

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MARCH 27, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Chester Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 27, 2014. In attendance were Rodney Alston, Arthur Henick, Rob Bibbiani, David Fitzgibbons and Wendy King. Also in attendance were Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent, Dr. Joanne Beekley, Assistant Superintendent, Michael Barile, Principal, Mr. Garth Sawyer, Business Manager and Kelley Frazier, Clerk. Absent: Ashley Marsh

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. King called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Rob Bibbiani moved to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2014 meeting and the Accounts Payable report. Rodney Alston seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

**STUDENT REPORT**

Mr. Barile introduced Brynn Steevels and Lydia Batley who gave a brief update of the activities in the school for the past month. Ms. King and the Board thanked the students for coming.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**OTHER ITEMS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

Financial Status Report – Mr. Garth Sawyer

Chester Elementary is currently projecting a year end surplus. We will keep the Board informed of any developments.

**Cafeteria**

We are in line to meet our projections. We are projecting a small deficit at the end of the year.

## **Discussion and Possible Vote on Recommended Chester Budget Transfers for 2013-14.**

Mr. Sawyer reviewed the requested budget transfers.

Upon a motion made by Rob Bibbiani and seconded by Arthur Henick the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the 2013-2014 budget transfers as recommended by Business Manager Sawyer.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance**

No Update.

### **Policy and Curriculum**

Extra-curricular activities and clubs were discussed at the Curriculum meeting. The Capstone project was discussed. This will allow students to do a work study or gain volunteer hours. Teacher Evaluation was also discussed. New CCT requirements were received from the state. We will keep our current evaluation system through the end of the year. The Policy Committee did not meet.

### **Supervision District**

Will meet next week.

### **Other Committee Reports**

None

### **Principal's Update**

Mr. Barile gave a brief update. He discussed STEAM a new science program that 150 students participated in which incorporates science, math and engineering. Teachers are working on Smart Goals. We are using this to increase the rigor. Math is a focus of professional development. Fifth and Sixth grade are working intensively on math projects.

## **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – J. Beekley**

### **General Update**

We have completed CAPT testing. SBAC has begun at the high school. The elementary schools will begin after spring break.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - R. Levy**

### **District Update**

Dr. Levy gave a brief update of the events in our district. She noted that STEAM was a huge success. Students were so involved and interested in sharing their experiences. Dr. Levy commended Mr. Barile for his hard work for making school exciting for the students, staff and administration.

The breakfast program started in all three elementary schools. It is brown bag and it has taken off tremendously. They have consistently had large numbers. Dr. Levy discussed a note from a teacher saying that the breakfast was so important for her students who may not have breakfast.

### **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION**

The budget process is being finalized. We are in the search process for a Deep River Elementary Principal.

### **Discussion and Possible Vote to Adopt 2014-15 Chester Elementary Budget to be Presented to the Town**

Vote previously taken.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION-Personnel Matter – Staff Non-Renewals, Student Matters**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to move into Executive Session at 7:55pm to discuss a personnel matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Levy and Mr. Barile attended the Executive Session.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Non Renewal Notice as presented by Dr. Levy. The motion passed.

The Board Moved out of Executive Session at 8:16pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Board Clerk

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 10.1 Deep River BOE next Regular Meeting May 15, 2014 @7:00pm
- 10.2 Present DRES 2014-15 Budget at town meeting (date TBD)
- 10.3 BOE Self-Evaluation(TBD)