



Regional School District #4
Chester – Deep River – Essex – Region 4
Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education

Public - please Note:

We anticipate being able to provide a hybrid option for this meeting.

If desired, please use dial-in information to join the hybrid meeting.

Agenda

To: Members of the Regional School District No. 4 Board of Education
Subject: **Region 4 BOE Regular Meeting – Thursday, August 03, 2023**
Time: **4:00 p.m.**
Place: **John Winthrop Middle School Library or Dial (475) 329-0071 PIN: 607 073 628#**

(We kindly ask that if participating remotely, you **please mute your phone immediately** upon connecting to the meeting as this will improve the audio quality for all participants. Google Meet may do this automatically, depending on the number of people already connected to the call. If so, pressing ***6** will unmute your phone when it's time to speak)

Please contact Jennifer Bryan at Central Office email jbryan@reg4.k12.ct.us if you are unable to attend.

Mission Statement

We, the communities of Chester, Deep River, Essex and Region 4,
engage all students in a rigorous and collaborative educational program. We prepare our learners to be respectful citizens who are
empowered to contribute in a globalized society.

AGENDA

1. Call to order 4:00 p.m. – K. Sandmann, Chair

2. Verbal roll call for BOE members

3. Public Comment

The public is reminded to state name for the record. Comments should be kept to a maximum of three minutes. Public comment is not intended to be a question and answer period; rather it is an opportunity for the Board to hear citizen comment related to educational matters

4. Consent Agenda

HOLD until September meeting

5. Reports and Other Items

5.1 Superintendent's Report – *B. White* **(As needed)**

a. Information and Communication

5.2 Assistant Superintendent's Report – *S. Brzozowy* – **(None this evening)**

5.3 Finance Office Report – *R. Grissom* – **(None this evening)**

5.4 Other Items

- a. **VOTE** to schedule a District Meeting / Public Hearing for Wednesday, September 06 at 7:00 p.m., and publish the following legal warning, as presented, in the next available edition of the Valley Courier (*no less than 5 days before the day of the meeting*):

**WARNING
DISTRICT MEETING - PUBLIC HEARING
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNS OF CHESTER, DEEP RIVER AND ESSEX
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Chester, Deep River and Essex (the "Member Towns") are hereby warned that a District Meeting of Regional School District No. 4 (the "District") will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the John Winthrop Middle School Library, located at 1 Winthrop Road, Deep River, CT 06417, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following recommendation of the District Board of Education:

1. That a supplemental appropriation of \$622,947 be appropriated for the John Winthrop Middle School Security Project (the "Project"). The supplemental appropriation is in addition to the \$952,053 appropriation which was approved at a referendum held on November 2, 2021. The appropriation may be expended for design, construction, renovation and installation costs, engineering and professional fees, costs related to complying with Town building codes, materials, equipment, an elevator, purchase costs, legal fees, financing costs, interest expense on temporary borrowings, and other costs related to the Project. The appropriation shall include any federal, state or other grants-in-aid received for the Project. The John Winthrop Middle School Security Project Building Committee (the "Building Committee"), established by the District Board of Education as the building committee for the Project, shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the Project as desirable, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified. The District anticipates receiving grants from the State of Connecticut for a portion of the eligible costs of the Project to defray in part the appropriation.
2. That \$622,947 of bonds, notes or temporary notes of the District be authorized to finance the supplemental appropriation. The authorization of \$622,947 of bonds, notes or temporary notes of the District to finance the Project is in addition to the \$952,053 authorization which was approved at a referendum held on November 2, 2021. The amount of the bonds authorized shall be reduced by the amount of any grants received by the District for the Project.
3. That the Chair of the District Board of Education and the District Treasurer, be authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information.
4. That the Building Committee be authorized to contract with architects, engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the District with respect to the Project, to approve design and construction expenditures for the Project, and to exercise such others powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the Project.
5. That the authorization of the issuance of bonds, notes or temporary notes shall be submitted to referendum vote by the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Member Towns of the District.

Dated at Deep River, Connecticut this 3rd day of August, 2023.

