

COMMITTEE FOR SHARED SERVICES

November 20, 2023

Held Remotely Via Google Meet

5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Colebrook Alison Jassen
Norfolk Janet Byrne
Regional #7 Theresa Kenneson, Chairperson
Shared Services Quentin H. Rueckert, Executive Director
Superintendents' Council Steven LePage, Sup't-Regional #7

ABSENT: Barkhamsted Caprice Shaw
Hartland Amy Levan

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Kenneson called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 September 18, 2023, meeting:

MOTION by Alison Jassen, seconded by Theresa Kenneson, to accept the minutes as presented.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson, Alison Jassen, and Janet Byrne

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Quentin Rueckert reported that Shared Services has still been unable to hire a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) to be directly employed by Shared Services. So in light of that, Shared will be contracting with a vendor to provide these services.

Shared has hired a new transition assistant to replace Jayne Sholtis who has retired after 23 years with Shared Services.

Quentin reported that teacher negotiations have been completed successfully and that the negotiations were completed equitably.

Budget season is in full swing. Shared is working on Regional #7's budget and Quentin is meeting with the other towns. The budget meeting with Colebrook has already been completed.

Shared Services and our member districts are working on transitioning to a new teacher evaluation process which is going well.

Shared has purchased two new vans to replace two older ones.

5. SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT:

Steven LePage discussed the fire drill that occurred at Regional #7 on November 20, 2023, and Officer Wood leaving Regional #7. He advised that the Veteran's Day celebration was great. He also shared other recent highlights at Regional #7. Discussed at the last superintendents' council meeting were new legislative changes, including the change to the starting age for kindergarten. Also discussed was board chairs being invited to discuss ongoing regional issues. The superintendents will continue to meet monthly as in the past.

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 presented his Proposed Focused Goals for 2023-2024.

MOTION by Janet Byrne, seconded by Alison Jassen, to adopt Quentin's Proposed Focused Goals for 2023-2024.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson, Alison Jassen, and Janet Byrne

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

9. OTHER:

None

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

MOTION at 5:39 p.m. by Alison Jassen, seconded by Janet Byrne, to adjourn the meeting.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson, Alison Jassen, and Janet Byrne

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin H. Rueckert

Approved: 1-22-2024