

Regular Meeting

KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mr. John Burns, Mr. Greg Biggs, Mr. Jeffrey Buchbinder, Mr. Doug Farrow, Ms. Hoween Flexer, Mr. Craig Hanford, Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams, Dr. Diane Summa, Mr. Christopher Viens (7:08). Student Board members, Terren Allen and Bryce Bentinck.

Others

Present: 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 7:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call-see above.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Ms. Elizabeth LaFlamme-Baker, 49 L'Homme Street. Ms. Laflamme shared that her son's 504 IEP plan is not being thoroughly implemented and accommodations to address her son's hearing impairment are taking too long. A hearing device for her son was ordered and received and was not given to Ms. LaFlamme until weeks after it arrived.

5. Recognition of Visitors, FFA Students

5.A. Amber Tays was recognized by the Board as February 2019 Employee of the Month. Amber is a para-educator at Killingly Central School.

5.B. Friends of Learning in Killingly (FOLK)

Sixteen (16) applications were submitted to FOLK this year. Ten individual teachers were given mini grant awards, totaling \$4,073.00.

GECC teacher, Christina Stravato was awarded \$285, to fund a hydroponic garden for students.

KCS teacher, Ellen Huie was awarded \$300 to fund art room expansion.

KMS teacher, Carol Records was awarded \$380 to purchase The World Almanac Kids online resource tool. Lisa Siegmund was awarded \$222 to support a student learning activity, Where in the World is KMS?, and \$336 to fund a KMS field trip to the New Haven Symphony Orchestra. Eric Sochor was awarded \$280 for the purchase of Reflex Math for grade 4. Lauren Konicki was awarded \$300 for the purchase of Promethean Activotes Polling software.

KIS teachers, Allegra Plantier, was awarded \$600 for the After-School Theater Program, and Mike Morrill, Mike Eddy and Pam Ames, were awarded \$570 for the purchase of Exploring the World Thru Virtual Reality software.

Teachers at Killingly High School, Cheryl Wakely was awarded \$300 to purchase audio with print books to support struggling readers, and Jim Hutson was awarded \$500 to support Technology Student Association competitions.

Janice Ahola Sidaway, FOLK Chairperson and member of the Class of 1966, acknowledged and thanked local businesses for their donations. The Board thanked members of FOLK, for their ongoing support and generosity to Killingly Public Schools.

6. Report of Town Council Liaison-No report.

Mr. Burns shared that the Town Council would like to have a joint meeting with the Board of Education on Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

7. Report of Killingly High School Student Board Members

Terren Allen and Bryce Bentinck shared that GECC will be hosting Steam Night on March 20 from 5:30.p.m.-6:30 p.m. GECC Family Conferences will be on April 4.

KCS parent teacher conferences are on March 26 and 28.

KMS Parent teacher conferences are on March 19 and 21. Students in grade 3 will be going on field trips to the State Capital and to Woodstock on March 27 to see the New Haven Symphony perform. At KIS there is a Model UN field trip on March 9 and Student Led Conferences will be on March 14. At KHS there was a Holocaust presentation and a presentation by the Anti-Defamation League. The KTV students are going to Seattle, Washington for a Student Television Network competition, March 27 through April 1.

Voices in Concert will have two performances at KHS on March 30. Performances are at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and \$16.

8. Killingly Central School Report

KCS Principal, Emily Caviggia shared information regarding three specific KCS goals. Teachers and staff are learning Vivian Batterson strategies to meet student's social and emotional needs. Student self-regulation strategies have been implemented. PBIS and Purposeful Play are components of meeting student's emotional and social needs. KCS put into place a "Break Space" for students. All of these components are having a positive impact on student crisis data, including crisis calls to the office, and office referrals.

KCS teachers are receiving training and professional development to implement the GO Math Program and Add+VantageMR. Strategies to improve numeracy development are a major focus. All kindergarten and grade 1 teachers were trained in Add+VantageMR.

Ms. Caviggia shared that KCS staff are also focusing on raising literacy assessment data. Ms. Caviggia reconfigured special education teacher's schedule to provide additional support time to Tier III students. There is an increased emphasis for student reading time at school and at home.

9. Assistant Superintendent's Reports

10. Math Data Report

Mr. Paul Brenton shared data for district-wide math student performances. Data resulting from GO Math!, SAT, PSAT, STAR, and AVMR (Advantage Math Recovery). Programs and assessments are implemented to enhance mathematics comprehension.

AVMR consist of diagnostic, individual assessments in number words and numerals, structuring numbers, addition and subtraction strategies. One staff member is Level IV trained as a certified coach. K, 1 and 2 are all level I trained. Grade 3 will be Level 1 trained this summer. Math interventionists have received training beyond level I.

Students are completing a greater number of curricular units then in the past two years. Student performance shows students are achieving a higher level of mastery in their academic units then in previous years.

Student percentage increased from 18% to 29% over two years in SAT Math benchmark for grades 9-12. Continued staff development will focus on AVMR, Go Math!, Learning Walks, Illustrative Math, Interim Assessment Block Study, Math Practices and Vocabulary in the Classroom.

11. Reports by BoE Chair and Sub-Committee Chairs

11.A. Discussion and Consideration Regarding Committee for New Student Board Members.
Hoween Flexer and Craig Hanford will be the Board representatives on this committee.

11.B. BoE Representative for 2019-20 Scholarship Committee.
Dr. Summa will be the Board representative on the scholarship committee.

11.C. Community Engagement Sub-Committee
Mr. Biggs shared that the District Strategic Plan will most likely be presented at the March 27 BOE meeting. Components of Profile of a Graduate were discussed. New graduation requirements are being discussed. Updates regarding the new district web site took place and late April will be the anticipated launch time.

11.D. Curriculum Sub-Committee
Mr. Viens shared that the committee met on March 5 and they discussed Illustrative Math, a new math program for grades 7 & 8. A presentation to the Board is anticipated.

11.E. Facilities Sub-Committee
Mr. John Burns shared that the committee did not meet.

11.F. Fiscal Sub-Committee
11.F.1-February 2019 Financial Reports.
Dr. Summa communicated that there is a net deficit of approximately 885,000 for special education outplacements. The status of the health insurance line items could have an impact on the 2018-19 budget as a source of potential budget savings. The teachers and substitutes salary accounts may result in a positive budget balance. All 2017-18 purchase orders have been closed.

11.G. Personnel Sub-Committee
Dr. Summa shared that the committee was not able to meet but two unions are currently in negotiations. The next negotiation meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20.

11.H. Policy Sub-Committee
Mr. Buchbinder communicated that the committee will be scheduling another meeting soon.

12. Consent Items

Mr. Craig Hanford asked to pull consent items, 12.A February 13, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes and 12.B February 27, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Dr. Summa that the Board approve consent items;
12.C March, 2019 Employee of the Month Nominee
12.D March 1, 2019 Student Enrollment
12.E February 2019, Issued Checks
Yes- 9
Motion Carries

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder, that the Board approve consent items;
12.A February 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
12.B February 27, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Yes- 8
Abstain-1 (Mr. Hanford)
Motion Carries

13. Adjournment

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to adjourn.
Yes- 9
Motion Carries

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Keely Doyle
Recording Secretary