

**DEEP RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
DRES LIBRARY
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 7:00pm**

F.O.I. Compliance – Subject to BOE approval at a future meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Morrissey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

VERBAL ROLL CALL FOR BOE MEMBERS

Deep River BOE	Administration
Miriam Morrissey	Brian White
Pat Maikowski	Sarah Brzozowy
Alyson Whelan	Robert Grissom
Lenore Grunko	Josh Torchia
Melissa McIntyre	
Nick Rioux	

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 16, 2023, and the Accounts Payable report as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS:

Deep River Elementary Student Representatives

Sixth Grade Students Cassian and Sawyer discussed the events happening at DRES.

Superintendent's Report

District Update – Information and Communication

Superintendent White shared an update on the Deep River Budget and will talk more about that later.

He also shared that the Region 4 Budget recently passed at referendum. He also shared an update and some next steps regarding the recent passage of the Region 4 Athletics Fields and Facilities Improvements bonding initiative at referendum.

Superintendent White shared an update on the status of various negotiations for our numerous bargaining units.

He also shared a brief summary of the discussions held at the Joint BOE Retreat on Saturday, May 6th.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

General Update

Dr. Brzozowy shared that The Connecticut Association of School Business officials have awarded Mr. Grissom with the Rising Star Award.

Financial Status Updates

Current Year to Date Financial Status Update

Mr. Grissom reviewed the enclosures including the Current Year to Date Financial Status; the Cafeteria Fund Update; and the Medical Reserve Tracking report.

He also shared that he is collaborating with our Director of Food Services to develop a list and quotes for equipment that needs to be upgraded.

Principal's Update

Mr. Torchia discussed events happening at DRES.

Other Items

Discussion and possible VOTE to approve a revised Deep River Elementary 2023-24 operating budget in the amount as approved by vote at the Deep River Town Meeting on May 15, 2023

The Town reduced the proposed DRES budget by \$24,000 and that reduced number was approved at the Town Meeting on May 15th. Administration presented a revised budget for BOE approval in order to match the Board's budget to the approved reduced amount.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED to approve a revised Deep River Elementary 2023-24 operating budget in the amount of \$5,814,047 as approved by vote at the Deep River Town Meeting on May 15, 2023 (see attached)

There was a discussion regarding enclosure #6, a memo from Supervision District Committee Chair, Lon Seidman regarding the general process for superintendent contract negotiations and evaluations. If anyone has any questions, they can talk with Chair Morrissey or Mr. Seidman.

Committee Reports

Curriculum

No Update shared.

Finance

No Update.

Policy

Several Policies are in some stage of review. There was a chance to discuss the following proposed revised policies, all of which had their First Reading at the April 06, 2023 Joint BOE meeting. The Second Reading and possible Vote to approve them will be held at the June 1st Joint BOE meeting.

- Policy #3160 Transfer of Funds between Categories (Fund Balance Section)
- Policy #4118.231/4218.231 Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Free Workplace
- Policy #5114 Suspension and Expulsion / Due Process
- Policy #5132 Dress Code
- Policy #6162.4 Volunteers
- Policy / Bylaw #9221

Supervision District Committee Updates

No additional update beyond the negotiations memo that was discussed earlier in the evening.

DRES Facilities (Buildings and Grounds)Committee

The Committee met this week. Ms. Morrissey shared an updated.

Other Committee Reports

No other reports were shared

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED to move into Executive Session at approx.8:20 p.m. for the following Personnel Matter:

- Evaluation of Superintendent

The Board returned from Executive Session at approx. 8:46 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Joint BOE Meeting Thursday, June 01, 2023 @ 7:00pm
- Deep River BOE Regular Meeting September 21, 2023 @7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Bryan, Substitute Clerk