

COMMITTEE FOR SHARED SERVICES
September 21, 2015
5:00 P.M.
MINUTES

PRESENT:	Barkhamsted Colebrook Norfolk Regional #7 Superintendents' Council Shared Services	Dawn Bobinski Jeanne Jones, Chairperson Carolyn Childs, Vice-Chairperson Theresa Kenneson, Secretary/Treasurer Judith Palmer, Sup't-Regional #7 Quentin H. Rueckert, Executive Director
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ABSENT:	Hartland	Vacant
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1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

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 8, 2015, meeting:

Motion by Dawn Bobinski, seconded by Theresa Kenneson, to accept the minutes as presented.

In favor: Jeanne Jones, Theresa Kenneson, Dawn Bobinski and Carolyn Childs
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

A visitor arrived at this point and a Motion was made to return to the public portion.

Motion by Carolyn Childs, seconded by Theresa Kenneson, to return to the public portion due to the arrival of a visitor.

In favor: Jeanne Jones, Theresa Kenneson, Dawn Bobinski and Carolyn Childs
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

The visitor was Beth Lambert. She came to thank Shared Services and Regional #7 for sending her son, Eric Lambert, to River Street School. She shared pictures and successes for Eric and lauded the progress he made throughout his school years. Committee members thanked her for coming and sharing her feelings.

4. Director's Report:

a. Quentin Rueckert discussed staff updates including Sarah Zimmerman at Hartland School, Jacqueline Davis at the Highlander Transition Academy, new paraprofessionals in the Bridges program as well as at Barkhamsted and Colebrook and Amanda Warchol in the preschool program. The Bridges program has successfully moved to Barkhamsted.

b. Quentin Rueckert shared with the Committee that Brian Murphy, Superintendent of New Hartford, had approached him regarding special education services. The possibility of taking on New Hartford as an addition to Shared Services, which has previously been discussed over the years, was discussed again. Feasibility data suggests that taking them on would not be practical and would likely not result in a significant cost savings to New Hartford. The Committee for Shared Services members agreed that it did not make sense for Shared Services to take on New Hartford.

c. Jeanne Jones asked about referring a retired teacher as a tutor. Quentin Rueckert suggested she fill out an application and send contact information to Patty Cromack in the Shared Services central office.

5. SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT:

Superintendent Judy Palmer reported that the Superintendents' Council had discussed the two-hour delay which was agreed upon and well received. Judy Palmer also shared that the Council had discussed professional development days and agendas, and that the Curriculum Council will include Judy Palmer and Brian Murphy. The Superintendents' Council also discussed current negotiations and heard a report from Quentin Rueckert on Shared Services.

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 Theresa Kenneson.

b. Quentin Rueckert distributed and discussed the 2015-2016 SEED Teacher Evaluation Plan. The state has approved the plan. The next step before implementation is for the Committee to approve it as well.

Motion by Dawn Bobinski, seconded by Carolyn Childs, to approved the Shared Services 2015-2016 SEED Teacher Evaluation Plan.

In favor: Jeanne Jones, Theresa Kenneson, Dawn Bobinski and Carolyn Childs
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

c. Quentin Rueckert explained that the Shared Services Agreement needs to be amended to reflect the change to a single signature as per the auditor's recommendation which was previously accepted by the Committee.

Motion by Theresa Kenneson, seconded by Dawn Bobinski, to change the Shared Services Agreement to reflect the change to a single signature.

In favor: Jeanne Jones, Theresa Kenneson, Dawn Bobinski and Carolyn Childs
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

d. Quentin Rueckert informed the Committee that Hartland has suggested having a parent be the liason to the Shared Services Committee in lieu of an elected board member. The Committee unanimously agreed that Committee members need to be elected members of their town's board of education.

e. Quentin Rueckert gave an update on contentious cases.

9. OTHER:

None

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

MOTION at 5:59 p.m. by Carolyn Childs, seconded by Theresa Kenneson, to adjourn the meeting.

In favor: Jeanne Jones, Theresa Kenneson, Dawn Bobinski and Carolyn Childs
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin H. Rueckert

Approved: 10-19-15