

**DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
MAY 20, 2021 7:00pm**

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CALL TO ORDER

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

VERBAL ROLL CALL FOR BOE MEMBERS

Deep River BOE	Administration
Miriam Morrissey	Brian White
Pat Maikowski	Bob Grissom
Tracy Dickson	Lauren Feltz
Bob Feretti	
Mary Campbell	
Lenore Grunko	
Scott Hallden	
Absent: Marc Lewis, Betsy Scofield	

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made by Tracy Dickson seconded by Bob Feretti the Deep River Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 18, 2021 regular meeting and the April 21, 2021 Special Meeting as well as the Accounts Payable report as written.

Amendments:

None

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. Students are returning to school. Deep River has 94% students attending in person. The regular scheduled September meeting will be moved to September 14, 2021 due to a holiday. The June 3, 2021 Supervision District and Joint Board of Education (BOE) will be held in person.

Information and Communication

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. It is anticipated that all students will be back in school in the fall. Direction from the state Department of Education is being received. 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. Ms. Morrissey suggested having another person from the Board on the negotiations committee. Ms. Dickson volunteered to consider doing this. Please let Ms. Morrissey or Mr. White know if you are interested. Mr. White discussed District initiatives, goals and engagement of the community. This will provide us with a roadmap going forward. Discussion held regarding data from a SEL survey. Staff needs were the focus. Mr. White feels this will be sent out to parents and other stakeholder groups.

Finance Office Report

Financial Status Updates

Current Year to Date Financial Status Update

Mr. Grissom gave a brief update. Favorable trends are occurring. 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. There is no deficit. Participation numbers are beginning to trend upward. Unpaid lunch balances were discussed. Mr. Grissom will research.

Medical Reserve Tracking

Revenues for medical coverage is exceeding payouts. It is expected that a favorable financial position will occur at the end of the year. Claim activity is expected to return to prior levels.

ESSER Funds Update

Mr. Grissom gave a grant update. The application for ESSER funds has been submitted and approved. A dedicated substitute teacher will continue to be provided for one more year. Priorities for Deep River have been identified. Ms. Feltz discussed the four air conditioning units needed.

General Grants Update

No additional update given.

Principal's Update

Ms. Feltz discussed the end of year activities. Many of these activities are outdoor and socially distanced. The Yearbook has been printed and will be distributed. The invention convention had 4 state participants.

Discussion and Possible VOTED to Approve a Revised Deep River Elementary 2021-22 Operating Budget in the Amount as Approved by vote at the Deep River Town Meeting on May 17, 2021.

The school budget was reduced by the town in the amount of \$81,926. Mr. White discussed changes that have occurred in the budget by line item and the impact of these reductions.

Discussions held regarding unexpended funds for this fiscal year. This will be researched and discussed at the June meeting.

Upon a motion made by Tracy Dickson and seconded Bob Feretti by the Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the revised Fiscal Year 2021-22 Deep River Elementary budget in the amount of \$5,577,805.

Discussion and Possible VOTE Regarding the Transfer of Unexpected 2020-21 Funds as Presented.

No transfers at this time.

Committee Reports

Supervision District:

No further update.

DRES Facilities Committee

Discussion held regarding updates to the entrance being held.

Other Committee Reports

LEARN Committee Report

Ms. Grunko discussed grants received by LEARN. The Waterford Superintendent discussed the New London Equity program. There is a fund for teachers to travel. Mr. White will send contact information to school principals. There is a bill in the legislature discussing remote learning in our schools. Teachers are hopeful that students will be in person.

Legal RFP

Three firms will be interviewed.

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 Deep River Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 8:25pm. Mr. White was invited to attend.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:51pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Joint BOE meeting June 3, 2021
- Deep River BOE Meeting Regular Meeting is September 14, 2021 @ 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary