

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 16, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Deep River Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 16, 2019. In attendance were Miriam Morrissey, Paula Weglarz, Robert Ferretti, Dave Berardis, Lenore Grunko, Tracy Dickson, Imran Munawar and Mary Elizabeth Massey. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent, Kim Allen, Business Manager, Christian Strickland, Principal. Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Weglarz at 7:00p.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 March 21, 2019.

Upon a motion duly made by Miriam Morrissey and seconded by Lenore Grunko the Deep River Board of Education **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the special meeting of May 2, 2019. Abstentions: Tracy Dickson

Upon a motion duly made by Miriam Morrissey and seconded by Tracy Dickson the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Accounts Payable report as written.

STUDENT REPORT

Mr. Strickland introduced Danna Lopez-Criollo and Adam Schmelzer 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 review of the school year. Benchmark assessments in Mathematics has been a focus. Specialized areas of instruction in Grades 5 and 6 has been beneficial. Social and emotional learning is important to Deep River Elementary. Fostering teacher leadership is also a focus. Dr. Levy noted how far the school has come under Mr. Strickland's leadership.

The Raptor Management System and the door lock enhancement were discussed by Mr. Strickland. The Raptor Management System is an ID scanning system for visitors coming into the school. The door lock enhancement system is an enhancement of the current system. These are not in the budget but MBR money could be used. Discussion ensued about both system.

Upon a motion made by Tracy Dickson and seconded by Miriam Morrissey the Deep River Board of Education system unanimously **VOTED** to enhance the door lock system, if funds become available, to spend \$5,142 to update the security system to keep the doors secure.

REPORTS:

Financial Status Report – Ms. Allen

Ms. Allen gave a brief update on the financial status for Deep River Elementary School. Trends indicate that the deficit has had a small decrease. 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. There is no deficit from previous years. Revenue is being received one or two months behind.

Committee Reports

Finance - Next meeting is May 28, 2019.

Curriculum – The Committee reviewed the possibility of offering a new elective in the music department to teach piano.

Policy – Meeting scheduled for May 20, 2019. Advertising on school grounds is being discussed.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

There were 31 completed applications for the open Superintendent position. There will be 8 semi-finalists. Two or three finalists will be identified. All board members are invited on June 1st to attend a meeting with the finalists who will make a presentation.

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Minutes from the meeting were previously distributed.

Joint Ad Hoc School Security Advisory Committee

Previously discussed. The Committee reviewed the Five Year plan and a plan for the next action steps. Dr. Martineau will review the threat assessment. ALICE training is on-going. ALICE training for students will occur in the fall. It was suggested that this is not an Ad Hoc committee. The committee will continue to meet and should be renamed.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

General Update

This summer a K-6 Report card development group will meet. Ms. Martineau has finished the K-12 priority standards meetings. The teachers understand the standards and the curriculum document. A curriculum cycle is being developed. Assessments are being reviewed so they are aligned to the priority standards. Professional Development will review student data and how to ensure student growth.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Update

Critical and Creative Problem Solving

Vertical alignment is critical to our schools. The district works together well and has the same philosophy and expectation. Graduation is June 14th at 6:00pm. Dr. Levy thanked the Board and Mr. Strickland and her staff for their cooperation and working well together.

Information and Communication

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

No policies to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –PERSONNEL-Evaluation of Superintendent and Exit Interview

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 7:59pm. Dr. Levy was invited to attend.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:41pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Joint BOE meeting June 6, 2019
- Next Deep River BOE Meeting is September 19, 2019 @ 7:00pm
- BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:42p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk