

COMMITTEE FOR SHARED SERVICES

September 15, 2025

Held Remotely Via Google Meet

5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Barkhamsted Caprice Shaw
Barkhamsted Alternate Jaclyn Dombrowski
Colebrook Alison Jassen
Hartland Amy Levan
Regional #7 Theresa Kenneson, Chairperson
Shared Services Quentin H. Rueckert, Executive Director
Superintendents' Council Steven LePage, Sup't-Regional #7

ABSENT: Norfolk Janet Byrne

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Kenneson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. The meeting was held via teleconference.

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 3, 2025, meeting:

MOTION by Caprice Shaw, seconded by Alison Jassen, to accept the minutes as presented.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson and Alison Jassen

Opposed: None

Abstained: Amy Levan and Caprice Shaw

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Quentin Rueckert reported that the school year is off to a good start. There has been some program changes in the preschool. We now have a full day preschool program for 4 year olds and a half-day preschool program for 3 year olds. Everything is good so far. We are going through some growing pains and adjustments but are all very pleased. We were having a little trouble with collecting the fees from regular ed students so we have established a Venmo account so parents can make electronic payments to make it easier.

The new Bridges teacher is good so far and the program is doing well. We have been able to hire the necessary paraprofessionals to fill the positions vacated in Bridges.

We hired a new speech and language pathologist as Faige Friedland left to move to Israel. So far it is going well.

5. SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT:

Superintendent Steve LePage shared that the Superintendents' Council had their first meeting of this school year two weeks ago. Kevin Case was welcomed as the new superintendent in Colebrook. They were also very happy to welcome Erika Sacharko as well, to Barkhamsted. She had already been meeting with everyone as part of the curriculum council so she has had experience with the leadership team. The superintendents will reinstate grade level teams across the districts and will participate in instructional rounds. The Council discussed negotiations that are happening across the districts. Everyone continues to work well together.

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 the Treasurer.
- b. Quentin reported that all certified staff were evaluated successfully by both Daniela and Quentin last school year using the Teacher Evaluation Plan that was previously approved. We are looking forward to continuing the process this year.

9. OTHER:

None

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

MOTION at 5:32 p.m. by Alison Jassen, seconded Caprice Shaw
to adjourn the meeting.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson, Alison Jassen, Amy Levan and Caprice Shaw
Opposed: None
Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin H. Rueckert

Approved: 10-20-25