REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 5, 2021

REVISED

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on October 5, 2021 in the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School Cafeteria and via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference (Live Stream). Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Members Absent: *None.*

Also Present: *Interim Superintendent of Schools, JeanAnn Paddyfote, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Curriculum Coordinator, Heather Rigatti (Via Remote), Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School, Eric Larson (Via Remote), President of Teachers Association, Robin Duffield, Student Representatives, Yumi Imai and Ben Williams, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)*

Remote Visitors: *Approximately 20*

In-Person Visitors: *None.*

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Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:
Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Report from Chairman about new BOE Meeting Format and Process Under the Governor's Order:
Board Chair, Sack, went over that Board meetings will continue to be held in-person and also remotely.

The Board is back to allowing the public to attend the meetings.

Joanne Nesti ***MOVED*** *and Joel D'Angelo* ***SECONDED*** *a motion to move up Agenda Item 4, Student Representatives before Agenda Item 3, Public Comment and to eliminate Agenda Item #11A, Budget Transfers.*

Motion unanimously passed by Way of Show of Hands.

Student Representatives:
Principal Donna Hayward gave a brief introduction of Student Representatives, Yumi Imai and Ben Williams, who are both Seniors at Haddam-Killingworth High School.

They spoke about 8th Grade Preview Night, HK Drama will be presenting the play Clue this Fall, October 14th is National Honor Society Induction, Strong Fall Sports Season and Cougar Nation App.

Principal Donna Hayward, Student Representatives, Yumi Imai and Ben Williams left the meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment: *None.*

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities Subcommittee

No Report.

B. Finance Subcommittee

No Report.

C. Policy Subcommittee

Joanne Nesti will update the Board below under New Business, Item C.

D. Communications Subcommittee

No Report.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Board Chair, Suzanne Sack. updated the Board. She spoke on the Transition Plan between the Interim Superintendent and newly appointed Superintendent which was presented that JeanAnn would stay on to work on the Employee Handbook, Job Descriptions, Policies, Pandemic Support, three position needed: Human Resources Generalist, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent, costs of implementation of same and creating an Organizational Chart/Strategic Plan. She briefly spoke about Committee meeting dates.

Board Chair, Sack, asked that the Communications Committee take a look at the frequency of the Board and Committee meeting dates, as well as to make sure the Committees time is used efficiently associated with the Superintendent. The Board had discussion in length regarding same.

F. Curriculum Subcommittee

No Report.

G. Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Prem Aithal updated the Board. He thanked Laurie Kimbrel for her work, Principal Eric Larson and Principal Dolores Bates for their hospitality of using their School facility. Prem spoke briefly about holding the next set of Focus groups remotely. A survey will be sent out to the Community shortly.

Board Liaison Reports:

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

No Report. The Pumpkin Run will be at the end of the October.

B. LEARN

No Report.

C. Park & Recreation
No Report.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen
No Report.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen
No Report.

Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes for the September 7, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

B. Approval of Minutes for the September 21, 2021 Board of Education – Education Session Meeting

C. Approval of a donation of $140.00 from Rochester Institute of Technology to be deposited in the Technology Education Grant Fund. Submitted from Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.

D. Approval of a donation in the amount of $100.00 from the Haddam Women's Junior Club to be deposited into the Student Activity Fund. Submitted from Eric Larson, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School.

E. Approval of a donation in the amount of $100.00 from the Haddam Women's Junior Club to be deposited into the Student Activity Fund. Submitted from Dolores Bates, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.

Board Member, Joanne Nesti, asked that Consent Items A-B be taken out of the Consent Agenda.

*Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to accept Consent Items C, D, & E with gratitude.*

Motion passed unanimously by Way of Show of Hands.

Board Member, Joanne Nesti, asked that the September 21st be revised under the Facilities Report and under the PDEC Report.

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Prem Aithal **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Minutes of September 7, 2021 as is, and approve the Minutes of September 21, 2021 as amended relating to the Facilities Report that the Tectron Assessment Report will come back to the Facilities Committee on October 18th not the Board and under the PDEC Report the word "Flexibilities" should replace the acronym of the Committee.*

Motion passed unanimously by Way of Show of Hands.

Old Business: *None.*

New Business:

A. 2022 BOE Meeting Schedule (First Read)
Board Chair, Sack, updated the Board. She stated how this is the First Read of the 2022 BOE Meeting Schedule. This item will appear on a later Agenda to be approved by the Board.

B. Adopt Flexibilities within the Connecticut Guidelines for Educator Evaluation 2017 (Flexibilities 2021-2022) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Interim Superintendent, Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote updated the Board. She spoke about her recommendation to the Board to Adopt Flexibilities for the 2021-22 school year.
Robin Duffield updated the Board on Flexibilities.
Eric Larson updated the Board on Flexibilities.

*Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to adopt Flexibilities with the Connecticut Guidelines for Educator Evaluation 2017 for the 2021-22 School Year and to amend the RSD17 Educator Evaluation and Support Plan and to incorporate the Flexibilities 2021-22.*

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___

C. Consent Agenda - Policy (First Read)

Joanne Nesti updated the Board. She spoke about the number of policies that will be deleted from Series 6000, and briefly spoke on Curriculum and Aquatic policy language.

Items of Information from the Superintendent:

A. Legislative Update

Interim Superintendent, Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, updated the Board. She spoke about 75 Legislative acts that were passed, 47 of which need to be implemented this year. Dr. Paddyfote will send them to the Board.

B. Personnel Report

Interim Superintendent, Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, updated the Board. She advised if anyone has any questions regarding same, to contact her directly.

C. Enrollment Report

Interim Superintendent, Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, updated the Board. She spoke about how the Enrollment Report has been provided in the Board packet. This is the uncertified version. She advised if anyone has any questions regarding same, to contact her directly.

Board Discussion/News/Suggestions:

Board Chair, Sack, will follow up with Committee Board Chairs regarding following procedures for meetings in terms of being either fully remote and/or in-person.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

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