

**CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
MAY 27, 2021 7:00pm**

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Chester BOE

David Fitzgibbons
Tom Englert
Rob Bibbiani
Dale Bernardoni
Kris Pollock
Maria Scherber
Charlene Fearon
Absent: Kristin Smith, Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis

Administration

Brian White
Tyson Stoddard
Bob Grissom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fitzgibbons at 7:00p.m.

VERBAL ROLL CALL FOR BOE MEMBERS

See above.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Tom Englert and seconded by Kris Pollock the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the budget workshop of March 23, 2021, the minutes from the regular meeting of March 25, 2021 and the Accounts Payable report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

REPORTS and OTHER ITEMS:

Superintendent’s Report

District Update

Mr. White gave a brief update of the end of year events. More students are attending in person classes. Chester has 97% of their students back in school. This is very encouraging. There will be end of year traditional celebrations occurring for students this year. The incoming Assistant Superintendent is meeting with the principals and other staff members. She will begin her position on July 1st. The challenge to meet possible learning gaps is being addressed. District wide committees will be working with school principals to address student needs. It is anticipated that all students will be back in school in the fall. One year contracts have been completed due to the difficulty of having negotiation discussions during Covid. Next year six contracts will be negotiated. The process will be discussed in the near future. Planning has begun for the next school year.

Information and Communication

No additional update.

Finance Office Report

Financial Status Updates

Current Year to Date Financial Status Update

Mr. Grissom gave a brief update. This report was prepared through April 30, 2021. Favorable trends are occurring. A surplus is anticipated at this time. Mr. Grissom will keep the Board apprised of any changes.

Cafeteria Fund Update

Mr. Grissom gave a brief update on the cafeteria reporting. This is trending well. All meals are still being reimbursed by the state. This is driving the surplus. It is uncertain if Grab and Go Meals will continue this fall. Participation numbers are beginning to trend upward.

Medical Reserve Tracking

It is expected that a favorable financial position will occur at the end of the year. Many employees have exhausted their deductibles at this time.

ESSER Funds Update

Mr. Grissom gave a grant update. The application for ESSER funds has been submitted and approved. Priorities for Chester have been identified.

General Grants Update

Mr. Grissom updated the board on the next round of grants. The IBEA grant is a recurring grant applied for each year. There is also a security grant application which will be submitted. These are competitive grants.

Principal's Update

Mr. Tyson discussed the end of year activities. Ms. Lenz did a virtual Invention Convention. Three inventors were acknowledged with awards. Enrollment for Kindergarten is currently 40 students registered for next year. There will be a Memorial Day ceremony and a Sixth grade ceremony which will be outside.

All standing committees will begin meeting in September.

Committee Reports

Supervision District:

No further update.

Other Committee Reports

LEARN Committee Report

Ms. Bernardoni stated that LEARN has had a good year. The Waterford Superintendent noted that they are revising their Strategic Plan and working on their Plan for Equity.

Discussion regarding and Pending Policies

None Pending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION –PERSONNEL

Superintendent to Present Year-In-Review Self-Assessment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Chester Elementary Board of Education **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 7:40pm. Mr. White was invited to attend.

Ayes to go into Executive Session: Ms. Greenberg-Ellis, Ms. Bernardoni, Ms. Pollock, Ms. Scherber, Mr. Fitzgibbons, Ms. Fearon and Mr. Bibbiani. Nays: Mr. Englert

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:09pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Joint BOE meeting June 3, 2021
- Chester BOE Meeting Regular Meeting is September 23, 2021 @ 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary