

**CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
MARCH 24, 2022 7:00pm**

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Chester BOE

David Fitzgibbons
Ken Rice
Jan Taigen
Dale Bernardoni
Stuart Johnson
Charlene Fearon
Maria Scherber
Absent: Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis

Administration

Brian White
Tyson Stoddard
Bob Grissom
Sarah Brzozowy

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fitzgibbons at 7:00p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 27, 2022, the Budget Workshop of February 3, 2022, the Budget Workshop of February 17, 2022 and the Accounts Payable report as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

REPORTS and OTHER ITEMS:

Superintendent’s Report

District Update

Mr. White gave a brief update. Budget development is underway. Things are smooth going into spring.

Information and Communication

No additional report.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report S. Brzozowy

General Update

Ms. Brzozowy noted that the St. Patrick’s Day festivities were wonderful and heartwarming.

Student Achievement

Ms. Brzozowy and Mr. Stoddard gave a presentation of the student academic performance at Chester Elementary. The positive climate remains at CES. Mr. Johnson

and Ms. Scherber noted that they feel their 5th grade students would benefit from additional homework.

Financial Status Updates

Current Year to Date Financial Status Update

Mr. Grissom gave an update on the financial status. This reporting is through February. All financial obligations are expected to be met. Expenses are trending well.

Cafeteria Fund Update

Mr. Grissom gave a brief update on the cafeteria reporting. This reporting is through February. There is a net profit due to the state reimbursements for the seamless summer program. This program is still being offered through the end of June.

Medical Reserve Tracking

Net favorable results have been realized for this year. There has been no uptick in delayed procedures seen. The insurance consultant will present in April.

Grants Update

No Update.

Principal's Update

Mr. Stoddard gave a brief update. 100 Students participated in the STEAM fair. This was a virtual hybrid fair headed up by Lori Lenz. She does many enrichment programs for the school. Camp Hazen field day will be in May. Ms. Scherber thanked Mr. Tyson for the Steam fair and also thanked Ms. Lenz for her efforts.

Committee Reports

Curriculum

Elementary K-6 report cards were discussed. This will be rolled out in the fall. New course requests for Valley Regional are being discussed. The PD plan is being reviewed.

Finance

Bonding and long range capital planning for the district is being discussed.

Supervision District:

Budget was approved. The calendar was approved for FY22-23.

Other Committee Reports

LEARN Committee Report

The Ocean Avenue Learn renovation has begun. A legislative update for lobbying was discussed. There is a request for 8% increase for magnet schools.

Discussion regarding and Pending Policies

A fixed graduation date policy is being discussed. An update to Title 9 is being reviewed and will be discussed at the next Joint Board of Education meeting.

Discussion and Possible VOTE to approve Chester Elementary School 2022-23 budget for presentation to the Town of Chester.

Service providers are consistent across the district. Maintenance and repair issues of each building varies year to year. Ms. Scherber asked that object description be included for Chester during the budget process. A discussion was held regarding the budget and a reduction in debt service. Discussion held regarding the para educators expense but research has been done and these expenses are necessary.

Upon a motion made by Dale Bernardoni and seconded by Jan Taigen the Chester Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Chester Elementary 2022-23 budget in the amount of \$5,441,522.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Interview Candidate to fill BOE Vacancy for a term to last until November 2023.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 8:30pm.

Executive Session Ended at 8:38pm.

Upon a motion made by Maria Scherber and seconded by Stuart Johnson the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to appoint Faith Sprigg to the Chester Board of Education to fill a Vacancy on the Board to last until November 2023.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 9.1 Present Proposed CES 2022-23 Budget to Chester BOF/BOS April 6, 2022 @7:00pm
- 9.2 Joint BOE Meeting Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 7:00pm
- 9.3 Present Proposed CES BOE 2022-23 Budget at Public Hearing @ 7:00pm May 3, 2022 @7:00pm
- 9.4 Chester Town Budget Vote May 17, 2022 @7:00pm
- 9.5 Chester BOE regular Meeting is May 26, 2022 @7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary