

Regular Meeting

KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION Wednesday, November 14, 2018

MINUTES

Present: Mr. John Burns, Mr. Greg Biggs, Mr. Jeffrey Buchbinder, Mr. Doug Farrow, Ms. Hoween Flexer, Mr. Craig Hanford, and Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams.

Absent with Notification: Dr. Diane Summa, Mr. Christopher Viens. Student Board members, Terren Allen and Bryce Bentinck.

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-No comments

5. Report of Town Council Liaison- No report

6. Report of Killingly High School Student Board Members-No report

7. Report of Superintendent of Schools

7.a. Discussion with Possible Approval of 2019 Calendar Year Board Meeting Dates.

Discussion took place and if necessary, a "Special" Board meeting can be scheduled in November 2019.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to approve the following Board meeting dates September 2019 through December 2019.
September 11, 2019
September 25, 2019
October 9, 2019
October 23, 2019
November 13, 2019
December 11, 2019
**7-Yes, Unanimous
Motion Carries**

7.b. 2017-18 Guided Reading Levels/SAT

Mr. Paul Brenton shared a comprehensive report regarding Guided Reading Levels. The report also reflected student, reading assessments. Grades k-4 are assessed five times per year and students in grades 5-8 are assessed at least 3 times per year. Results are used for data team meetings and help make instructional improvement decisions. The report included grade level comparisons for years 2014 through 2018. Student levels are; Benchmark (meeting goal), Strategic, (some risk) and Intensive (substantially deficient). Mr. Brenton shared results for grades k through 4 from the beginning of a school year to the end of the school year.

SAT is for high school and designed to measure college readiness and calibration of grades. SAT has been redesigned over the past several years and comprised of evidence-based reading & writing, math, and essay. SAT assessments of students reaching English and Math benchmark scores have increased. PSAT offers in-depth analysis and evaluation of student data for teachers to help them increase student performance.

7.c. Mr. Rioux invited Board member to the annual CAPSS Superintendents Student Award ceremony on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Killingly High School.

8. Reports by BoE Chair and Sub-Committee Chairs

8.a. Discussion Regarding Board Retreat

Mr. John Burns asked Board members if they would like to have a Board retreat off-site. Ms. Rivera-Abrams expressed interest and the need to have a facilitated, Board retreat. Ms. Flexer asked what the focus of a retreat would entail. No action was taken.

8.b. Community Engagement Sub-Committee-Mr. Greg Biggs shared that the community sub-committee have not met since the last Board meeting. Mr. Rioux added that the Strategic Steering Committee held two focus group meetings and currently, committee members are being confirmed and determined for upcoming meetings in January.

8.c. Curriculum Sub-Committee- No report.

8.d. Facilities Sub-Committee

Mr. John Burns shared that members of the KHS Facilities Project Improvement Team introduced and discussed some needs for the athletic department and various KHS teams. There are several high school athletic teams, (boys and girls teams) who do not have the option to practice or host athletic games at the high school location. Turf fields, roads, additional parking spaces, and a field house were discussed at the sub-committee meeting. Mr. Burns shared that the KHS Facilities Project Improvement Team would like to present at an upcoming Board of Education meeting.

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder, to let the KHS Facilities Project Improvement Team present at a Board of Education meeting, and that Board members be given informational material prior to that presentation.

Yes - 6

No - 1 (Ms. Rivera-Abrams)

Motion Carries

8.d.I. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding KIS Fire Suppression System.

Mr. Rioux shared his concerns regarding the need for this maintenance project and its' anticipated cost. In the past, weather conditions have affected the pipes at KIS. It is anticipated that the project will cost over \$10,000 and therefore, go out to bid.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer seconded by Mr. Farrow to authorize the Superintendent to utilize the "Non-lapsing account" to complete the KIS Fire Suppression System.
Yes-7, Unanimous
Motion Carries

8.d.II. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the KHS Trend Energy Management System.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to authorize the Superintendent to utilize the "Non-lapsing account" to complete the KHS Trend Energy Management System.

Discussion took place regarding whether the cost for this project should be split between the Non-Lapsing account and the Maintenance Service account.

Mr. Buchbinder, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Biggs to amend the previous motion.

MOTION: by Mr. Buchbinder, seconded by Mr. Farrow to allow the Superintendent to use, at his discretion, from which funding source to use for the cost and completion of the KHS Trend Energy Management System project.
Yes - 5
No - 2 (Ms. Rivera-Abrams, Mr. Hanford)
Motion Carries

8.e. Fiscal Sub-Committee

Mr. Farrow shared that at the last meeting, the committee discussed fees for facilities usage of the KPS buildings by outside groups and organizations. This is an area of concern and discussions will continue.

8.e.I. October 2018 Financial Reports

Ms. Christine Clark, Manager of Business Affairs, summarized and shared information regarding the October 2018 financial report. She shared transportation staffing issues continue to have an impact. Pupil transportation exceeded the 2018-19 budget by approximately \$5,000 thus far, due to outside providers. An area of budget concern is local outplacements and agency placements accounts and currently reflects an approximate deficit of \$801,000. The contracted maintenance service account (5420) has expended 88.30% of its 2018-19 budget.

Mr. Rioux issued a memorandum today to principals, directors, and supervisors, requesting a soft-freeze.

8.f. Personnel Sub-Committee

Mr. Rioux shared with that he Nurse's Union came to an agreement and ratification of a new contract is expected before the next Board meeting.

8.g. Policy Sub-Committee

Mr. Jeff Buchbinder

8.g.I. First Reading of Policy #5145.511 Students, Exploitation

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Hanford that the Board approve the First Reading of Policy #5145.511 as presented.

MOTION: by Mr. Buchbinder, seconded by Ms, Flexer, to amend the motion to approve Policy #5145.511 as a First reading, but to remove a duplicated sentence on pages a & b.

Yes – 7, Unanimous

Motion carries

8.g.II. First Reading of Policy #0200, Mission-Goals Objectives, Missions and Functions

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Hanford that the Board approve the First Reading of Policy #0200 as presented.

Yes – 7, Unanimous

Motion carries

8.g.III. First Reading of Policy #5121 Students, Examination/Grading/Rating

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Hanford that the Board approve the First Reading of Policy #5121 as presented.

Yes-7, Unanimous

Motion carries

9. Consent Items

Ms. Rivera-Abrams requested to remove consent item, 9.a October 10, 2018 Reg. Board Meeting Minutes for discussion.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Hanford that the Board approve consent items;

9.b October 24 2018 Reg. Board Meeting Minutes

9.c November 2018 Employee of the Month Nominee

9.d Oct 1 2018 Student Enrollment

9.e October 2018 Issued Checks

Yes – 7, Unanimous

Motion carries

Ms. Rivera-Abrams shared she overlooked in her public comment at the 10-10-2018 Board meeting, that Mr. Doug Farrow was also in attendance at Plainfield’s Recognition dinner. Mr. Buchbinder shared only comments made at a meeting may be included in meeting minutes. Mr. Farrow’s attendance at the Plainfield Recognition dinner is noted.

MOTION: by Mr. Buchbinder, seconded by Mr. Farrow to approve October 10 2018 Reg. Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Yes-6

Abstain- 1 (Ms. Flexer)

Motion carries

10. Adjournment

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to adjourn at 9:46 p.m.
Yes – 7, Unanimous
Motion carries

Respectfully submitted by,

Keely Doyle

Recording Secretary