

F.O.I. Compliance

JOINT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject to approval

Date: September 03, 2020

Special Meeting – REMOTE MEETING held

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CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Charlene Fearon, Kristen Smith, Kris Pollock, Dale Bernardoni, Rob Bibbiani

DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Paula Weglarz, Miriam Morrissey, Tracy Dickson (no quorum)

ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Lon Seidman, DG Fitton, Mark Watson, Nancy Johnston, Lorretta McCluskey

REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Kate Sandmann, Paula Weglarz, Jane Cavanaugh, Lori Ann Clymas, Trisha Brookhart, Rick Daniels, DG Fitton, John Stack, Jennifer Clark

Administration:

Superintendent Brian J. White, Assistant Superintendent Kristina Martineau, Director of Pupil Services Sarah Smalley, Finance Director Kelly Sterner, Essex Elementary Principal Jennifer Tousignant

CALL TO ORDER

Supervision District Committee Chair Kate Sandmann called the meeting to order at approx. 7:00 p.m.

The Chairs of the Chester, Deep River, Essex and Region 4 Boards of Education called their respective Boards to order at approx. 7:00 p.m. The Deep River Board did not have a quorum present, however their board also did not have any action items on the agenda that would require a vote be taken by them.

Superintendent White provided a general update to the Boards upon a successful reopening in the hybrid model for the 2020-21 school year. He also provided an update on the most current information regarding athletics at VRHS.

Superintendent White answered questions from Board members.

No action pertaining to COVID-19 related expenses was needed this evening.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Region 4 Board VOTED (8 Yes / 0 No / 1 abstained - Lori Ann Clymas = Motion Passed) to accept the donation of two tent canopies from Lori Ann and Rick Clymas to assist with outdoor social distancing needs and thanked the Clymas' for their donation.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Essex Board unanimously VOTED to accept donation of no more than \$40,000 from the Essex Foundation to be used at the discretion of administration and the donation of \$1000 from the Essex Police Union to be used at the discretion of administration to support and emotional needs during 20-21 reopening and thanked both organizations for their donations.

Public Comment

No comments were made

Executive Session

Superintendent White reported that the Executive Session for this evening will now only need to be attended by the Essex BOE, although he does anticipate that other Boards may be asked to consider similar requests at future meetings.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Essex BOE unanimously VOTED to move into Executive Session at approx. 7:48 p.m. for a personnel matter to discuss the Superintendent's recommendations regarding employee requests for a Leave of Absence (LOA)

The Essex Board returned from Executive Session at approx. 7:57 p.m.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Essex Board unanimously VOTED to approve employee LOA requests as recommended by the Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly made and seconded, the Chester and Region 4 Boards unanimously VOTED to adjourn at approximately 7:49 p.m.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Essex Board unanimously VOTED to adjourn at approximately 7:57 p.m.