

Regular Meeting

KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION Wednesday, October 10, 2018

MINUTES

Present: Mr. John Burns, Mr. Greg Biggs, Dr. Diane Summa (7:26) Mr. Jeffrey Buchbinder, Mr. Doug Farrow, Mr. Craig Hanford, Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams.
Student Board members, Terren Allen and Bryce Bentinck.

Absent with

Notification: Ms. Hoween Flexer, and Mr. Christopher Viens.

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 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call-see above.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments-KHS student and student Board member, Bryce Bentinck, asked the Board about businesses prohibited from advertising on the KHS campus. Mr. Burns allowed discussion. Mr. Rioux shared that this is governed by policy. Mr. Buchbinder read aloud, excerpts from Policy #1325-Advertising and Promotions.

Ms. Rivera -Abrams shared that she accepted, on behalf of the Board, Plainfield Public School's Certificate of Appreciation at Plainfield's Recognition dinner on October 1.

Ms. Rivera-Abrams shared information about donations for children, facilitated by NECC and the People Empowering People Alumni. Ms. Rivera-Abrams asked for follow-up regarding Terren's transportation concerns that she shared at the September 12 Board meeting.

5. Report of Town Council Liaison- No report

6. Report of Killingly High School Student Board Members by Terren Allen and Bryce Bentinck. GECC children took a walk to the Williamsville Fire Department. KMS will have Grandparent's Day on Oct 16, 17 and 18 and the KMS literacy night is on October 18. KIS parent teacher conferences will be on October 18 and 23.

KHS had their annual College Fair on October 3. KHS Parent/teacher conferences are October 15 and 16. KHS Music Cabaret is on October 19. KHS will hold an annual Think Pink event on October 26 and on October 30 at 7:00 p.m. KIS and KHS will be holding breakfasts and concert events to honor Veterans.

7. Report of Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Rioux shared information about grades and standardized testing results in response to a citizen's comments at the September 26 Board meeting.

7.a. Mastery-Based Learning

Mr. Brenton shared with the Board, mastery-based model definition. He shared that success is defined by achievement not by comparison, giving students multiple opportunities for success.

Mr. Brenton shared the Ten Principles of Mastery-Based Learning or elements of proficiency based learning, as defined by the Great Schools Partnership and the Connecticut State Department of Education. Key elements of curriculum design were shared and the process of developing proficiency based curriculum. Mr. Rioux reminded Board members that developing a comprehensive mastery-based model is a 5-10 year plan and will take time as teachers develop instruction for prioritized standards.

7.b. 2017-18 Star Results

Star assessment results from 2015-16 and a comparison to the 2017-18 were shared. Star assessments are short tests that provide teachers with learning data. Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each child. Mr. Paul Brenton shared the definition of leading and lagging indicators. Star assessments measure percentile rank and student growth percentile or SGP. The STAR assessment is given to student three times a year. Star can be a diagnostic tool to predict student's progress based on assessments.

7.c. Alternative Education Center

KHS principal, Ms. Elise Guari shared that the Alternative Education Center moved into the Killingly High School building last year. Over the past several years, State and federal regulations changed regarding alternative learning programs. By moving the program to the high school, students have access to student activities, clubs, socialization, integrating and utilizing the career pathway programs. There is a student referral process that involves counselors, input from teachers, administrators and parents. AEC team members address the needs of each student. A special education teacher was added to the AEC staff this year to develop social and emotional learning (SEL) and life skills. Criteria to exit the program must be met by students and on-going support is provided as they transition into the high school's general studies.

7.d. Alliance Grant

Mr. Brenton shared that after several revisions, the SDE has approved Killingly's Alliance grant application. Mr. Brenton shared a budget overview of anticipated Alliance expenditures. Most funds are dedicated for tutors, afterschool intervention, credit recovery programs, attendance initiatives, after school support, and after school enrichment programs.

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to approve the 2018-19 Alliance grant application as presented.

**7 - 0, Unanimous
Motion Carries**

7.e. New Business

Mr. Rioux asked Board members if they had topics of interests for future agendas, and to share those topics so he and Mr. Burns can discuss the topics the next time they meet.

Ms. River-Abrams expressed her frustration regarding sub-committees procedures for recommendations to the full Board for approval.

Ms. Rivera-Abrams inquired about an informational pamphlet for parents in the event of an emergency.

8. Reports by BoE Chair and Sub-Committee Chairs

8.a. Curriculum Sub-Committee

Mr. Biggs shared that the committee members discussed mastery-based learning and the strides that the high school is making in that direction. The committee had the opportunity to look at the State Health curriculum.

8.b. Facilities Sub-Committee

Mr. John Burns shared that the facilities sub-committee did not meet this month.

8.c. Fiscal Sub-Committee

8.c.I. September 2018 Financial Report

Dr. Diane Summa shared that the committee met yesterday. There's approximately \$230,000 of outstanding purchase orders in the 2017-18 budget. Approximately \$486,000 will be returned to the Town from last year's budget.

The 2018-19 budget and expenditures are going as expected. Mr. Burns asked Board members their position on sharing the financial reports earlier with Town council. The consensus from Board members was to leave as is, allowing time for fiscal committee and Board consent.

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Hanford to add Community Engagement sub-committee report to the agenda.
Yes - 7, Unanimous
Motion Carries

Community Engagement Sub-committee

Mr Biggs shared that district strategic planning survey went out to over 200 families and he urged Board members to take the survey.

8.d. Personnel Sub-Committee

Dr. Diane Summa shared that the committee did not meet this month. Nurse's negotiation mediations will be on November 6.

8.e. Policy Sub-Committee

Mr. Buchbinder addressed several policies up for second readings.

8.e.I. Policy #3541.5-Transportation Complaints-SECOND READING

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to approve the second reading of Policy #3541.5 as presented.
Yes - 7, Unanimous
Motion Carries

8.e.II. Policy #3542.22 Food Service - Code of Conduct-SECOND READING

Federal regulations require a written code of conduct for employees engaged in the procurement process for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and the Summer Food Services Program.

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Hanford to approve the second reading of Policy #3542.22, as presented.
Yes - 7, Unanimous

Motion Carries

8.e.III. Policy #5125.11 Students- Health/Medical Records-SECOND READING

Recently passed legislation (Section 2 of P.A. 13-173) amended C.G.S. 10-221o which requires that boards of education must provide time devoted to physical activities/exercise for students in elementary school of not less than 20 minutes in total for each regular school day. Previously the statute required 20 minutes of physical exercise to students enrolled in grades K-5.

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Farrow to approve the second reading of Policy #5125.11, as presented.

Yes - 7, Unanimous

Motion Carries

8.e.IV. Policy #5144.4 Students- Physical Exercise-SECOND READING

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Hanford to approve the second reading of Policy #5144.4, as presented.

Yes - 7, Unanimous

Motion Carries

8.e.V. Policy #5145.14 Students-On Campus Recruitment-SECOND READING

MOTION: by Mr. Hanford, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve the second reading of Policy #5145.14, as presented.

Yes - 6

No - 1 (Ms. Rivera-Abrams)

Motion Carries

8.e.VI. Policy #6141.312 Instruction-Migrant Students-SECOND READING

This policy is mandatory for districts that receive Title I funds. The Every Student Succeeds Act amended ESEA and imposed requirements on state agencies dispersing funds for Title I programs. Most of the requirements are directed to state agencies. Ms. Rivera-Abrams asked to insert “native language” into the policy. Discussion took place regarding this request.

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Hanford to approve the second reading of Policy #6141.312, as presented.

Yes - 5

No - 2 (Ms. Rivera-Abrams and Dr. Summa)

Motion Carries

8.e.VII. Policy #4118.51/4218.51 Use of Social Networking/Media-SECOND READING

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Farrow to approve the second reading of Policy #4118.51/4218.51, as presented.

Yes – 7, Unanimous

Motion Carries

9. Consent Items

Ms. Rivera –Abrams asked to remove consent item, 9.g KHS Golf Team Trip Request for further discussion.

MOTION: by Mr. Buchbinder, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve consent items;
9.a Sept 12 2018 Reg. Board Meeting Minutes
9.b Sept 26 2018 Reg. Board Meeting Minutes
9.c October 2018 Employee of the Month Nominee
9.d Oct 1 2018 Student Enrollment
9.e September 2018 Issued Checks
9.f McKinney Vento grant
9.h KHS Broadcast Journalism Student Convention Trip Request
9.i KHS French Club Trip Request
Yes – 7, Unanimous
Motion Carries

9.g KHS Golf Team Trip Request

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Hanford to approve consent item 9.g KHS Golf Team Trip Request as presented.
Yes - 6
No - 1 (Ms. Rivera-Abrams)
Motion Carries

Mr. Hanford brought to the Board's attention that the Board took a vote regarding agenda item 8.e.VI. and the majority vote be accepted according to the democratic process of Robert's Rules.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: by Mr. Buchbinder, seconded by Dr. Summa to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.
Yes - 7, Unanimous
Motion Carries

Respectfully submitted by,
Keely Doyle
Recording Secretary