

Regular Meeting

KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

MINUTES

Present: Mr. John Burns, Mr. Greg Biggs, Mr. Jeffrey Buchbinder, Mr. Doug Farrow, Ms. Hoween Flexer, Mr. Craig Hanford, Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams, (7:13) Dr. Diane Summa, and Mr. Christopher Viens.
Student Board members, Terren Allen, and Bryce Bentinck.

Others

Present: Mr. Steven Rioux, 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- Greg Biggs, 562 Litchfield Ave. Mr. Biggs inquired about the KCS fire alarms and inspections of the fire alarms. Recently, the KCS fire alarm was falsely activated due to a dirty smoke detector.

5. October 2018 Employee of the Month Recognition

Beth Knowlton, KHS Vocational Agricultural teacher was not able to attend tonight's meeting but the Board recognized her as October 2018 Employee of the Month.

6. KHS Report

KHS principal, Elise Guari, and KHS assistant principals, Karen Lagace, and Mr. Michael Lefevre gave a presentation to the Board. The presentation included several components of KHS's Continuous Improvement Plan. The KHS Continuous Improvement Plan is driven by student data and NEASC determines some of the focus. The plan is aligned with district goals.

KHS administrators and staff established goals, based student attendance, SAT, AP, and student graduation data. New data will be reviewed and analyzed at the end of this year and goals will be re-established based on new data. Ms. Guari attended a NEASC Collaborative Conference and NEASC provided feedback.

Some suggested areas to focus on are, expanding teacher collaboration time, providing sufficient time for teachers to implement interventions, adjusting classroom instruction based on data, determining skills for Profiles of a KHS graduate, engaging mores students.

Ms. Lagace shared information regarding RTI (Response to Intervention) and the backpack program. The RTI process involves reviewing data to identify struggling students. Teachers developed a flow

chart and an Action Plan book has been created to help guide the process. ILPs (Individualized Learning Plans) will soon be initiated.

This year the backpack program expanded to KMS, KCS, and GECC. Currently, 89 families are receiving backpacks, filled with food items. Ms. Lagace presented a plaque to representatives of United Natural Foods, Kerri Logee and Michelle Blain for their commitment to this very successful initiative.

Mr. Lefevre shared information regarding the Freshman Academy. The program fosters an easier transition for students and permits quicker response for students who may need intervention. The program, as a whole is having a positive effect.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2019-20 Budget Documents and Calendar

Mr. Rioux provided to the Board, 2019-20 budget documents and timelines.

The Preschool Development Federal Grant or (PDG) will no longer be available. Killingly received approximately \$325,000 through this grant. The grant services about 130 students. Mr. Rioux shared that this will have an impact on the 2019-20 FY budget. Mr. Burns reiterated that some current expenditures related to student interventions are currently funded through the Alliance grant and the Board should anticipate transitioning some of the expenditures into the local budget.

Mr. Rioux asked Board members if they would prefer to meet as a Committee of the Whole Board for collaboration related to the 2019-20 FY budget construction.

The census was to meet as a Committee of the Whole Board. The four meeting dates will be, January 30, February 6, February 20 and March 6. Discussion took place regarding concerns of budget timeframes and budget process.

8. Overview of EdSight.Ct.gov

Mr. Rioux shared information with Board members on how to access comprehensive district data through the State Education Department's, www.edsight.ct.gov. All Connecticut school districts' data can also be viewed.

9. Superintendent Updates

Mr. Rioux shared information about the Teacher of the Year Banquet and encouraged all to attend.

The banquet is on November 15 at 5:00 at the Imperial room in Danielson.

Board members should RSVP by November 9.

Mr. Rioux shared information regarding student transportation issues and the complexity of bussing students efficiently. To alleviate bussing issues, earlier student drop-off times, and later dismissal times at elementary levels were implemented. Mr. Rioux will continue to work with the transportation supervisor to address bussing glitches.

Terren Allen asked Mr. Rioux if he could look into KHS students having access to the building in the morning and at p.m. bus pickup time so students aren't exposed to inclement weather conditions.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.
Yes - 9, Unanimous
Motion Carries

Respectfully submitted by,

Keely Doyle

Recording Secretary