6. Committee Reports (None this evening)

6.1 Committee reports. (*Chair or designated representative of each Comm.*) - **(None this evening)**

Joint PK-12 Committees – Policy- *L. Seidman*; Curriculum – *N. Johnston*; Finance – *R. Daniels*

Curriculum	Finance	Policy
Oct. 18 th , 2023 @ Noon	Oct. 18 th , 2023 @ Noon	Oct. 19 th , 2023 @ Noon
Dec. 13 th , 2023 @ Noon	Dec. 13 th , 2023 @ Noon	Dec. 14 th , 2023 @ Noon
Feb. 14 th , 2024 @ Noon	Feb. 14 th , 2024 @ Noon	Feb. 15 th , 2024 @ Noon
Apr. 17 th , 2024 @ Noon	Apr. 17 th , 2024 @ Noon	Apr. 18 th , 2024 @ Noon

a. Other committee reports

a.1 Supervision District Committee update – *K. Sandmann, J. Cavanaugh, J. Stack* - **(None this evening)**

a.2 Discussion regarding any **pending policies for all BOEs** – *standing item*

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8. Executive Session – Personnel – release agreements

9. Future Agenda Items

9.1 Regular Region 4 BOE Meeting Thursday, September 07, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. @ JWMS Library

10. Adjournment



Regional School District 4
Chester – Deep River – Essex – Region 4
Boards of Education Committees – School Year 2023-24 (Updates in Progress)

<u>Joint BOE Standing Committees</u> (standing committees have regularly scheduled meetings)			
*Joint PK-12 Policy Sub-Committee	R4(Clark/Strauss) CH(Taigen/Scherber) DR(Maikowski/Grunko) ES (Seidman/TBD)		
*Joint PK-12 Curriculum Sub-Comm.	R4(Cavanaugh/Silva) CH(Bernardoni/Johnson) DR(McIntyre/Whelan) ES (Johnston/Pillion/Russell)		
*Joint PK-12 Finance Sub-Committee	R4 (Clark/Daniels/Fearon) CH (Rice/TBD) DR (Rioux/Scholfield) ES (Seidman/Watson)		
Supervision District Committee (2 yr terms end in Nov. of the year listed after each name)	R4 (Sandmann 23 / Cavanaugh 23 / Stack 23) CH (Fitzgibbons 23 / Bernardoni 23 / Greenberg-Ellis 23) DR (Morrissey 23 / Ferretti 23 / Maikowski 23) ES (Seidman 23 /Pillion 23 / Johnston 23)		
<u>Joint Ad Hoc Committees</u> (ad hoc committees meet for a designated period or as needed)			
Personnel & Negotiations		<u>Contract duration</u>	<u>Initiate negotiations</u>
- Joint BOE Teacher negotiations	R4 (Daniels/Sandmann) CH (Taigen) DR (Morrissey) ES (Watson/Pillion)	Expires 7/2025	6/2024
- Joint BOE Administrator negotiations	Same as ABOVE for Teacher negotiations	Expires 7/2026	9/2025
- Joint BOE Paraeducator negotiations	Same as BELOW for Net Tech et al.	Expires 7/2026	3/2026
- Joint BOE NetTechs et al negotiations (ElemSec/Elem Nurses/ElemNetTech/R4NetTEch/ElemCustodians)	R4 (Daniels/Sandmann) CH (Fitzgibbons) DR (Maikowski/Ferretti) ES (Watson/Pillion)	Expires 7/2023	3/2023
- Cafeteria (all schools)		Expires 7/2022	4/2022
Technology	R4(Seidman), CH(TBD), ES (Seidman), DR (TBD)		
School Calendar	R4(Sandmann/Daniels), CH (TBD), ES (TBD), DR (Morrissey)		
LEARN Joint BOE representative(s)	R4(Cavanaugh), CH(Bernardoni), ES(TBD), DR(TBD)		
School Safety Committee	R4(Cavanaugh, Daniels), CH(Greenberg-Ellis), DR(TBD), ES(TBD)		
Tuition Committee	R4(Cavanaugh/Sandmann/Daniels), CH (Johnson), DR (Morrissey), ES (Seidman Alt.)		
RFP Review	R4(Cavanaugh/Daniels), CH (Scherber), DR (Morrissey), ES (Seidman/Johnston)		
<u>Individual BOE Ad Hoc Committees</u> (ad hoc committees meet for a designated period or as needed)			
<u>Chester BOE</u>			
CATV Advisory Council (Cable TV)	For Discussion		
<u>Deep River BOE</u>			
Facilities	Morrissey/Ferretti		
CATV Advisory Council (Cable TV)	TBD		
<u>Essex BOE</u>			
Building	Seidman		
Essex Foundation	TBD		
CATV Advisory Council (Cable TV)	TBD		
<u>Region 4 BOE</u>			
Personnel & Negotiations		<u>Contract duration</u>	<u>Initiate negotiations</u>
▪ R4 Secretaries/Nurses	Daniels/Sandmann	Expires 7/2025	4/2025
▪ R4 Custodians	Daniels/Sandmann	Expires 7/2024	3/2024
R4 Grounds and Buildings Maintenance & Oversight Committee	Stack/Seidman/Strauss (alt. Sandmann)		
JWMS Security Project Building Committee	Daniels/ Cavanaugh/ Sandmann / Stack		
R4 Educational Foundation	TBD		
Region 4 Extra compensation points committee	Clark/Daniels/Sandmann (only 1 rep needed)		

