, Tatria Ciaglo, Miriam Morrissey, Paula Weglarz, Robert Ferretti, Lenore Grunko and Mary Elizabeth Massey(7:06pm Arrival). Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Christian Strickland, Principal and Kim Allen, Business Manager. Absent: Nelle Andrews, Imran Munawar

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Miriam Morrissey and seconded by Tracy Dickson the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 16, 2017 and the special meeting of November 30, 2018 and the Accounts Payable report as written.

STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Strickland introduced Hope Gingrave and Sam Kehlenbach who gave the student's report of events occurring at Deep River Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Morrissey noted that the Park and Recreation play is February 3rd at 7:00pm and 11:30am February 4th.

Community and Board Input on 2018-19 Budget

It was requested by the PTO to include the Math Olympiad coach in the budget. Dinner is available for \$7 at the budget workshops. Please contact Dr. Levy's office if interested.

Principal's Update

Mr. Strickland introduced Jill Shakun, DRES math coach, who discussed the primary math curriculum programs. The programs align very well with the district initiative of critical thinking and problem solving. Teachers are very happy to have the support of the math coach. Discussion was held regarding the need to have children memorize their facts. This is still being reinforced.

Mr. Strickland gave a brief update. Two students will be recognized by CAS. DRES does have students attending the Math Counts competition at the Coast Guard Academy. Mr. Strickland asked anyone who may be interested in being part of the judging panel for the Invention Convention to contact Pat or Meg. The assembly discussed positive attitude and resilience. It was very powerful and the presenters had a great connection with the kids.

REPORTS:

Financial Status Report – Ms. Allen

Ms. Allen gave a brief update on the financial status for Deep River Elementary School. Currently the Deep River Elementary budget is projecting a deficit of approximately \$85,000 due to unanticipated special education costs. Cost saving measures are being implemented. There is a budget freeze. The First Selectman is informed and will inform the Board of Finance. These expenses are included in the budget for next year. We will remain vigilant of any unforeseen circumstances and we will keep the Board informed of any developments as they arise.

Cafeteria Report – Ms. Allen

Ms. Allen gave an update on the status of the cafeteria budget. The state reimbursement for revenue is 1-2 months behind.

Committee Reports

Finance - Next meeting is January 30, 2018

Curriculum – Next meeting is January 22, 2018

Policy – Next meeting is March 19, 2018

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

The budgeting process began with a 2.7% increase. Various positions were eliminated such as the dyslexia specialist, a technology coordinator, and reduction of work time for the PowerSchool administrator and an Administrative Assistant position. There was also a reduction of \$3,600 for a special education teacher. The Committee voted to put forth to public hearing a .51% increase. The hearing is on February 5th. Each of the boards were asked to understand that financial reports may not be as timely due to staffing support being reduced. Deep River will get more relief from ADM this year.

DRES Facilities

The major issues were discussed at the meeting. Heating issues in the library will need to be addressed. A new roof is needed. Grants will be researched. An outside consultant may be used to put together an assessment and timeline for things that need to be done. Ms. Grunko asked if it is necessary to have an outside consultant. This person would have specific qualifications to do an audit of the school and possibly other town buildings.

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No update.

Ad hoc Joint BOE Cafeteria Committee

The next meeting is on Tuesday.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ms. Martineau gave a brief update. A discussion was held regarding the Strategic Plan Strategies and Action Steps for 2017-2020. All Board members and teachers were part of this plan. This includes the goals and rubrics for the district. This will continue to be built on each year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Update – Critical Thinking and Creative Problem Solving

The Strategic Plan is a blueprint for our 5 year and 10 year plan. It is unique to our district.

Information and Communication

The Social and Emotional Wellness Committee sponsored a presentation with Dr. Alicia Farrell on Anxiety. It is a pertinent topic. The presentation was videotaped and will be available on the website. In April there will be a presentation on Resilience. It was suggested having a presentation to the students on these topics as well.

Discussion Regarding and Pending Policies – standing item

#5132 Dress Code

This was previously discussed. Jackets are not allowed to be carried around the school due to the ability to conceal things in the pockets or the jacket. This will be voted on at Joint Board of Education meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 8.1 Next Joint BOE Meeting is February 22, 2018 @7:00pm @ JWMS
- 8.2 Next Deep River BOE Regular Meeting March 15, 2018 @7:00pm.
- 8.3 DRES BOE Budget Workshops: Jan 31st, Feb 20th, Mar 6, 2018.
- 8.4 BOE and Community Input for 2018-19 Budget (on-going)
- 8.5 Presentation of Major Budget Drivers for 2018-19 (TBD)
- 8.6 BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:53p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary