

COMMITTEE FOR SHARED SERVICES

September 21, 2021

Held Remotely Via Google

Meet 5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Colebrook
Norfolk
Regional #7
Shared Services
Superintendents' Council

Michael Morus
Gordon Anderson
Theresa Kenneson, Chairperson
Quentin H. Rueckert, Executive Director
Judith Palmer, Sup't-Regional #7

ABSENT: Barkhamsted
Hartland

Donna Farr
Michelle Ferrari, Vice-Chairperson/Secretary

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Kenneson called the meeting to order at 5:03 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 1, 2021, meeting:

MOTION by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Theresa Kenneson, to accept the minutes as presented.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson and Gordon Anderson
Opposed: None
Abstained: Michael Morus

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Quentin Rueckert reported that the year has started with quite a few new hires including multiple paraprofessionals and transition assistants for the Highlander Transition Academy (HTA) and Bridges programs. The HTA is much fuller than last year, but is doing well so far. The COVID-19 safety protocols are still in place and Shared Services is in full compliance with the Governor's Executive Order for vaccinations. The transportation department is in good shape. Overall, Shared Services is doing well and functioning at full capacity.

5. SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT:

Judy Palmer reported that the superintendents continue to meet and are all working on the compliance with the Governor's vaccine mandate. Regular bus transportation is a concern due to the projected likelihood of some drivers not willing to comply with the vaccine mandate. The district superintendents continue to talk about and work on shared efficiencies and the possibility of a PK-12 curriculum coordinator. Judy shared the positive news that Northwestern Regional #7 High School has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. This is a huge honor and remarkable accomplishment.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The Committee for Shared Services (CSS) agreed to delay the election of a new treasurer until the October CSS meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Presentation of the check register to the CSS treasurer: The check register will be provided in arrears to the treasurer when one is elected.

- b. Quentin explained the flexibilities available for the SEED plan for 2021-2022. The CSS voted to approve them for use this year.

MOTION by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Michael Morus, to accept the flexibilities to the 2021-2022 SEED plan.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson, Gordon Anderson, and Michael Morus

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

9. OTHER:

None

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

MOTION at 5:24 p.m. by Michael Morus, seconded by Gordon Anderson, to adjourn the meeting.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson, Gordon Anderson, and Michael Morus

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin H. Rueckert

Approved: 11-15-2021