

**COMMITTEE FOR SHARED SERVICES**

**February 27, 2017**

**5:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Barkhamsted Donna Beaudoin  
Colebrook Jeanne Jones, Chairperson  
Hartland Staci Hastey  
Regional No. 7 Theresa Kenneson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Shared Services Quentin H. Rueckert, Executive Director  
Superintendents' Council Judith Palmer, Sup't-Regional No. 7

**ABSENT:** Norfolk Carolyn Childs, Vice-Chairperson

**1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Jones called the meeting to order at 5:03p.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 January 30, 2017, meeting:**

**Motion** by Donna Beaudoin, seconded by Theresa Kenneson, to accept the minutes as presented.

In favor: Jeanne Jones, Donna Beaudoin, Theresa Kenneson, and Staci Hastey  
Opposed: None  
Abstained: None

**4. Director's Report:**

- a) Quentin Rueckert updated the Committee on his efforts to redesign how the Bridges program is funded. The superintendents discussed this again briefly at the last superintendents' council meeting and confirmed that in the current budget climate, there was not a willingness to support a proposal to support

the proposed Bridges assessment. Quentin reported that he has reached out to EdAdvance who are very interested in partnering with Shared Services on the Bridges program to build capacity for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) programming for elementary aged students in the region. Quentin and EdAdvance administrators are working on an agreement.

- b) Quentin reported that MaryBeth Iacobelli had requested looking at the possibility of having a mental health/school psychologist full time at Botelle. To that end, Shared Services has made some shifts in services to equitably work this out. At this point, there is a good candidate for the position and Quentin will keep the Committee updated.

## **5. SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT:**

Dr. Judy Palmer reported on the Superintendents' Council Meeting which was held at the Norfolk Curling Club. Topics included discussion of the Bridges program, a high school social/emotional program, math curriculum across the districts, and budgets.

## **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 reported that the Shared Services audit was just received which demonstrates that we are in a good position and that our net position had improved slightly from the last audit.
- c. A draft of the Shared Services budget has been worked up and is likely to be at a 2.46% overall increase with all town assessments increasing less than 3%. Quentin will present a budget formally at the March Committee meeting.

## **9. OTHER:**

None

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

**MOTION** at 5:25 p.m. by Donna Beaudoin, seconded by Theresa Kenneson, to adjourn the meeting.

In favor: Jeanne Jones, Donna Beaudoin, Theresa Kenneson, and Staci Hastey

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin H. Rueckert

Approved: 3-20-17