

## Regular Meeting

### KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

7:00 PM

Town Hall, 172 Main St.

### MINUTES

**Present:** John Burns, Jeff Buchbinder, Greg Biggs, Hoween Flexer, Craig Hanford (7:29)  
Lydia Rivera-Abrams and Chris Viens.  
Student Board Members, Alexandra Purcell and Aidan Parsons.

**Others Present:** Superintendent Steve Rioux, Assistant Superintendent, Paul Brenton  
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. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

Superintendent Rioux thanked parting Board members, Mr. Jeff Buchbinder and Mr. John Burns for their dedication and years of service.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT- No comments

#### 6. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON

#### 7. REPORT BY KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

KCS parent/teacher conferences and the KCS scholastic book fair will take place on November 20.

KMS grade 3 students went on a field trip to the Audubon Center. The KMS scholastic book fair and parent teacher conferences will take place on November 25.

KIS PTO meeting is on November 19.

KHS held their annual Veterans' Day concert and dinner. On November 15, at the KHS football game, military service men and women will be recognized.

NHS induction ceremony will be held on November 20. FFA will have a guest speaker on November 22. KHS winter sports will be starting soon.

#### 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

##### 8.A. SBA Math-A Deeper Dive

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Paul Brenton shared how the district uses SBA math results. Mr.

Brenton shared data on growth rates, target percentages and state averages for grades 4 through 8. The *Go Math* program is in its fourth year, implemented in K-6 levels. Advantage Math Recover (AVMR) is also used for individual student assessments. The *Illustrative Math* program is in its first year for grades 7 & 8. Grade 5 reflects the widest gap in Killingly. Student growth rates are essential when reviewing data. Data shows that students are performing at a higher level than in years past. Grades 7 & 8 are on pace for completing all anticipated units. *Khan Academy* and *Illustrative Math* programs are available on-line for families. Parents can download teacher material.

#### **8.B. Westfield Ave. Conversation**

Mr. Rioux shared that he and Town Manager have had some conversations about the Killingly Recreation Department moving into the Westfield Avenue building. KPS already rents and shares space to EASTCONN and it has been working well. Mr. Rioux, Mary Calorio, members of the Parks and Recreation department, the Fire Marshall, and O & M Supervisor, Mike Vassar surveyed the building, noting areas that the recreation department could possibly occupy. Mr. Rioux showed a floor plan proposing assigned areas that the Parks and Recreation department could occupy. Mr. Rioux noted that the Westfield Ave. building, needs significant updates and sharing the space with the Town could be beneficial.

Short-term and long-term needs of the building will be closely examined and determined by Mr. Rioux and Mary Calorio. The Town would be responsible for all moving costs and maintenance/utility costs could be shared between the two budgets if the move materializes. Mr. Rioux conveyed that he would like to revisit this topic with Board members in the near future.

Due to a prior commitment, Mr. Buchbinder left the meeting.

#### **8.C. KHS Athletic Fields Update**

Mr. Rioux would like to acquire accurate cost proposals and more data before the Board takes any action.

Ms. Rivera-Abrams shared that she opposes this because the sub-committee rules were circumvented by referring an issue, that had been defeated in the facilities sub-committee and re-routing the same issue to fiscal sub-committee.

Mr. Hanford asked for clarification on what happened at the facilities sub-committee meeting. Mr. Burns clarified what transpired at that meeting.

### **9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2020-21 CALENDARS**

#### **9.A. 2020-21 District Calendar (Draft)**

Superintendent Rioux and the Board reviewed the proposed 2020-21 district calendar.

Board action is not needed tonight. Board members were asked if they had any initial questions. The draft calendar will be on a future Board agenda as an action item.

#### **9.B. BOE meetings for the 2020 calendar year**

**MOTION:** by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to approve the dates of Board meetings for the 2020 calendar year with a revision of changing the Dec.9 Board meeting to December 16.

**Yes-6**

**Motion Carries**

## **10. BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**10.A.** Community Engagement Sub-Committee- Sub-committee members have not met.

**10.B.** Curriculum Sub-Committee- Sub-committee members have not met.

**10.C.** Facilities Sub-Committee

**10.C.1.** Project Updates

Mr. Rioux distributed a list and provided the current status of completed and soon to be completed projects including ADA updates.

