REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION MEETING
April 20, 2021

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 20, 2021 in the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School Cafeteria and via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference (Live Stream) for public viewing. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Members Present: *Brenda Buzzi (Via Remote), Dr. Nelson Rivera, Jennifer Favalora, Eileen Blewett, Joel D'Angelo, Shawna Goldfarb, Prem Aithal, Joanne Nesti, Kathleen Zandi, Peter Sonski and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *None.*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Director of Finance, Ann Adriani, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)*

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Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Report from Chairman about new BOE Meeting Format and Process Under the Governor's Order:
Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, updated the Board. She briefly went over the BOE Meeting Format under the Governor's Order which are being held in-person and remotely. She updated the public on the email address to submit questions/concerns.

Public Comment:
Alisha McNamara from Killingworth addressed the Board. She spoke on behalf of the KES PTO Playground Committee, asking for the Board's support and funding towards a new Playground at Killingworth Elementary School at the K-1 Level.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Curriculum Subcommittee

Kathy Zandi updated the Board. She spoke how the Diversity Committee has been looking for an expert partner in helping to advise on their work in general and is looking to work with a group called SERC. She briefly spoke about the possibility of holding 90-Minute Virtual Board Professional Development sessions and discussed the effect the pandemic has had on students learning at the K-12 Levels. Kathy encouraged the Board and public to take a look at the RSD17 website under the Curriculum Subcommittee April 19th Agenda to find more information and view the presentations.

B. Facilities Subcommittee: KES Playground

Board Vice Chair, Sonski, updated the Board. He briefly spoke about the RFP and the 6 proposals from firms that were received. He also spoke about the Committee's recommendation to the Board to install a new playground at KES for the K-1 Levels located behind the school where the old one was located.

*Eileen Blewett **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** a motion to fund and not to exceed $25,000 out of the Capital Fund for the KES K-1 Playground to be installed before the start of the 21-22 Academic year.*

Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0 by the following Votes:

Kathleen Zandi	YES_√_ NO____A___	Shawna Goldfarb	YES_√_ NO____A___
Peter Sonski	YES_√_ NO____A___	Jennifer Favalora	YES_√_ NO____A___
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES_√_NO____A___	Joel D'Angelo	YES_√_ NO____A___
Eileen Blewett	YES_√_ NO____A___	Brenda Buzzi	YES_√_ NO____A___
Joanne Nesti	YES_√_ NO____ A___	Prem Aithal	YES_√_ NO____A___
		Suzanne Sack	YES_√_ NO____A___

Update on Schools from the Superintendent:

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board. She briefly spoke about the High School being up and running in full in-person with the remote option since March and everything coming together. She briefly spoke about how students 16 and older are now eligible to receive a Pfizer vaccination.

Old Business:

2021-22 School Calendar (consideration of revision relative to April Break)

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board. She recommended to the Board to align with the neighboring Districts and change the April Break to start on Good Friday going through the following week.

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Prem Aithal **SECONDED** a motion to change the 2021-22 School Calendar for April Break to begin on Good Friday and continue through the following week as well as add one additional day at the end of June to meet the required 180 days.*

Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0 by the following Votes:

Kathleen Zandi	YES_√_ NO____A___	Shawna Goldfarb	YES_√_ NO____A___
Peter Sonski	YES_√_ NO____A___	Jennifer Favalora	YES_√_ NO____A___
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES_√_NO____A___	Joel D'Angelo	YES_√_ NO____A___
Eileen Blewett	YES_√_ NO____A___	Brenda Buzzi	YES_√_ NO____A___
Joanne Nesti	YES_√_ NO____ A___	Prem Aithal	YES_√_ NO____A___
		Suzanne Sack	YES_√_ NO____A___

5000 Policy Series Second Read:
Fundraising 5136.1:

*Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Fundraising Policy 5136.1 as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0 by the following Votes:

Kathleen Zandi	YES_√_ NO____A___	Shawna Goldfarb	YES_√_ NO____A___
Peter Sonski	YES_√_ NO____A___	Jennifer Favalora	YES_√_ NO____A___

Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Joel D'Angelo	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Eileen Blewett	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Brenda Buzzi	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Joanne Nesti	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Prem Aithal	YES_√_ NO___ A___
		Suzanne Sack	YES_√_ NO___ A___

Chemical Health Policy for Student Athletes 5131.7:
*Shawna Goldfarb **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Chemical Health Policy for Student Athletes 5131.7 as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0 by the following Votes:

Kathleen Zandi	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Shawna Goldfarb	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Peter Sonski	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Jennifer Favalora	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Joel D'Angelo	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Eileen Blewett	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Brenda Buzzi	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Joanne Nesti	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Prem Aithal	YES_√_ NO___ A__
		Suzanne Sack	YES_√_ NO___ A___

Educational Stability Procedures for Transportation 5160.1:
*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Shawna Goldfarb **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Educational Stability Procedures for Transportation Policy 5160.1 as presented.*

Kathleen Zandi	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Shawna Goldfarb	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Peter Sonski	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Jennifer Favalora	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Joel D'Angelo	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Eileen Blewett	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Brenda Buzzi	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Joanne Nesti	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Prem Aithal	YES_√_ NO___ A___
		Suzanne Sack	YES_√_ NO___ A___

Pledge of Allegiance 5157 - P:
*Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Pledge of Allegiance Policy 5157 – P as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0 by the following Votes:

Kathleen Zandi	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Shawna Goldfarb	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Peter Sonski	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Jennifer Favalora	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Joel D'Angelo	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Eileen Blewett	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Brenda Buzzi	YES_√_ NO___ A___
Joanne Nesti	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Prem Aithal	YES_√_ NO___ A___
		Suzanne Sack	YES_√_ NO___ A___

Physical Activity and Student Discipline 5144.2:
*Eileen Blewett **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Physical Activity and Student Discipline 5144.2 Policy as presented.*

Motion passed 9-2-0 by the following Votes:

Kathleen Zandi	YES_√_ NO___ A___	Shawna Goldfarb	YES___ NO_√_ A___
Peter Sonski	YES___ NO_√_ A___	Jennifer Favalora	YES_√_ NO___ A___

Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES_√__ NO____ A___	Joel D'Angelo	YES_√__ NO____ A___
Eileen Blewett	YES_√__ NO____ A___	Brenda Buzzi	YES_√__ NO____ A___
Joanne Nesti	YES_√__ NO____ A___	Prem Aithal	YES_√__ NO____ A___
		Suzanne Sack	YES_√__ NO____ A___

C. SSA Contract*

*This item was **TABLED** for a future meeting.*

From the Superintendent

A. Personnel Report

Superintendent Dr. Hageman spoke briefly on the Personnel Report which was provided in the Board packet which included Non-Renewals, One-Year Contracts and Reductions in Force.

Budget Transfers

A. One-Time Purchases out of 2021-22 Budget

*Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Peter Sonski **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Budget Transfers using the Year-End Balance in the amount of $169,205.19.*

Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0 by the following Votes:

Kathleen Zandi	YES_√__ NO____ A___	Shawna Goldfarb	YES_√__ NO____ A___
Peter Sonski	YES_√__ NO____ A___	Jennifer Favalora	YES_√__ NO____ A___
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES_√__ NO____ A___	Joel D'Angelo	YES_√__ NO____ A___
Eileen Blewett	YES_√__ NO____ A___	Brenda Buzzi	YES_√__ NO____ A___
Joanne Nesti	YES_√__ NO____ A___	Prem Aithal	YES_√__ NO____ A___
		Suzanne Sack	YES_√__ NO____ A___

Board Chair, Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

Approval: _____ *Date:* _____
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary