

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

REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Date: February 25, 2021

Regular Meeting – REMOTE MEETING held

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CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION: David Fitzgibbons, Tom Englert, Charlene Fearon
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION: Paula Weglarz, Miriam Morrissey, Bob Ferretti (6:31 p.m.)
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION: Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION: Kate Sandmann (6:31 p.m.), Jane Cavanaugh

Also in attendance: Brian. J. White, Superintendent; Sarah Smalley, Director of Pupil Services; Robert Grissom, Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER and Verbal Roll Call

Committee Chair David Fitzgibbons called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and took a verbal rollcall.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made and seconded the Committee unanimously VOTED to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Minutes from the regular meeting of December 03, 2020; special meeting of December 16, 2020; budget workshop I of December 16, 2020; CABE workshop of January 11, 2021; Budget workshop II of January 12, 2021; budget workshop III of January 20, 2021; and the Accounts Payable Report

PUBLIC COMMENT – Richard Strauss of Chester asked a question regarding the allocation used as shown on page 18 of the budget document. He asked if the allocation should be based on total expenditures or total expenditures minus the anticipated revenue.

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS

Superintendent White will hold his report until the Joint BOE meeting immediately following this meeting.

Superintendent White reviewed the proposed 2021-22 Supervision District Budget. As a matter of clarity, he highlighted a typo correction that has been made since the document was last shared at the public hearing. The budget document enclosure distributed for this evening shows a typo correction in the ADM history for current year (2020-21). This correction creates no material changes to the document and it had no impact on the proposed budget, nor on the numbers that have been shared, as it was pertaining only to the current year and not the proposed budget for next year.

Superintendent White noted that Mr. Strauss had submitted his question to central office earlier in the day, and he asked Finance Director Bob Grissom to speak more specifically to that.

Mr. Grissom noted that for Supervision District, any potential revenues come from Pre-k tuition, and as such are just an estimate at this point. Therefore, it is more appropriate to allocate based on total expenditures. Any revenues that are realized would be included in the calculation of surplus, if any, and then returned to towns as part of any surplus calculation. That is appropriate and consistent with how past allocations and billings have been made for Supervision District.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee VOTED (9 Yes / 1 No – *T. Englert* = motion passed) to move the proposed 2021-22 Supervision District Budget in the amount of \$8,257,430 to the Joint BOE for vote later this evening.

Finance Office Report

Finance Director Bob Grissom reviewed the enclosures including the Supervision District Budget Status report and the Medical Reserve Tracking report.

Individual BOE reports

Chester – Board Chair David Fitzgibbons shared that Chester Elementary School was recently featured on Channel 8 in a segment called “What’s Right with Schools”.

Deep River – Board Chair Paula Weglarz reported that they wrapped up their budget discussion at their second workshop. It will go to the Board for vote at their next meeting.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman shared that Essex has also wrapped up their budget talks and will vote at their next meeting. They saw a sharp rise in enrollment this year, so that is something that they are keeping an eye on with regards to class size.

Region 4 – Board Chair Kate Sandmann reported that winter sports are currently proceeding and they are being recorded to allow for remote spectators. The Board is discussing the possibility of marketing the property at Falls Landing Road. New quarantine protocols for the high school have been well received over all.

PUBLIC COMMENT – no comments were made

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next regular Supervision District Committee meeting – April 01, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Review/approval of Supervision District Audit Report for 2019-20 (*TBD*)

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Bryan, Clerk