

Regular Meeting

KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

MINUTES

Present: Mr. John Burns, Mr. Greg Biggs, Mr. Doug Farrow, Ms. Hoween Flexer, Mr. Craig Hanford, (7:02) Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams, Dr. Diane Summa and Mr. Christopher Viens.
Student Board members, Terren Allen and Bryce Bentinck (7:03)

Absent with

Notification: Mr. Jeffrey Buchbinder.

Others Mr. Steven Rioux, Superintendent, Keely Doyle, Recording Secretary.

Present:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. John Burns called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL- see above.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Lamonica Vazquez shared with the Board that she recently withdrew her daughter due to what she feels was an unsafe incident.

Eliayah Vazquez shared that she feels students are disrespectful and teachers are irresponsible.

Leah Rawls, President of the Windham NAACP asked the Board to address the concerns and problems in the district. Hoping for policy changes regarding racial bullying. NAACP is willing to bring educational programming to the KHS students.

Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, member of NAACP. Children coming from diverse backgrounds should be respected and she will continue attending Board meetings to ensure concerns are addressed.

Al Wilkerson shared that using another cultural district mascot is not sending the right message.

Elionna Vazquez shared her concerns about her siblings.

5. RECOGNITION OF MAY 2019 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The Board recognized Goodyear Early Childhood paraprofessional Alison Belliveau as May 2019 Employee of the Month.

6. GOODYEAR EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Ms. Sally Sherman, Director of the Goodyear Early Childhood Center gave the Board an update regarding efforts happening at Goodyear that have had positive results and what staff are most

proud. These include, Purposeful Play, Social/Emotional Behavioral Focus, intensive supportive classrooms, storytelling, and home visits have had a tremendous impact. The daily schedule allows time for students for self-directed play. GECC offers intensive support for those children who require a smaller setting, and more intensive supports. Students meet set, exit criteria to return to a regular classroom setting.

The Preschool Development Grant (PDG) makes family engagement, including home visits possible, but the PDG grant expires this year. Teachers have received training for home visiting. Home visits are chosen randomly. Each teacher is assigned eight families to visit during the month of August. When home visits occur, especially early in the school year, they help build communication and relationships between families, children and school. Teachers feel home visits are a very valuable experience. Ms. Sherman is looking into other grants to support and continue this practice.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Rioux introduced Town Manager, Mary Calorio, and Adam Teff, General Manager and consultant at Titan Energy Company, headquartered in Rocky Hill, CT. A solar panel project will be presented to the Town Council at the June 4 meeting. This would be a dual effort between the Killingly Board of Education and the Town. A thorough analysis of current electricity usage was examined. A proposal was presented to Board members that included designs and costs savings analysis for the next 25 years. Eversource reviews all applications for solar panel projects, and the deadline for applications is determined by Eversource. The current application process closes on June 12. Submitting the application does not secure a solar panel project, but a purchase agreement does. Greenskies Developer Company is a commercial, industrial and municipal solar installer and is ranked #1 among solar firms in the United States. Installing solar panels at this time on some buildings is good timing due to the completion of new roofs on some of the schools. Greenskies assumes all liability and maintenance and the company is willing to pay \$30,000 toward the down payment for an application.

If approved it is anticipated that the solar project would take place during the summer of 2020.

7.a. DISCUSSION REGARDING SOLAR PANELS

MOTION: by Mr. Farrow, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to authorize the Superintendent to engage in a Solar Panel Project in partnership with the Town of Killingly and Titan Energy.

Yes - 8, Unanimous

Motion Carries

Mr. Burns shared that the Non-Lapsing Educational Fund, Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed and action took place at the Town Council's meeting on May 14. They revised # 7 of the MOU increasing the total accumulation of funds in the Unexpended Education Funds account from \$1,000,000 to \$1,750,000.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ILLUSTRATIVE RESOURCE MATHEMATICS

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Viens to authorize the Illustrative Math resources for grades 7 & 8.

Yes - 8, Unanimous

Motion Carries

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING KHS SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOK

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Farrow to approve the KHS Social Studies Textbook Change Request as presented.
Yes - 8, Unanimous
Motion Carries

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING HFC ANNUAL STATEMENT

Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that each local board of education or governing authority for all Connecticut public school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program must take action annually to certify whether all food items sold to students will or will not meet the CNS. If the Board of Education votes "yes" for healthy food option, the BoE must also vote on whether to allow food exemptions. (2nd motion)

Beverage exemptions are not part of the annual HFC Statement. If the district chooses to allow beverage exemptions, the board of education conducts the vote on beverage exemptions at the same time as the vote on HFC participation and food exemptions. (3rd. motion)

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Farrow
Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Killingly Board of Education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the CSDE, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organization and groups.
Yes - 8, Unanimous
Motion Carries

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Dr. Summa that
the Killingly Board of Education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met:
1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store.
Yes - 8, Unanimous
Motion Carries

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Dr. Summa
that the Killingly Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221Q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met:
1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store.
Yes - 8, Unanimous
Motion Carries

11. Second Reading of Policy #4121-Personnel-Certified, Substitute Teachers

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve the Second Reading of Policy #4121 as presented.
Yes - 8, Unanimous
Motion Carries

12. Second Reading of Policy #5125-Students- Student Records, Confidentiality

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Hanford to approve the Second Reading of Policy #5125-Students- Student Records, Confidentiality as presented.
Yes - 8, Unanimous
Motion Carries

13. Second Reading of Policy #5134-Students, Married/Pregnant Students.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to approve the Second Reading of Policy #5134-Students, Married/Pregnant Students as presented.
Yes - 8, Unanimous
Motion Carries

14. Second Reading of Policy #6171.2-Instruction, Special Education

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Hanford to approve the Second Reading of Policy #6171.2-Instruction, Special Education as presented.
Yes - 8, Unanimous
Motion Carries

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to enter to Executive session to discuss superintendent evaluation.
Yes - 8, Unanimous
Motion Carries

The Board entered executive session at 9:37 p.m.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

The Board came out of executive session at 10:50 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Hanford to adjourn.
Yes - 8, Unanimous
Motion Carries

The Killingly Board of Education meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Keely Doyle
Recording Secretary