

Regular Meeting

KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION Wednesday, September 26, 2018

MINUTES

Present: Mr. John Burns, Mr. Greg Biggs, Dr. Diane Summa, Mr. Jeffrey Buchbinder, Mr. Doug Farrow, Ms. Hoween Flexer, Mr. Craig Hanford, Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams, and Mr. Christopher Viens (7:22). Student Board member Bryce Bentinck. Terren Allen, absent with notification.

Others Present: Mr. Steven Rioux, Superintendent, Mr. Paul Brenton, Assistant Superintendent, and Keely Doyle, Recording Secretary.

1. Call to Order

Killingly Board of Education Chairperson, Mr. John Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**-see above.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments-No comments

Kevin Morin, 55 Stevens St., Danielson. Resident and father of two KHS graduates expressed his concerns regarding the math curriculum, standardized test scores and the option for students to retest. He believes that the district is not doing enough to prepare students for college-level math courses.

Kristie Haskell from the Plainfield Board of Education expressed gratitude and appreciation to the Killingly Board for temporarily housing the Plainfield students.

Mr. Ken Dipietro, Superintendent of Plainfield Public Schools also thanked Mr. Rioux for his support and assistance, adding that Mr. Rioux did a phenomenal job in making things happen so quickly. The renovated classrooms at Plainfield Memorial School should be ready for use after the holiday break.

5. September 2018 Employee of the Month Recognition

Jason Murd was recognized by the Board as September 2018 Employee of the Month. Jason has been an employee for four years as a second-shift custodian at Killingly Intermediate School. Recently, due to another employee's leave of absence, Jason was assigned as head custodian at Central Office.

6. KHS Technology Teacher, Mr. Jim Hutson and Students

Killingly High School TSA (Technology Student Association) students represented Connecticut in several Technology Competition at the 2018 National TSA Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this summer. Students competed against students from all over the USA, and Germany and Turkey. Killingly students placed exceptionally well in the all competitions (generally 1st place). Students who participated in the competition were, Sydney Berube, Joey Raheb, Camille Benoit, Julia Mossey, Bryan Barrow, and Karena Ayotte.

KHS TSA Advisor and CT State TSA Advisor, Jim Hutson, will be joining 30 other TSA State Advisors in a national summit in Washington, DC to develop National STEM Performance Standards in October.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Westfield Ave. Driveway

Mr. Steven Rioux shared that Town Council made a request to widen the north driveway at 79 Westfield Avenue, allowing better efficiency and safer traffic flow during referendums and elections.

Mr. Hopkins, interim Town Manager, showed the Board members a diagram of the proposed widened driveway. The driveway would be widened by an additional 18' making enough room for 2 lanes. The project would take anywhere from 3- 5 full days to complete. Mr. Burns asked each Board member their opinion of when the work should be done.

The consensus from the Board is to support the project but no work should be done while students are in school.

MOTION: by Dr. Summa, seconded Ms. Rivera- Abrams allowing the Town to the widen the north driveway at 79 Westfield Ave, but not during school hours or while students are in the building and that the Town confers with Mr. Rioux regarding the conditions set forth.

Yes - 5

No - 4 (Ms. Flexer, Mr. Viens, Mr. Buchbinder and Mr, Biggs).

Motion Carries

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Permanent Agreement ED-099

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has revised the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Permanent Agreement ED-099 to include all programs available to school food authorities (SFA). Programs that currently apply to Killingly include the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Afterschool Snack Program, Summer Food Service Program, and the Food Distribution Program. The new Permanent Agreement requires action from the local board of education to execute the Agreement and designate the authorized signers so that claims can be submitted for reimbursement.

MOTION: by Dr. Summa, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abram to authorize the execution of ED-099 Permanent Single Agreement to Participate in the Child Nutrition Programs and to designate the Superintendent of Schools, Steven Rioux, as the authorized signer of the Agreement and claims for reimbursement. Furthermore, to authorize the Manager of Business Affairs, Christine Clark, to certify claims for reimbursement only in the absence or incapacity of the Superintendent of Schools.

Yes - 9 (Unanimous)

Motion Carries

9. District Safety & Security Update

Mr. Peter Gerardi, the district's Safe School Climate Coordinator-Trainer of Emergency Management and the district's School Resource Officer shared with the Board, Killingly Public Schools Emergency Preparedness & Response Plan.

The district has implemented building access control systems, including employee identification badge system, visitor identification screening, video surveillance and recording technology, parent notification system, development of Emergency Crisis Teams (district and school), identifying emergency staging locations in all buildings, upgraded classroom locksets. All schools perform drills on a regular basis, including lockdown and evacuation drills. All schools have Safety-Security Committees, Safe School Climate Committees, and Emergency Response Teams. Security and safety assessments are mandated and

performed at every school.

Mr. Biggs suggested eliminating code color announcements to a void confusion. Mr. Gerardi reassured the Board when color codes are announced the type of emergency or crisis is announced also.

10. District Continuous Improvement Plan

Mr. Brenton shared with Board members an executive summary of the 2018-2021 Continuous Improvement Plan. This is annual update to the Board. The goals have become more precise, since last years presentation. There are four Theory of Actions, which are Talent, Academics, Climate and Culture and Operations. Theories of action include a strong focus on frequent classroom observations, collaboration that links to job embedded professional development, high quality instruction, engaging student-centered, inquiry-based student experiences, and empowering faculty, students, and families and foster positive relationships. There are several are high-level strategies within each Theory of Action, the focus is to develop a five year plan which outlines the required adult learning for a district transitioning to proficiency based curriculum, instruction, assessment and reporting.

11. Smarter Balance 2017-18 Results

The Board requested to that they receive comprehensive reports regarding student assessments.

2017-18 Next Generation Accountability Report will not be received until or about mid December.

The largest increase in proficiency and growth was at Killingly Memorial School in mathematics, in grades 3 & 4. Grades 7 & 8 are showing a low growth in proficiency. Increasing the time allocated in math classes attributes to the increase in growth in the lower grades.

ELA growth was significant in grades 4-8. Mr. Biggs asked if we are applying resources for classes not showing growth. Mr. Brenton shared that he will be reviewing common core state indicators for grades 7 and 8. In comparison to 16 other towns, Killingly's growth performance is the third highest.

When comparing growth performance in math, Killingly is seventh.

12. Strategic Planning Update

Mr. Rioux shared information on WINY radio regarding the KPS District Strategic Plan. Flyers and invitations for participation have been sent to parents, and businesses in the community. Board members are welcomed to take the district surveys and serve on the strategic planning team or focus groups. Focus groups meetings are scheduled for October 2 at KMS and October 20 at KHS.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.
9-0, Unanimous
Motion Carries

Respectfully submitted by,

Keely Doyle

Recording Secretary