

**DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
DRES MEDIA CENTER
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 6:00pm**

F.O.I. Compliance – Subject to BOE approval at a future meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Maikowski called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

VERBAL ROLL CALL FOR BOE MEMBERS

Deep River BOE	Administration
Kevin Harris	Brian White
Scott Hallden	Josh Torchia
Bob Ferretti	Robert Grissom
Alyson Whelan	
Lenore Grunko	
Nick Rioux	
Pat Maikowski	
Melissa McIntyre	
Absent: Joel Harris	
Other Attendees:	Kelley Frazier, Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 16, 2023, the minutes from the Special Meeting of December 4, 2023 and the Accounts Payable report as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS:

Deep River Elementary Student Representatives

Caroline Ferretti and Sadie Cohen presented their proposal for fundraising opportunities to raise funds for creating a well in Uganda. They also shared a video of things students have learned this year.

Superintendent's Report

District Update – Information and Communication

A plan is being worked on for the John Winthrop Middle School mold issue. Work is being done on the budget for next year. The Elementary school will have feedback for the supervision district budget. He discussed the major things in that budget.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

General Update

Ms. Brzozowy gave a brief update. The iReady assessment and kindergarten preparation for next year were discussed.

Financial Status Updates

Current Year to Date Financial Status Update

This report is through December. All financial obligations are expected to be met. The committed budget is just under 96%. Trends are as expected.

Cafeteria Fund Update

Mr. Grissom reported on the cafeteria fund. There have been 11,659 meals served. We are breaking even for the cafeteria fund and maintaining the reserve.

Medical Reserve Tracking

The fund is tracking as expected. Claims are slightly higher than usual. The reserve balance was discussed with the Insurance Consultant. This will continue to be monitored.

Grants Update

No update.

Principal's Report

Mr. Torchia gave an update. There are many activities being planned to give students a well rounded education. Food scrap bills are being paid by the Town. Discussion held regarding a possible reduction in other waste. Mr. Ferretti suggested looking for waste removal vendors who bill on a weight basis.

Committee Reports

Curriculum

Three courses were discussed for the High School. Graduation requirements were also discussed. Kindergarten considerations were also discussed for readiness for starting school. Each district will decide their own guidelines. Options for the Write to Read were discussed. Funding to implement one of the programs is being discussed.

Finance

The Medical Insurance Reserve fund was discussed. Discussion held regarding the budget and the audit. Handling the surplus was also reviewed. The Transportation RFP was reviewed.

Policy

There was a first read on a number of policies including the Kindergarten legislation. A policy audit indicated that we are in good shape.

Supervision District Committee Updates

The budget is being worked on. Communication to the public is important.

DRES Facilities

A recent storm caused a couple leaks which are under warranty. Equipment replacement was discussed. Budget items are being reviewed.

Other Committee Reports

LEARN Committee Update

No Update.

Discussion Regarding any Pending Policy for all BOE's

No policies to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Join BOE Meeting February 22, 2024 @ 6:30pm at Valley Regional High School
- DRES BOE Budget Workshops Jan 31, Feb 13, March 18 (as needed) 2024 @ 6:00pm @ DRES Media Center
- Regular DRES BOE Meeting Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:00pm @ DRES Media Center

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Region 4 Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:42p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier Clerk