

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 27, 2018 5:00pm**

The special meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. In attendance were Miriam Morrissey, Paula Weglarz, Robert Ferretti, Imran Munawar, Matt Resnisky, Mary Elizabeth Massey, Lenore Grunko and Tracy Dickson(Arrival 5:10pm). Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Dr. Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Christian Strickland, Principal and Kim Allen, Business Manager and Kelley Frazier, Clerk. Absent: Tatria Ciaglo

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Levy at 5:02p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

A motion made by Miriam Morrissey to nominate Paula Weglarz as the Chairman of the Deep River Board of Education. Rob Ferretti seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by Paula Weglarz to nominate Miriam Morrissey as the Vice Chair of the Deep River Elementary Board of Education. Lenore Grunko seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee assignments will be discussed at a future meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Rob Ferretti and seconded by Miriam Morrissey the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 20, 2018 and the Accounts Payable report as written.

STUDENT REPORT

Held until January.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Munawar asked about the status of Mr. Strickland. Mr. Strickland will remain the principal of Deep River Elementary.

OTHER ITEMS:

Community and Board Input on 2018-19 Budget

A brief discussion was held regarding the budget. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Principal's Update

General Update

Mr. Strickland gave a brief update of the events happening this fall and in December.

SBAC Presentation

Mr. Strickland discussed the SBAC results and the action plan and strategies.

REPORTS

Financial Status Report – Ms. Allen

Ms. Allen gave a brief update on the financial status for Deep River Elementary School. Trends indicate a small surplus. Ms. Allen 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. Free and reduced has increased.

Discussion was held regarding MBR.

Committee Reports

Finance - Next meeting is November 27, 2018.

Curriculum – Next meeting is November 27, 2018.

Policy – No update.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

A budget workshop will occur next week.

Facilities

The roof is being worked on. Work has been done on the oil fired furnace.

LEARN

A new facility is being opened in New London. Their strategic plan was reviewed.

Transportation contracts are also being reviewed.

Ad hoc School Advisory Committee

A prioritization of items needed in each school and how funding will occur is being discussed.

Ad Hoc Tuition Committee

Dr. Levy discussed the proposed yearly tuition fee structure. This will be voted on at the next Joint Board of Education meeting. A marketing plan was discussed.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

General Update

Ms. Martineau gave a brief update. SBAC results were discussed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Update – Critical Thinking and Creative Problem Solving

Dr. Levy discussed the International Baccalaureate Diploma program. Approval has been received for the high school. Budgets are being developed.

Presentation of 2016-17 Performance Profile Report for Deep River Elementary

Dr. Levy discussed the Performance Profile Report.

Information and Communication

Discussion Regarding and Pending Policies – standing item

No Policies to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Gunko read a letter she wrote discussing her concerns. (Attached)

EXECUTIVE SESSION –BOE SELF EVALUATION

This will be delayed until the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Joint BOE meeting December 3, 2018
- Next Deep River BOE Meeting is January 17, 2019 @ 7:00pm
- Deep River Budget Workshops proposed for: Jan 30, Feb 19, Feb 28 at 6:00pm at Central Office
- BOE and Community Input for 2019-20 (On-Going)
- Presentation of Major Budget Drivers for 2019-20 (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 6:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary

Dear BOE,

I'm writing with a couple of concerns. It's been almost a year now that I've been sitting on the BOE and am finally beginning to learn my way around the "other" end of the educational process. I certainly do not fully understand my role or purpose but am learning.

I see that it is a regular procedure to bring departments and/or programs to the board as we saw most recently with the summer program this past week. Personally, I was totally unfamiliar with the program so I and at least a couple others were starting at ground zero. It wasn't until members asked many questions did we fully understand who the program is basically designed for and how it is funded. I'm assuming that the purpose of each presentation is to inform the BOE and any guests who may be present. If that is indeed the case, then I am requesting that the presenters bring a broader perspective to the presentation. The summer program presentation was very confusing. At first it was stated that it is for everyone and I thought, "How wonderful! Why don't I hear more about it?" When, in fact, it's primarily designed for under performing students but others are allowed to partake. No one presenting should rely on the full understanding of any of these programs to be understood when we finally get to questions and answers. That time should be saved for more nuanced understanding which leads to my next request.

The presentations should focus on successes and opportunities for improvements equally. The presentations we receive are filled with accolades and positive accomplishments but no program is perfect. I'm mostly interested in and want to hear what the leaders are doing to identify and solve issues that need improvement. I expect the same process of critical thinking -problem identification and problem solving- for our educational leaders and want to hear about it. This is what we're expecting for our young learners and should expect it of ourselves. We're not seeing this in the presentations.

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