

COMMITTEE FOR SHARED SERVICES

January 22, 2024

Held Remotely Via Google Meet

5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Barkhamsted Caprice Shaw
 Colebrook Alison Jassen
 Regional #7 Theresa Kenneson, Chairperson
 Shared Services Quentin H. Rueckert, Executive Director

ABSENT:

Norfolk Janet Byrne
Hartland Amy Levan
Superintendents' Council Steven LePage, Sup't-Regional #7

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Kenneson called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 November 20, 2023, meeting:

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

In favor: Theresa Kenneson, Alison Jassen, and Caprice Shaw

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Quentin Rueckert reported that he is hopeful he is finally going to be able to hire a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) directly and discontinue using agency provided BCBA's.

Quentin also reported that this year's audited financial statements are in and that they will be reviewed at a future Committee for Shared Services (CSS) meeting.

Otherwise, there are no other significant staffing or programming updates.

5. SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT:

Steven LePage was unable to make it to the meeting but provided an update for Quentin to read.

The Superintendents' Council continues its regular meetings. Current topics discussed include budgets and contributing factors such as the large increase to insurance rates (currently projected to be 11.6%). Another topic is the large number of legislative updates that place requirements on school districts that are often unfunded or underfunded. This year's excess cost grant is underfunded by about 20% relative to the legislated ratio.

The superintendents also discussed the reading mandates, kindergarten age change and air quality.

The council will continue to meet monthly.

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. Election of officers was discussed.

MOTION by Alison Jassen, seconded by Caprice Shaw, for all current CSS officers to maintain their present positions.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson, Alison Jassen, and Caprice Shaw

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

9. **OTHER:**

None

10. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

MOTION at 5:15 p.m. by Alison Jassen, seconded by Caprice Shaw, to adjourn the meeting.

In favor: Theresa Kenneson, Alison Jassen, and Caprice Shaw

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin H. Rueckert

Approved: 2-26-24