



**Regional School District #4
Chester – Deep River – Essex – Region 4**

DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Via Google Meet
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March 18, 2021 @ **7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

REVISED

To: Members of the Deep River Board of Education
Subject: **Deep River Board of Education meeting Thursday, March 18, 2021**
Time: Board meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.
Place: **Via Google Meet – To listen remotely please dial (US)+1 (617) 675-4444 PIN: 705 449 181 5698#**
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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.

1. **Call to order 7:00 p.m.** – Vice Chair, M. *Morrissey*
2. **Verbal roll call for BOE members**
3. **Election to Fill Vacancies in Board offices / appointments to currently active committees -**

The Vice Chair shall open the floor for nomination for any open offices/appointments including, but not limited to:

- The office of Chairman for the unexpired term of office (*until the first meeting after November election day*)
- Appointment to a possible vacancy on the Supervision District Committee for the unexpired term through Nov. 2021
(*The newly elected Chair will automatically serve as one of the representatives on the Supv. Dist. Committee. If the member who is newly elected as Chair already serves on the Supervision District Committee, there will be one vacancy that will need to be filled*)
- Joint BOE RFP Legal Bid Review Committee

4. **Executive Session – Interview** candidate to fill BOE vacancy
5. **Action Item** - Possible VOTE to appoint a candidate to fill a BOE member vacancy until the next municipal election in November 2021 (for term ending Nov. 2023)
6. **Consent agenda.** The following items are to be handled as combined and by single vote. Any Board member may request that an item be pulled out for further discussion.
 - 6.1. Minutes from the regular meeting of January 21, 2021 (*encl #1*)
 - 6.2. Minutes from budget workshop I on February 03, 2021(*encl #2*)
 - 6.3. Minutes from budget workshop II on February 18, 2021(*encl #3*)
 - 6.4. Accounts Payable report (*encl #4*)

- 7. Public comment.** . *(In the interest of creating the best remote meeting experience for all participating parties, we would ask that you please keep your phone on mute until such time when the Chair calls for Public Comment. Please continue to keep your phone on mute unless you are requesting to be recognized by the Chair to make a comment. Once you have been recognized by the Chair to make your comment, the following standard public comment guidelines will still apply): PLEASE NOTE: Upon dialing in, Google Meet may have shared a message that your phone has been automatically muted due to the number of callers on the line and instructed you to press *6 if you would like to unmute your phone. When you are done speaking, please remember to press *6 (or your phone’s mute button) again to reduce background noise.*

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8. Reports and Other Items:

- 8.1. Superintendent’s Report – *B. White*
 - a. District update
 - b. Information and communication

- 8.2. Financial Status Report – *R. Grissom*
 - a. Financial Status Updates
 - o Current Year to Date Financial Status Update *(encl #5)*
 - o Cafeteria Fund Update *(encl #6)*
 - o Medical Reserve Tracking *(encl #7)*
 - b. Discussion and possible VOTE to approve transfer(s) as presented *(encl #9 – added)*

- 8.3. Presentation of proposed Deep River Elementary 2021-22 budget *(encl #8)*

- 8.4. Possible **VOTE** to approve Deep River Elementary 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$_____ to be presented to the Town of Deep River.

- 8.5. Committee Reports *(Chair or designated representative of each Comm.)*
 - a. Joint PK-12 Committees – Policy – *TBD*, Curriculum – *J. Stack*, Finance – *R. Daniels*

Finance	Policy	Curriculum
TBD	TBD	TBD
 - b. Supervision District Committee Update – *Chair*
 - c. DRES Facilities (Buildings and Grounds) Committee – *M. Morrissey, R. Ferretti*
 - d. LEARN Committee Update – *TBD*
 - e. Other committee reports (as needed)
 - e.1 Discussion regarding any Pending Policies – *standing item*
None pending

9. Public comment.

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10. Future Agenda Items

- 10.1. Joint BOE meeting April 01, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
- 10.2. Present proposed DRES BOE 2021-22 budget to Deep River BOF/BOS April 6 @ 7:00 p.m.
- 10.3. Present proposed Deep River BOE 2021-22 budget (on date TBD by BOF) at Public Hearing @ 7:30 p.m.
- 10.4. Deep River Town budget vote May 17, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.
- 10.5. Deep River BOE regular meeting May 20, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment



Regional School District 4
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Boards of Education Committees – School Year 2020-21 (Updates in Progress)

