

## Regular Meeting

### KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION Wednesday, January 23, 2019

#### MINUTES

**Present:** Mr. John Burns, Mr. Greg Biggs, Mr. Doug Farrow, Mr. Craig Hanford, and Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams. Student Board members, Terren Allen and Bryce Bentinck.

**Absent with**

**Notification:** Mr. Jeffrey Buchbinder, Ms. Hoween Flexer, Dr. Diane Summa, Mr. Christopher Viens.

**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 7:06 p.m.

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

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Public Comments**-No comments

**5. Recognition of January 2019 Employee of the Month**

The Board recognized Tiffany O’Leary, district-wide, physical therapist as Employee of the Month.

**6. Discussion and Possible Approval of Two Transfers**

**6.A. Transfer from Teachers Salaries To Professional Technical Services**

Mr. Rioux shared with Board members that a speech pathologist position was included in the 2018-19 budget. The district was not able to fill this position, therefore, the district contracted with French River to provide students with speech therapy services. This budget transfer request is moving funds that were allocated for teacher salaries into the account for Pro Tech services, such as French River.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Biggs seconded by Mr. Farrow that the Board approve a transfer in the amount of \$62,888.50 from Teacher Salaries to Professional/Technical Services for contracted speech services.

**5-Yes**

**Motion Carries**

**6.B. Transfer from Instructional Equipment to Professional/Technical Services**

A transfer of \$10,000 from Instructional Equipment to Professional/Technical Services is needed to fund anticipated and non-anticipated recommended outside evaluations through PPT for the 2018-19 school year.

**MOTION:** by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, seconded by Mr. Biggs that the Board approve a transfer in the amount of \$10,000 from Instructional Equipment to Professional/Technical Services.

**5-Yes**

**Motion carries**

**7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Transfer into the Unexpended Education Fund Account (non-lapsing account)**

Last fall, the District made a request to town council to transfer \$221,000 from the 2017-18 school year to bring its maximum level. Due to the current disbursement of funds from the Unexpended Education Fund Account (non-lapsing account) we will amend our previous contribution request to a revised contribution request of \$293,662.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Farrow, seconded by Mr. Biggs that the Board approve the amended Unexpended Education Fund appropriation request of \$293,662.

**5-Yes**

**Motion carries**

Mr. Burns shared that the six first readings on tonight's agenda will be postponed until the policy sub-committee meet and review those policies.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Hanford, seconded by Mr. Biggs to table agenda items 8 through 13, (six policies) as first readings.

**5-Yes**

**Motion carries**

**8.** Discussion and Possible Approval of the First Reading of Policy #5141.4-Students, Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault.

**9.** Discussion and Possible Approval of the First Reading of Policy #4111/4211-Personnel, Certified/Non-Certified, Recruitment and Selection.

**10.** Discussion and Possible Approval for the First Reading of Policy #5113-Students, Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal.

**11.** Discussion and Possible Approval of the First Reading of Policy #5144.1-Students, Use of Physical Force.

**12.** Discussion and Possible Approval of the First Reading of Policy #5141.21- Students, Administering Medication.

**13.** Discussion and Possible Approval of the First Reading of Policy #1325 Community Relations Advertising and Promotion.

Mr. John Burns shared that the Board's Budget Presentation to Town Council will be held on Saturday, March 30th, from 10:30 a.m to approximately 12:30 pm. He is not able to attend, but asked Board members to arrive at 10:00 a.m.

#### **14. 2019-20 Budget Presentation**

Mr. Rioux shared his budget executive summary including rationales of his proposed 2019-20 budget. Mr. Rioux's main four budget goals are to:

- protect and continue to provide pre-school for 3 and 4 year old children;
- create long-term solutions to address increasing special education costs;
- maintain vital support services considering changes in grant funding;
- propose a fiscally responsible budget while advancing the district in attaining its educational targets.

After meeting with all department heads and principals, the initial departmental budget request included an increase of \$1,936,147 or a 4.43% increase over the 2018-19 budget.

Mr. Rioux was able to reduce the initial budget request by \$1,111,220, resulting in a 1.89% increase over the 2018-19 budget. Decision packages are not included in the current proposal.

Mr. Rioux anticipates losing five Federal and State grants. Goodyear Early Childhood Center will be losing the Preschool Development Grant. This is significant grant, equivalent to \$437,006. This grant currently supports; positions, student transportation costs, and professional development. The State may offer a one-year "Stop-gap" grant in the amount of \$108,000 to assist districts experiencing this monetary loss.

Currently the District is facing a significant deficit for costs related to students being placed out-of-district. Mr. Rioux and Mr. Lagace, PPS Director met with Eastconn leadership teams to examine reinstatement of a Transitional Support Program. Mr. Rioux and Mr. Lagace shared that the program would include three classrooms for transitional support programs. Building the District's capacity to transition students in-district will offset ever increasing, out-of-district special educational costs.

Mr. Rioux's budget proposal includes local budget support for PIXI and the Homeless Liaison. Grants currently supporting these positions are not anticipated next year. The proposed budget includes restoring two KHS teaching positions to full-time, expanding instructional and curriculum supports and supporting summer school programming.

Mr. Rioux reminded Board members that over the next month, the Board's feedback, participation, concerns, and questions are welcomed as the District moves forward in creating a fiscally responsible 2019-20 budget.

#### **15. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding an Employee Sick Bank Request**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Hanford, to go into executive session to discuss an employee sick bank request.

**Yes-5**

**Motion carries**

The Board went into executive session at 8:48 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:52 p.m.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Farrow, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve a sick bank, up to 60 days, for a paraprofessional.  
**Yes-5**  
**Motion carries**

## **16. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, seconded by Mr. Farrow to adjourn.  
**Yes-5**  
**Motion carries**

The Killingly Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Keely Doyle*  
Recording Secretary