Mr. Rioux introduced a possible renovation project at Killingly Memorial School. KMS is overcrowded and enrollment trends and projections support that this will be an ongoing issue. Temporary modulars have been in place since 1971. Any major school renovation project will eventually be determined by the Permanent Building Commission. Mr. Rioux showed several designs proposed and submitted by Silver/Petrucelli & Associates. Construction could occur while school is in session. The process for approving any major construction project is guided by a lengthy process, but Board members should start thinking about the needs at KMS.

**10.D.** Fiscal Sub-Committee

**10.D.1.** October 2019 Fiscal Report

Mr. Hanford, fiscal sub-committee chair gave a brief overview of the October financial report. Mr. Hanford noted that there is a budget surplus of \$197,000 in teacher's salaries account which offsets an approximately \$85,000 projected deficit in the paraprofessionals salaries account. The addition of paraprofessional positions account for this projected deficit. A refund check was received in the amount of 80,000 and these funds will be returned to the Town. The refund was due to tuition paid for a student outplaced by DCF and responsibility changed from Killingly to another town.

**10.E.** Policy Sub-Committee- Sub-committee members have not met.

**10.F.** Personnel Sub-Committee

**10.F.1.** Negotiations Updates

Negotiation updates will be addressed later in the meeting during executive sessions.

## **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

11.A. Title IV Grant

11.B. Alliance Grant

11.C. Title I & II Budgets

11.D. Quebec 2021 Field Trip Request

11.E. Annual Golf Team Field Trip Request to Myrtle Beach, S.C

11.F. October 2019 Issued Checks

11.G. October 9, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

11.H. October 23, 2019 BOE Meeting Minutes

11.I. November 2019 Student Enrollment

Ms. Rivera-Abrams asked to remove consent items, 11.B. Alliance Grant and 11.E. Annual Golf Team Field Trip Request to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**MOTION:** by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve consent agenda items,  
11.A. Title IV Grant  
11.C. Title I & II Budgets  
11.D. Quebec 2021 Field Trip Request  
11.F. October 2019 Issued Checks  
11.G. October 9, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes  
11.H. October 23, 2019 BOE Meeting Minutes  
11.I. November 2019 Student Enrollment  
**Yes - 6, Unanimous**  
**Motion Carries**

Ms. Rivera-Abrams asked for clarification and information regarding the KHS attendance bus. The information was previously sent.

**MOTION:** by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to move the question.

**MOTION:** by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve consent item 11.B  
Alliance Grant.  
**Yes- 5**  
**No- 1**  
**Motion Carries**

Motion by Ms. Rivera-Abrams that consent item 11.E., Field trip request for the KHS Golf Team to Myrtle Beach include offering golf lessons and golf tee time to under-privileged students from the Myrtle Beach area. The motion was not seconded.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Hanford, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve consent item 11.E  
Annual Golf Team Field Trip Request to Myrtle Beach, S.C  
**Yes-5**  
**No- 1**  
**Motion Carries**

## **12. BOARD CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**

Mr. Burns shared with Board members, many accomplishments they achieved over the years. He thanked Board members for all of their hard work. Mr. Burns also addressed new Board members in the audience reminding them of the significance of their roles as members of the Board of Education.

**MOTION:** by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to go into Executive session at to discuss KEA contract.  
**Yes-6, Unanimous**  
**Motion Carries**

The Board went into Executive session at 9:28 p.m. The Board came out of Executive session at 9:52 p.m. and the regular meeting resumed.

## **13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING KEA CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

**MOTION:** by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, seconded by Mr. Hanford that the Board approve the KEA Contract.  
**Yes-6, Unanimous**  
**Motion Carries**

**MOTION:** by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Hanford to go into Executive session to discuss LOCAL 1303-149 Contract Negotiations.  
**Yes-6, Unanimous**  
**Motion Carries**

The Board went into Executive session at 9:54 p.m. The Board came out of Executive session at 10:11 p.m. and the regular meeting resumed.

#### **14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LOCAL 1303-149 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Hanford that the Board approve the Local 1303-149 Contract.  
**5-Yes**  
**No-1(Ms. Flexer)**  
**Motion Carries**

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Killingly Board of Education meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Keely Doyle*  
Recording Secretary