Joint BOE Standing Committees (standing committees have regularly scheduled meetings)			
*Joint PK-12 Policy Sub-Committee	R4(Sandmann/Clymas) CH(Bernardoni/Scherber) DR(Maikowski/Campbell) ES (Seidman/McCluskey)		
*Joint PK-12 Curriculum Sub-Comm.	R4(Cavanaugh/TBD) CH(Bibbiani/Fearon) DR(T.Dickson/Grunko) ES (Johnston/Sweet)		
*Joint PK-12 Finance Sub-Committee	R4 (Clark/Daniels) CH (Pollock/Englert) DR (Hallden/Lewis) ES (Seidman/Watson)		
Supervision District Committee (2 yr terms end in Nov. of the year listed after each name)	R4 (Sandmann 21 / Cavanaugh 21 / Clark 21) CH (Fearon 21 /Fitzgibbons 21 / Englert 21) DR (TBD 21 / Ferretti 21 / Morrissey 21) ES (TBD 21 /McCluskey 21 / Seidman 21)		
Joint Ad Hoc Committees (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/Clymas/TBD) CH (TBD/Englert Alt.) DR (Morrissey/TBD Alt.) ES (TBD/Watson)	Expires 7/2022	6/2021
- Joint BOE Administrator negotiations	Same as ABOVE for Teacher negotiations	Expires 7/2023	9/2022
- Joint BOE Paraeducator negotiations	Same as BELOW for Net Tech et al.	Expires 7/2021	3/2021
- Joint BOE NetTechs et al negotiations (ElemSec/Elem Nurses/ElemNetTech/R4NetTEch/ElemCustodians)	R4 (Daniels/Clymas/TBD) CH (Fitzgibbons, TBD) DR (Campbell/Ferretti Alt.) ES (TBD/Watson)	Expires 7/2021	3/2021
- Cafeteria (all schools)		Expires 7/2021	3/2021
Public Relations & Community Outreach	R4(TBD/TBD), CH (Bibbiani), ES (Seidman), DR (Wegalarz/TBD)		
Technology	R4(TBD), CH(Englert), ES (Seidman), DR (TBD)		
School Calendar	R4(TBD/Daniels), CH (Englert), ES (McCluskey), DR (TBD)		
LEARN Joint BOE representative(s)	R4(Cavanaugh), CH(Bernardoni), ES(TBD), DR(TBD)		
School Security Advisory Committee	R4(TBD), CH(Greenberg-Ellis, Bibbiani), DR(TBD), ES(TBD)		
Tuition Committee	R4(TBD), CH (TBD), DR (Morrissey), ES (McCluskey/Seidman Alt.)		
RFP Transportation Bid Review	R4(Cavanaugh), CH (Englert), DR (TBD), ES (Seidman/TBD)		
RFP Legal Bid Review	R4(Clymas, Daniels), CH (Scherber), DR (TBD), ES (Johnston)		
Joint BOE Insurance Committee	R4(Clymas), CH (Bernardoni), DR (Lewis), ES (Seidman)		
Individual BOE Ad Hoc Committees (ad hoc committees meet for a designated period or as needed)			
<u>Chester BOE</u>			
Facilities	Englert		
PTO	Smith		
CATV Advisory Council (Cable TV)	For Discussion		
<u>Deep River BOE</u>			
Facilities	Morrissey/Ferretti		
PTO	rotating		
School Improvement Team	TBD		
CATV Advisory Council (Cable TV)	TBD		
<u>Essex BOE</u>			
Building	Seidman		
PTO	Rotating		
School Improvement Team	TBD		
Essex Foundation	McCluskey / TBD		
Communications	Rotating		
CATV Advisory Council (Cable TV)	TBD		
<u>Region 4 BOE</u>			
Personnel & Negotiations		<u>Contract duration</u>	<u>Initiate negotiations</u>
▪ R4 Secretaries/Nurses	Clymas/Daniels/TBD	Expires 7/2021	3/2021
▪ R4 Custodians	Clymas/Daniels/TBD	Expires 7/2021	3/2021
R4 Audit & Finance	TBD/TBD		
School Improvement Team	TBD/TBD/TBD		
R4 Grounds and Buildings Maintenance and Oversight Committee	Sandmann/TBD/TBD		
JWMS Security Project Building Committee	Daniels		
R4 Educational Foundation	TBD		
Region 4 Extra compensation points committee	Clark (only 1 rep needed)		
R4 Long Range Athletic Facilities Planning Task Force	Clymas/Daniels		
R4 Safety	TBD		
R4 Advisory Council (PTO)	For Discussion		
R4 Facilities Study Committee	TBD		

DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

WHO WE ARE:

We are fellow residents of Deep River, elected by the community to serve 4 years (5-4 rotation) without compensation.

Lenore Grunko	2021	Vacancy	2023	Tracy Dickson	2023
Robert Ferretti	2021	Miriam Morrissey	2023	Marc Lewis (appt. 'til Nov 2021) (of 2023 term)	
Mary Campbell	2021	Scott Hallden , appt. 'til Nov. 2021 (of 2021 term)		Pat Maikowski (appt. 'til Nov 2021) (of 2023 term)	

Our contact information is listed in the school calendar and the school web site. Our annual goals are also listed on the school web site (www.reg4.k12.ct.us).

We are assisted in the meeting by our school administration:

Brian J. White, Superintendent of Schools
Vacancy, Assistant Superintendent

Lauren Feltz, Principal
Robert Grissom, Finance Director

Our board clerk is Ms. 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 third Thursday of every other month, unless there is a conflict with school vacation. 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. Our agenda is posted at the town hall 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 24 hours advanced notice, to discuss specific items. The agenda will be posted on the bulletin board by the cafeteria and the meeting will be limited to those items.

We appreciate your attendance this evening and invite your continued interest on behalf of the children and residents of Deep River.