

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE
December 05, 2013 MEETING
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

October 03, 2013

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, October 03, 2013 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Peg Reyer
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Christine Daniels, KC Nelson-Oliveria
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, DG Fitton
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Linda Hall, Mary-Beth Harrigan, Elaine Fitzgibbons

Also in attendance: Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent; Joanne Beekley, Assistant Superintendent; Garth Sawyer, Business Manager, and Jennifer Bryan, Committee Clerk.

Audience of Citizens: 5

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Vice-Chair Christine Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made and seconded the Committee unanimously VOTED to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Minutes from the regular meeting of August 22, 2013, and the Accounts Payable Report.

OTHER ITEMS

Frank Kulick of First Student gave his Beginning of Year Transportation Semi-Annual report to the Committee. There are a total of 22 in-district routes and 2 out-of-district routes. All routes are running around 45-50 minutes in total length. Per contract, no bus can be over 10 years old – all buses are currently in compliance with the contract. Mr. Kulick answered some questions from Committee members. Digital cameras have been installed on all of the buses.

The Committee and any community members present were asked for their input on the development of the 2014-15 budget. No comments were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

None present

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Financial Status – Business Manager Garth Sawyer reviewed the highlights of the Supervision District financial status updates for the current year. There is currently a projected \$15,000 deficit, but it is very early in the year.

Individual BOE reports

Chester - Board Member Peg Reyer reported that Chester Elementary School has a new solar system on the roof, an upgraded computer lab, two new teachers, and very positive CMT results. The 3rd Grade Reading CMT score was #1 in the State. Additionally Grade One is already observing some educational benefits due to the start of full day kindergarten last year.

Deep River – Board Chair Christine Daniels reported they reviewed CMT scores at their last meeting, and improvement plans have been developed. There will be a school-wide field trip to the Florence Griswold museum on October 18th. The opening of school went smoothly.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman reported that the town formed a building committee that will be looking into the need for repairs or replacement of the Elementary School roof at the same time as the Town Hall roof. The Board also reviewed CMT scores, and is looking forward to Common Core this year. The Harvest Festival will be held this Sunday. He noted that they were also able to avoid requesting an additional appropriation for last year.

Region 4 – Board Chair Linda Hall reported that both JWMS and VRHS had smooth openings. The Board welcomed new staff members at their last Board meeting. They reviewed CAPT scores and are also looking forward to Common Core work this year. The Board also recently held their 2012-13 self-evaluation recently.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Information and Communication

Dr. Levy reviewed the proposed 2014-15 district school calendar recommended by the Joint BOE Calendar Committee. There will be a second reading and VOTE on the calendar at the December Supervision District meeting. Dr. Levy explained that due to recent legislation requiring a regional calendar for 2015-16, it was prudent to only prepare a calendar for 2014-15. She reported that she has received very good feedback regarding the calendar for this year, which was scheduled to provide more consistent 5 day school weeks. This proposed calendar follows the same scheduling format. Any comments or questions should be referred to Dr. Levy prior to the December 5th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none made

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regular Supervision District Committee meeting – *December 05, 2013*

Rotation of Supervision District Chair and election of officers (*Dec.*)

Second Reading and possible vote regarding Recommended District School Calendar for 2014-15 (*Dec.*)

Review/approval of Supervision District Audit Report for 2012-13 if ready (*Dec.*)

Superintendent Presents draft Supervision District budget for 2014-15 (*Dec.*)

BOE & Community Input on 2014-15 Budget (*on-going*)

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lon Seidman, Secretary,
Jennifer Bryan, Clerk