

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
November 19, 2018 7:00pm**

The regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education was held on Monday, November 19, 2018. In attendance were David Fitzgibbons, Tom Englert, Becky Iselin, John Stack, Charlene Fearon, Theresa Myers, Rob Bibbiani, Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis and Maria Scherber. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Kim Allen, Business Manager, Tyson Stoddard, Principal. Absent: Becky Iselin, Kelley Frazier, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Levy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Levy opened the floor for the nominations for the office of chairman.

A motion made by Maria Scherber to nominate John Stack as the Chairman of the Chester Board of Education. Mr. Stack nominated Mr. Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded and after a tally of votes taken, Mr. Fitzgibbons was elected as the Chairman of the Chester Board of Education.

Chairman Fitzgibbons opened the floor for the following nominations:

A motion made by David Fitzgibbons which was also seconded to nominate John Stack as the Vice Chair of the Chester Elementary Board of Education. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by David Fitzgibbons to nominate Becky Iselin and Rob Bibbiani as the Co-Secretaries of the Chester Elementary Board of Education. The motion was seconded. It will be confirmed with Ms. Iselin because she was not present. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Assignments Discussed.

Policy: Becky Iselin and Maria Scherber

Curriculum: Charlene Fearon and Rob Bibbiani

Learn: Theresa Myers

PTO Representative: Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis

Facilities: Tom Englert

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion made by John Stack and seconded by Rob Bibbiani the Chester Board of Education **VOTED** unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2018 regular meeting and the Accounts Payable report.

STUDENT REPORT

Josh Clark, Caleb Chapman, Ethan Perl, Isabella Perl and Tyler Brown discussed the enrichment opportunities available at Chester Elementary. Mr. Fitzgibbons thanked the students for presenting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

OTHER ITEMS:

Community and Board Input on 2019-20 Budget

A brief discussion was held regarding the budget. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Principal's Update

General Update

Mr. Stoddard gave a brief update of the events happening at Chester Elementary. Tree trimming and solar energy panels have been completed.

SBAC Presentation

Mr. Stoddard discussed the SBAC results and the action plan and strategies.

REPORTS

Financial Status Report – Ms. Allen

Ms. Allen gave a brief update on the financial status for Chester Elementary School. Trends indicate a surplus at the end of the year. Ms. Allen will remain vigilant of any unforeseen circumstances and will keep the Board informed of any developments as they arise.

Cafeteria Report – Ms. Allen

Ms. Allen gave an update on the status of the cafeteria budget. Free and reduced has increased. The criteria has changed.

Committee Reports

Finance - Next meeting is November 27, 2018.

Curriculum – Next meeting is November 27, 2018.

Policy – No policies are being brought forward right now.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervision District Committee Update

First Student gave an update. A budget workshop will occur next week.

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No Update.

Ad hoc School Advisory Committee

A prioritization of items needed in each school and how funding will occur is being discussed.

Ad Hoc Tuition Committee

Dr. Levy discussed the proposed yearly tuition fee structure. This will be voted on at the next Joint Board of Education meeting. A marketing plan was discussed. Questions should be sent to Dr. Levy before the Joint Board of Education meeting. Ms. Greenberg-Ellis noted that there is a huge amount of research that supports being in a diverse environment is beneficial to students. She asked that consideration be done for offering scholarships to recruit people to make our schools more diverse.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

General Update

Ms. Martineau was not present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Update – Critical Thinking and Creative Problem Solving

Dr. Levy discussed the International Baccalaureate Diploma program. Approval has been received for the high school. Budgets are being developed. Mr. Duffy has left the district. A search committee will be interviewing candidates.

Presentation of 2016-17 Performance Profile Report for Chester Elementary

Dr. Levy briefly discussed the Performance Profile Report.

Information and Communication

Discussion Regarding and Pending Policies – standing item

No Policies to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Joint BOE meeting December 3, 2018
- Next Chester BOE Meeting is January 24, 2019 @ 7:00pm
- Chester Budget Workshops proposed for: Jan 31, Feb 12, Mar 5, 2019 at 6:00pm at Central Office
- BOE and Community Input for 2019-20 (On-Going)
- Presentation of Major Budget Drivers for 2019-20 (TBD)
- BOE Self-evaluation (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary