DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING REMOTE MEETING MARCH 18, 2021 7:00pm

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Deep River BOE Scott Hallden Miriam Morrissey

Tracy Dickson Bob Ferretti Mary Campbell

Lenore Grunko Marc Lewis

Absent: Pat Maikowski

Administration Brian White Bob Grissom

Lauren Feltz

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Morrissey at 7:00p.m.

ELECTION TO FILL VACANCIES IN BOARD OFFICES/APPOINTMENTS TO CURRENTLY ACTIVE COMMITTEES

Upon a motion made by Bob Ferretti and seconded by Tracy Dickson the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to nominate Miriam Morrissey Chair of the Deep River Board of Education.

Upon a motion made by Miriam Morrissey and seconded by Tracy Dickson the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to nominate Bob Ferretti vice Chair of the Deep River Board of Education.

Mary Campbell will be the Supervision District Representative.

Joint BOE RFP Legal Bid Review Committee

The Legal Review Committee will begin work next week. Ms. Dickson has volunteered to be on this committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - INTERVIEW CANDIDATE TO FILL BOE VACANCY Upon a motion made and seconded the Deep River Board of Education meeting **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 7:17pm. Mr. White was invited to attend.

Action Item-Possible VOTE to Appoint Candidate to Fill BOE Member Vacancy until the Next Municipal Election in November 2021(for term ending 2023).

Upon a motion made by Tracy Dickson and seconded by Mary Campbell the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to appoint Betsy Scholfield to the Deep River Board of Education until the next municipal election in November 2021 for a term ending 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Bob Ferretti and seconded by Marc Lewis the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 21, 2021, minutes from the Budget Workshop of February 3, 2021, the minutes from the Budget Workshop on February 18, 2021 and the Accounts Payable report as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

REPORTS and OTHER ITEMS:

Superintendent's Report

District Update

Mr. White gave a brief report. Things have been better in the district managing Covid. Teachers are being vaccinated. The climate of our schools is positive. There was a group of DRES students and staff recently quarantined.

Information and Communication

No additional update.

Finance Office Report

Current Year to Date Financial Status Update

Mr. Grissom gave an update on the financial reports. DRES is trending well at this time. It looks as if DRES is sufficiently funded for the year. Mr. Grissom will keep the Board apprised of any changes that may occur.

Cafeteria Fund Update

Mr. Grissom gave a brief update on the cafeteria reporting. This is trending well. Grab and Go meals will continue through the summer.

Medical Reserve Tracking

Favorable results in the Medical Reserve account. Claim activity is expected to return to prior levels.

Discussion and Possible VOTE to Approve the Transfer of Funds as Presented

Mr. Grissom discussed the transfer.

Upon a motion made by Tracy Dickson and seconded by Marc Lewis the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the transfer of funds as presented in Enclosure #8 (see attached).

Presentation of Proposed Deep River Elementary 2021-22 Budget

Mr. White gave a presentation of the budget and the capital plan for Deep River Elementary. Funding is expected for enhanced programs for kids. Ms. Campbell voiced concern regarding having 19 and 20 children in the kindergarten classrooms next year. This will be looked at closely and modifications may need to be made.

Possible VOTE to approve Deep River Elementary 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$5,659,731 to be presented to the Town of Deep River.

Upon a motion made by Lenore Grunko and seconded by Tracy Dickson the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Deep River Elementary 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$5,659,731 and to present to the Town of Deep River.

Principal's Update

Ms. Feltz gave a brief update. She discussed the school mascot and the school color. The DRES Mascot is an Eagle and the school color is maroon. A new mascot was created by Lesa Marino who is a professional illustrator. She gifted the image she created to the school. There are 100 name suggestions for the mascot. The Eagle image and name will be announced very soon in a Newsletter.

Committee Reports

Communications Committee

Discussion were held on how to inform the community of the positive things going on in our schools. This will be the focus at this time.

Committee meetings will resume possibly in the spring before the summer break.

Supervision District:

The budget has passed.

DRES Facilities Committee

No Update

LEARN Committee Report

No report at this time.

Other Committee Reports

None

Discussion regarding and Pending Policies

None Pending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 10.1Joint BOE Regular Meeting April 1, 2021 at 7:00pm
- 10.2Present Proposed DRES BOE 2021-22 Budget to Deep River BOF/BOS April 6, 2021 at 7:00pm.
- 10.3Present Proposed DRES BOE 2021-22 budget on date TBD by BOF at Public Hearing.
- 10.4Deep River Budget Vote May 17, 2021 @ 7:30pm.
- 10.5Deep River BOE Regular Meeting is May 20, 2021 @ 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:52p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary

Encl #9 - added to revised agenda

Budget Appropriation Transfers REGION 4 SCHOOLS Chester, Deep River, Essex

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Deep River Elementary School

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