

COMMITTEE FOR SHARED SERVICES

September 28, 2020

Special Meeting

Held Remotely Via Google Meet

5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Barkhamsted Donna Farr
Colebrook Amy Gardner, Treasurer/Secretary
Hartland Michelle Ferrari, Vice-Chairperson/Secretary
Regional #7 Theresa Kenneson, Chairperson
Shared Services Quentin H. Rueckert, Executive Director
Superintendents' Council Judith Palmer, Sup't-Regional #7

ABSENT: Norfolk Gordon Anderson

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Kenneson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. The meeting was held via teleconference due to the coronavirus.

2. PUBLIC PORTION:

- a. Special visitors or delegations
None
- b. Opportunity for public to speak on agenda items
None

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF June 15, 2020, meeting:

MOTION by Amy Gardner, seconded by Theresa Kenneson, to accept the minutes as presented.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson, Donna Farr, Amy Gardner
Opposed: None
Abstained: Michelle Ferrari

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Quentin Rueckert reported that since opening Shared Services staff has been participating in their respective buildings and doing their part in providing services.

Shared Services had to hire several new paraprofessionals to replace 3 in the LINKS program, 3 in the Bridges program and 1 in the AIM program. All have been hired.

Two Shared Services staff members have gone out on leave because of concerns regarding exposure to COVID. Our speech and language pathologist at Barkhamsted School is out and a tentative temporary replacement has been found.

All programs are up and running with a mix of in-person and hybrid model programming.

Transportation is running well and we are following safety and sanitizing protocols.

5. SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT:

Judy Palmer reported that the superintendents meet weekly to discuss the ongoing concerns for the districts in these challenging times.

--Health and safety has been a primary concern. The elementary schools are all in person, the high school/middle school are in a hybrid model which is generally going well. Planning for the model to be revised is ongoing.

--The superintendents have made school lunches available to all students. Many students are taking advantage of this.

--The superintendents are working on their bus contracts in light of the changing needs due to the pandemic.

--The superintendents will continue to meet weekly to discuss concerns and review ongoing CSDE reports and guidance that comes out constantly.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Presentation of the check register to the CSS treasurer: The check register was provided electronically to Amy Gardner.
- b. The committee discussed flexibilities for the teacher evaluation SEED plan. The board is in favor and supportive of utilizing these flexibilities. The need for board approval was discussed and it was unclear if formal board approval was needed. The CSS will formally approve utilizing these flexibilities at the next CSS meeting if needed.
- c. Quentin reported that negotiations with the Shared Services Teacher Association (SSTA) are underway and we hope to be able to reach an agreement without going to mediation.
- d. Quentin reported that the new supervisor of special education at Regional #7 is doing an excellent job and working well with Shared Services staff.

9. OTHER:

None

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

MOTION at 5:21 p.m. by Michelle Ferrari, seconded by Donna Farr, to adjourn the meeting.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson, Donna Farr, Michelle Ferrari and Amy Gardner

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin H. Rueckert

Approved: 10/19/2020