

Regular Meeting

KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

7:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mr. John Burns, Mr. Greg Biggs, Mr. Jeffrey Buchbinder, (left at 7:31) Mr. Doug Farrow, Ms. Hoween Flexer, Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams, Mr. Christopher Viens, and Student Board member, Bryce Bentinck.

Absent with

Notification: Mr. Craig Hanford, Dr. Diane Summa, Student Board member, Terren Allen.

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- Bryce Bentinck, 130 Cranberry Bog Rd., shared that the high school Girls Gymnastic team came in a close 2nd in Class M competition.

Madilyn Sumner, 23 Tamarack Circle, shared that she attending tonight's meeting for a high school class.

Jessica Mongeau, 13 Shepard Hill Rd. Ms. Mongeau expressed her concerns regarding the proposed Capital Improvement Plan saying the plan should exclude the proposed new turf fields and parking lots at the high school and there are more pressing issues at KCS and KMS. Updates to the elementary facilities are needed. Building needs at the elementary schools should be a priority. With 40 additional students coming into KMS next year there will be more space issues. KMS has parking issues. Electrical systems are out of date at KMS and KCS.

John Sarantopoulos, 37 Tunk City Rd. Mr. Sarantopoulos shared his concern that a Town Council Liaison was not in attendance and expressed his concerns about relocating the Recreation Center and giving the building on 79 Westfield Avenue back to the Town.

Amy Ferland, 73 Morin Avenue. Ms. Ferland asked the Board to consider making the building needs of both elementary schools a priority.

Mr. Burns asked Board members if they could attend a meeting with Town Council members on Tuesday, March 5th. The Board members are unable to meet with Town Council members on that date.

Mr. Buchbinder left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

MOTION: by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, seconded by Ms. Flexer to move ahead agenda item #8 ahead on tonight's agenda.

Yes-6

Motion Passes

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Rioux recapped the Capital Improvement Plan that was discussed at the previous Board meeting. Mr. Rioux shared how recommendations can be introduced to the Town Council. Mr. Rioux shared how the discussion of the athletic field issues came about and why the conversations came up. He shared that this is the time for Board members to discuss the proposed projects and to prioritize. Mr. Rioux shared that in the Town Charter it states that Capital Improvement Plans be sent to the Planning Commission of the Town Council.

GECC Capital Improvement Projects

The Board discussed GECC parking lot issues. No changes were made.

KCS Capital Improvement Projects

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer seconded by Mr. Viens to move KCS Project #s 3, 4 and 5 to Column 1.

Yes - 3

No -3 (Mr. Biggs, Mr. Farrow, and Mr. Burns)

Motion Fails

MOTION: Ms. Flexer seconded by Mr. Viens to make KCS Project #s 1, 2 equal top priorities and move Project #s 5 and 6 to Column 1

Yes - 6

Motion Carries

KMS Capital Improvement Projects

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Viens to move KMS Project #3 into Column 1, and Project #s 5, 7 and 8 into Column 2.

Yes-5

No-1 (Greg Biggs)

Motion Carries

Ms. Flexer asked to amend the motion to separate KMS Project#1 in two parts, seconded by Mr. Viens. **Yes -5, No- 1** (Ms. Rivera-Abrams).

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Viens to separate KMS Project #1 in two parts, move KMS Project #3 into Column 1 and KMS Project #s 5, 7 and 8 into Column 2.
Yes - 5
No - 1 (Mr. Biggs)
Motion Carries

KIS Capital Improvement Projects

MOTION: by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, seconded by Ms. Flexer to move KIS Project #3 to Column 1.
Yes-4
No- 2 (Mr. Biggs and Mr. Farrow)
Motion Carries

Killingly High School Capital Improvement Projects

Mr. Buchbinder returned to the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Viens to add as KHS Project #10 in Column 1, installing a sidewalk starting from the Route 12 driveway entrance leading up to the high school.
Yes-7
Motion Carries

MOTION: by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, seconded by Ms. Flexer to move KHS Project #s 6 & 7 to Column 1 and eliminate Project #s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 from this year's proposed Capital Improvement Plan.

