

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE
December 06, 2018 MEETING
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

October 04, 2018

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, October 04, 2018 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	David Fitzgibbons, Charlene Fearon
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Paula Weglarz, Miriam Morrissey
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, DG Fitton
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Jennifer Clark, Mario Gioco

Also in attendance: Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent; Dr. Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent; Kim Allen, Business Manager, and Jennifer Bryan, Committee Clerk.

Audience of Citizens: 0

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Paula Weglarz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. (The position of Committee Chair rotates yearly among BOE Chairs, and moved to Deep River until Dec. 2018)

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made and seconded the Committee VOTED (8 yes / 0 no / 1 abstention - Mario = PASSED) to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Minutes from the regular meeting of June 07, 2018, Minutes from the special meeting of August 27, 2018 and the Accounts Payable Report

Miriam Morrissey asked for background on the need to pave the lot behind the Central Office storage level. Administration will defer that question to the Director of Facilities for Region 4 who oversaw the summer paving project.

OTHER ITEMS –

Frank Kulick of First Student gave the Board a beginning of the Year Transportation Report. He reported on the number of in-district routes and out-of-district routes. He also reported on the number of daily buses and spare buses in service and noted their years in service, as the contract dictates how old any single bus in use may be. He reported that the buses recently received a 100% pass rate during the State inspection in June. He also mentioned the nationwide bus driver shortage. First Student continues to actively recruit and they are currently at a 110% complement of drivers, but there is a fairly high turnover rate and numbers can change frequently. Dr. Levy commended Mr. Kulick and First Student for a wonderful, on-time, first day of school.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

no comments made

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Business Manager Kim Allen reviewed the highlights of the Supervision District Budget Status Report.

Individual BOE reports

Chester – Board Chair David Fitzgibbons reported that the Chester Elementary had another successful start to the school year. He congratulated the Essex Board for Essex Elementary being named the #1 elementary school in Middlesex County based on their Niche score, which moved Chester to #2 this year. Chair Fitzgibbons also reported that Chester Elementary was #17 in the State for SBAC scores.

Deep River – Board Chair Paula Weglarz reported that the 242 students at Deep River Elementary had a good start to the school year. They will also have a school wide trip to Mystic Aquarium courtesy of their PTO. Grades K-1 will have Mystic Aquarium programming brought to them at the school.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman reported the Board has a vacancy to fill as Board member Adam Conrad recently had to resign from the Board due to his new job which will not allow him to serve on an elected board. Past veteran Essex Board member Mark Watson has agreed to be appointed to fill the vacancy, if voted upon by the Board. Chair Seidman also reported that the beginning of the school year went well at Essex Elementary.

Region 4 – Board Chair Jennifer Clark reported that both schools had a good beginning of the school year. She also mentioned that at the Board’s individual meeting in May, many audience members spoke regarding cell phone procedures at VRHS. The Board fully supported the current procedures in place at Valley. The Board also held a self- evaluation and as a result she is working to organize another Board Workshop to discuss member roles and responsibilities.

Chair Clark shared a request from the Region 4 Board to schedule more regular meetings per year and she noted Dr. Levy’s concern that if the Region 4 Board schedules more meetings, other boards may want to schedule more regular meetings as well. Therefore Chair Clark wanted to ask the other Board Chairs’ opinions on whether their Boards would support Region 4 scheduling more regular meetings. There was a brief discussion. The other Chairs stated that they had no desire to schedule more regular meetings, and would instead rather schedule a special meeting if/when a need were to arise. They did not object to Region 4 holding more regular meetings. Chair Clark stated that she will be asking that the proposed calendar of regular BOE meetings include the Region 4 Board staying in session for discussion of “Region 4 only” business after the Joint BOE meetings in April and October, and that she would ask Dr. Levy to pick a summer date for a third additional regular meeting.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Held until the Joint BOE meeting

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Information and Communication

Held until the Joint Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – no comments made

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Supervision District Budget Workshop I – December 04, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. in CO
- Next regular Supervision District Committee meeting – December 06, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. in JWMS library
(Please note: meeting has been re-set to Dec. 3rd)

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DG Fitton, Secretary,
Jennifer Bryan, Clerk