

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL AT THE
February 25, 2016 MEETING
REGIONAL SUPERVISION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

December 03, 2015

A regular meeting of the Regional Supervision District Committee was held on Thursday, December 03, 2015 in the John Winthrop Middle School Library, with the following Committee members present:

CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	David Fitzgibbons, Charlene Fearon, Arthur Henick
DEEP RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Michelle Grow, Miriam Morrissey
ESSEX BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Lon Seidman, Loretta McCluskey, DG Fitton
REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION:	Chris Riley, Jennifer Clark, Jane Cavanaugh

Also in attendance: Dr. Ruth Levy, Superintendent; Kristina Martineau, Assistant Superintendent; Garth Sawyer, Business Manager, and Jennifer Bryan, Committee Clerk.

Audience of Citizens: None present

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Chris Riley called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. (The position of Committee Chair rotates yearly among BOE Chairs, and it moved to Region 4 this year.)

The Committee Vice-Chair rotated as well, with David Fitzgibbons becoming Vice-Chair, as the Chair position will rotate to Chester next year.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to appoint DG Fitton as Treasurer/Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made and seconded the Committee VOTED (10 yes, 1 abstained - Charlene Fearon = motion passed) to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Accounts Payable Report and the minutes from the October 01, 2015 regular meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

Dr. Levy asked to table the budget presentation and any discussion for this evening, as the first Supervision District Budget Workshop will be held next Tuesday Dec 8th.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

None present

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Financial Status – Business Manager Garth Sawyer reviewed the highlights of the Supervision District financial status updates for the current year. He noted that not much has changed from the last report, and the budget is still looking good with a small surplus project for the end of the year.

Individual BOE reports

Chester – Board Chair David Fitzgibbons reported that the Chester BOE has 2 brand new members after the November election. The Board still has two vacancies, and is actively looking to fill those positions.

Deep River – Board Chair Michelle Grow reported that recent elections have resulted in 5 new Deep River BOE members. She also discussed the wonderful presentation by 5th grade teachers and a 2nd grade group at a recent Deep River BOE meeting regarding one to one technology at the school. She noted that the technology allows for quick feedback to the students, and also provides additional enrichment activities. She encouraged everyone to read this week's Valley Courier article on this pilot program.

Essex – Board Chair Lon Seidman reported that they have a full board, after the recent elections and the reappointment of Mark Watson to fill the remaining vacancy. The town facilities committee will be presenting a solar proposal at the January Board meeting. He also commented on the productive workshop held December 2nd for all of the Board members.

Region 4 – Board Chair Chris Riley reported that the Region 4 Board has 2 new members after the election, Lori Ann Clymas and Susan Hollister. He also mentioned that Valley Regional was recently named as #18 in the top 100 schools in Connecticut and also that the Valley High School Madrigal group has 11 students performing at Carnegie Hall tomorrow evening.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Held until the Joint BOE meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information and Communication

Held until the Joint Board meeting.

Superintendent Levy presented a second reading of the proposed 2016-17 district calendar which was developed and is being recommended by the Joint BOE Calendar Committee. She once again discussed the legislative requirement that the district follow a Regional Uniform Calendar developed by LEARN. That uniform calendar dictated many parameters of the proposed calendar. There was a brief discussion.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to approve the 2016-17 district school calendar as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

None present

The Committee moved into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. for a mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.

The Committee moved out of Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Supervision District Budget Workshop I - Dec. 8th, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. CO
- Supervision District Budget Workshop II – Jan. 6th, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m. CO
- Supervision District Budget Workshop III – Jan. 12th, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m. CO
- Supervision District Annual Public Budget Meeting – Feb. 1, 2016
- Next regular Supervision District Committee meeting – Feb. 25, 2016
- Possible Review/approval of Supervision District Audit Report for 2014-15 (TBD)

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DG Fitton, Secretary,
Jennifer Bryan, Clerk