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Welcome to tonight's meeting of the Regional 4 Board of Education. We appreciate your interest and attendance.

WHO WE ARE:

We are fellow residents of Chester, Deep River and Essex, elected by the communities to serve 6-year terms without compensation. (one from each town, each biennial election)

Lol Fearon (CH) Vice-Chair	2023	Rick Daniels (DR) Secretary	2023	Kate Sandmann (ES) Chair	2023
John Stack (CH) Treasurer	2025	Jane Cavanaugh (DR)	2025	Lon Seidman (ES)	2025
Richard Strauss (CH) apptd. until Nov '23 of 2027 term		Alex Silva (DR)	2027	Jennifer Clark (ES)	2027

Our contact information is listed on the District web site: www.reg4.k12.ct.us Our annual goals are also listed.

We are assisted in the meeting by our school administration:

Brian J. White, Superintendent of Schools

Sarah Brzozowy, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Robert Grissom, Finance Director

Michael Barile, Principal, VRHS

Melissa Morgan-Hostetler, Principal, JWMS

And our student representatives:

Senior Student Representative: **TBD**

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Our BOE Clerk is: **Kelley Frazier**

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE AND PARTICIPATE:

We typically have two "Audiences of Citizens" during the meeting. During this part of the meeting, you can make comments, suggestions and ask questions. We ask you to limit comments to 3 minutes. If you share a common topic with others, we encourage the use of a single spokesperson for the group. As the intention of the audience of citizens is for the Board to listen to you, the Board may not respond immediately since we may not have discussed or taken a position on the topic...please don't take this as a sign of disinterest. Our standard of courtesy and respect for the opinions of others is the same as the one expected of our students.

We encourage written input to the Board to include suggestions on future agenda items. Upon request, letters can be read at the meeting as long as they focus on issues or policies and not people.

While we value your input, please know the Board of Education meeting is a "Meeting in Public" and not a "Public Meeting." We appreciate your helping us accomplish our agenda in a time effective manner.

REGULAR MEETINGS:

Our regular meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of every other month, September through June. In addition we participate in meetings of the Joint Board of Education Committee every other month along with the Boards of Education of Chester, Deep River and Essex. Regular Meeting Agendas and Special Meeting Agendas are posted in each of the Town Halls and on the school website (www.reg4.k12.ct.us).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board may occasionally meet in "Executive Session." This closed-door meeting is for discussing items of a sensitive nature, such as personnel issues or negotiation strategy.

SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Special meetings may be called with a minimum of 24 hours advanced notice, to discuss specific items.

We appreciate your attendance this evening and invite your continued interest on behalf of the students and residents of Region 4.