

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 21, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 21, 2019. In attendance were Miriam Morrissey, Paula Weglarz, Robert Ferretti, Dave Berardis, Lenore Grunko, Tracy Dickson and Mary Elizabeth Massey. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, (7:54pm Departure) Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Christian Strickland, Principal and Kim Allen, Business Manager. Absent: Imran Munawar

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Weglarz at 7:00p.m.

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 January 17, 2019 and the Accounts Payable report as written.

The special meeting will be included in the next agenda for approval.

STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Strickland introduced Kendall Costello and Gavin Ortolla who gave the student's report of events occurring at Deep River Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Principal's Update

Mr. Strickland gave a brief update. Two students are competing at the UCONN competition for the Invention Convention. Each grade level participates. Mr. Strickland discussed the social and emotional wellness program for sixth grade. Smarter balance and next generation science assessment for Grade 5 will be coming up. March 28th is the Kindergarten Orientation. Ms. Dickson stated that the Invention Convention is a wonderful event with great thought and creativity by the students.

Possible VOTE to Adopt Proposed 2019-20 Deep River Elementary Budget for Presentation to the Town.

The budget was discussed. The school will apply for the MBR waiver. Mr. Berardis discussed his concerns about the count for the incoming Kindergarten. This is a volatile number. If there is an influx of students additional discussions will occur. Ms. Dickson stated her frustration in not having accurate numbers to work with during the budget workshops. Discussion held regarding including art, music and PE in the budget. Mr. Berardis said that he will not vote in favor of the budget if all three are included. Music should be separated out. Discussion ensued.

On a motion made by Tracy Dickson and seconded by Miriam Morrissey the Deep River School Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the 2019-2020 budget of \$5,281,144(five million, two hundred eighty one thousand, one hundred forty four dollars) and to recommend this be brought to the Town of Deep River. Ayes: Tracy Dickson, Miriam Morrissey, Rob Ferretti, Lenore Gunko, Mary Elizabeth Massey. Nays: David Berardis, Paula Weglarz

REPORTS:

Financial Status Report – Ms. Allen

Ms. Allen gave a brief update on the financial status for Deep River Elementary School. Trends indicate a surplus at the end of the year. 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. Reporting has changed to include more detailed information and revenue history.

Committee Reports

Finance - Next meeting is March 25, 2019.

Curriculum – Next meeting is March 26, 2019.

Policy – Next meeting is May 20, 2019.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

The search for a new Superintendent is underway. A firm is being hired to guide the process.

LEARN

No update.

Joint Ad Hoc School Security Advisory Committee

A five year plan will be developed. The Committee will continue to meet when needed and will do annual reviews.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

General Update

Ms. Martineau noted that K-6 teachers met and discussed the Math assessments which occur in the spring. Work is being done on the curriculum for specials.

Facilities

Work is being done on the roof. The areas needing to be replaced first is being prioritized. A dehumidifier in the library may be needed. A grant for replacement of the smoke detectors is being researched.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Update

Critical and Creative Problem Solving

Budgets are being completed. The Regionalization Cooperative Agreement is being worked on and will move forward for action in the legislature. The E Courses for ALICE have been completed by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the staff. The rollout is being discussed during Professional Development and faculty meetings. The search for the middle school Principal is underway. A candidate will be brought before the Board of Education.

Information and Communication

Discussion of Joint BOE Policy Committee's Recommendation of the Following Policies:

Policies were discussed. Questions should be sent to Dr. Levy.

#3260 Business-Sales and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies

#5118 Students – Non Resident Attendance AND Related Policy #3240 Tuition Fee

#3324 Business-Ordering Goods and Services (Purchase Orders)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION –PERSONNEL-Discussion Superintendent's Recommendations Regarding Staff Non-Renewals

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 8:30pm. Ms. Martineau and Mr. Strickland were invited to stay.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:31pm.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Staff Non-Renewal

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Joint BOE meeting April 4, 2019
- Next Deep River BOE Meeting is May 16, 2019 @ 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:32p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk