

**CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
MAY 26, 2022 7:00pm**

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Chester BOE

David Fitzgibbons
Ken Rice
Jan Taigen
Dale Bernardoni
Charlene Fearon

Administration

Brian White
Tyson Stoddard
Bob Grissom
Sarah Brzozowy

Absent: Stuart Johnson, Maria Scherber, Faith Spriggs, Rebecca Greenberg-Ellis

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fitzgibbons at 7:00p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 24, 2022 and the Accounts Payable report as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

REPORTS and OTHER ITEMS:

Superintendent’s Report

District Update

Mr. White gave a brief update. He is pleased to attend the end of year celebrations. Having these events is a joy for students, families and staff. He thanked the teachers and staff for all of their efforts this year.

Information and Communication

No additional report.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report S. Brzozowy

General Update

Meetings have taken place with teachers across the district to give input regarding curriculum, instruction and learning needs. This information will be shared and a plan will be put in place. A heightened police presence is welcome during this time after the incident in Texas. Support has been mobilized in all buildings if needed and will continue to be monitored. A security audit will occur over the summer.

Student Achievement

No additional report.

Update on the Work of the District Culture and Climate Committee

A team is meeting to address mental health and the needs of students and teachers. A plan is being formulated.

Financial Status Updates

Current Year to Date Financial Status Update

Mr. Grissom gave an update on the financial status. This reporting is through April. 97.3% of the budget is expected to be expended. All financial obligations are expected to be met. Expenses are trending well for the year.

Cafeteria Fund Update

Mr. Grissom gave a brief update on the cafeteria reporting. This reporting is through April. The district has served over 27,000 meals. The revenue is from reimbursement from the State. The same meal program will be offered through the summer as in the previous two years. Auditors will review and make suggestions on what should be done with the surplus. Capital items may be identified. This program will not be extended next year.

Medical Reserve Tracking

Net favorable results have been realized for this year. The insurance consultant presented in April.

Grants Update

No Update.

Other Items

Discussion and Possible VOTE(s) to approve transfer(s) as requested.

Upon a motion made by Jan Taigen and seconded by Charlene Fearon the Chester Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to approve the transfer(s) of \$11,500 from the instate out of district transportation to the custodial budget line item as presented by the Business Manager.

Principal's Update

Mr. Stoddard gave a brief update on the end of year activities at Chester Elementary. He thanked the staff for their efforts this year and this week the additional support they provided due to the events which occurred in Texas. 35 students are expected in Kindergarten next year. He thanked the Board for their support.

Committee Reports

Finance

The Insurance Consultant discussed trends. RFP's were discussed as well as the plan for next year.

Curriculum

Report cards are being finalized. The results of the strategic planning survey were discussed. Ms. Brzozowy discussed the meetings she is conducting with teachers and staff to devise a plan to improve learning for students. The PD calendar is complete.

Supervision District:

No additional report.

Other Committee Reports

LEARN Committee Report

Ms. Bernardoni discussed the funding for LEARN programs. LEARN continues to connect and work with Mitchell College. The Ocean Avenue Learning Academy is moving forward. The Strategic Plan continues to focus on equity.

Discussion regarding and Pending Policies

This is a first read for this Board. This will be voted on at the Joint Board meeting on June 2nd.

The changes to these policies bring the current policy in compliance with state statute.

Policy #6111 School Calendar-

Policy #4118.11/4118.112 Personnel-Discrimination/Harassment

Policy #5145.5145.51 Student – Discrimination/Harassment

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Evaluation of the Superintendent

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chester Elementary Board of Education unanimously **VOTED** to go into Executive Session at 7:50pm. Mr. White was invited to attend.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:20pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Joint BOE Meeting Thursday, June 2, 2022 @ 7:00pm

8.2 Chester BOE Meeting next Regular is September 22, 2022 @ 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Frazier, Secretary