Ms. Flexer, amend the motion, seconded by Ms. Rivera- Abrams to move KHS Project #s 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 to Column 3. **Yes-4, No-3..**

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MOTION: to move KHS Project #s 6 & 7 to Column 1 and Project #s 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 to Column 3.
Roll call Vote
Yes-4 (Ms. Flexer, Mr. Buchbinder, Mr. Viens, and Ms. Rivera-Abrams)
No-3 (Mr. Biggs, Mr. Burns, and Mr. Farrow)
Motion Carries

Mr. Viens left the meeting at 9:18 p.m

Central Office Capital Improvement Projects

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, to seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to move C.O Project #4 to Column 1.
Yes 1 (Ms. Flexer)
No -4
1-Abstain (Mr. Buchbinder)
Motion Fails

Ms. Rivera-Abrams amended the motion to also include C.O Project #10 to Column 1. Her request for an amended motion was not seconded.

District Level Recommendations

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to make KMS Project #1a the first district-wide priority.

Yes-6

Motion Carries

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Ms. Flexer, to make KMS Project 1b and KCS Project #2 the second district-wide priority.

Yes-6

Motion Carries

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder, to make C.O Project #1 the third district-wide priority.

Yes-6

Motion Carries

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to make KMS Project #3, KCS Project #1, and KHS Project #1 the fourth district-wide priority.

Mr. Buchbinder amended the motion to include the GECC Project #1. **Yes-6**

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to make KMS Project #3, KCS Project #1, KHS Project #1 and GECC Project #1 the fourth district-wide priority.

Yes-6

Motion Carries

5.A. Review and Possible Action Regarding Second Reading of Policy# 5141.4-Students, Reporting of Child Abuse Neglect and Sexual Assault

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to approve the Second Reading of Policy# 5141.4 as presented.

Yes-5

Abstain-1

Motion Carries

5.B. Review and Possible Action Regarding Second Reading of Policy# 4111-4211-Personnel, Certified/Non-Certified, Recruitment and Selection

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to approve the Second Reading of Policy# 4111-4211 as presented.

Yes-5

No-1

Motion Carries

5.C. Review and Possible Action Regarding Second Reading of Policy# 5144.1-Students, Use of Physical Force

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to approve the Second Reading of Policy# 5144.1 as presented.

Yes-5

No-1

Motion Carries

5.D. Review and Possible Action Regarding Second Reading of Policy# 5141.21-Students, Administering Medication

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to approve the Second Reading of Policy#5141.21 as presented.

Yes-5

No-1

Motion Carries

5.E. Review and Possible Action Regarding Second Reading of Policy# 1325-Community Relations, Advertising and Promotion.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to approve the Second Reading of Policy# 1325 as presented.

Yes-5

No-1

Motion Carries

6. Review and Approval of February 6, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: by Mr. Buchbinder, seconded by Mr. Farrow to make corrections regarding members who were present at the meeting and correct the names of those who made the motion to adjourn.

Yes- 5

Abstain- 1 (Ms. Flexer)

Motion Carries

MOTION: by Mr. Buchbinder seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve minutes with corrections.

Yes- 5

Abstain- 1 (Ms. Flexer)

Motion Carries

7. Review and Possible Action of Grants

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to approve the annual list of grants as presented.

Yes- 6

Motion Carries

9. Discussion and Adoption of the 2019-20FY Superintendent's Proposed Budget.

Mr. Rioux shared the revised budget with Board members. Mr. Rioux reminded Board members of grants that will be lost next year. Mr. Rioux summarized new resources, budget reductions, new special education programming and additional budget drivers.

Mr. Rioux shared with the Board how the Health Insurance budget is calculated and how the estimated total cost and allocation rates are determined by Anthem. The budget comparison between 2018-19 FY and 2019-20 FY reflects a line item difference of \$271,475 less than this year.

The Board's proposed budget reflects a 1.17% increase from last year with a total proposed budget of \$44,197,273 for the 2019-20 FY.

In accordance with the Town Charter, the Board must adopt a budget to forward to the Town Manager no later than March 15, 2019.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Farrow that The Killingly Board of Education adopt the FY2019-20 budget in the amount of \$44,197,273.
Yes- 6
Motion Carries

10. Adjournment

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to adjourn.
Yes- 6
Motion Carries

The Board meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Keely Doyle
Recording Secretary