

**REGULAR MEETING
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
7:00 PM
Town Hall-Virtual Zoom Meeting**

MINUTES

Present via Zoom Platform: Greg Biggs, Norm Ferron, Hoween Flexer, Janice Joly, Jason Muscara, Kyle Napierata,(7:06) Lydia Rivera-Abrams, and Mr. Doug Farrow. Absent with Notification: Chris Viens.

**Others Present
Via Zoom Platform:** Superintendent Steve Rioux, Assistant Superintendent, Paul Brenton and Keely Doyle, Recording Secretary.

1. Call to Order- Killingly Board of Education Chairperson, Mr. Doug Farrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call- see above

3. Public Comments- 1 public comment was received by KPS bus driver Deborah Saritelli, regarding financial hardships experienced by some bus drivers due to school closures and lack of additional hours.

4. Approval of June 10, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Ferron to approve the June 10, 2020 Board minutes as presented.

Yes- 7

Motion Carries

5. Board Chairman Comments

Mr. Farrow shared that this is Superintendent Rioux's last regular Board meeting. All Board members thanked Mr. Rioux for his guidance, commitment and all his hard work during his past 21 years of service in Killingly and wished him the best in his role as Superintendent in Canterbury. Mr. Farrow presented Mr. Rioux with a gift of appreciation.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to approved the Killingly Memorial School Renovation Addition Project Educational Specifications

Mr. Rioux clarified that the Board's approval is procedural and the process is ongoing. The application must be submitted by June 30th.

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Ms. Flexer to approve the Killingly Memorial School Renovation/Addition Project Education Specifications as presented.

Yes-7

No-1

Motion Carries

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Whitsons 2020-21 Contract Renewal Amendment

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Ms. Joly to approve the 2020-21 Whitson contract amendment as presented.

Yes-8

Motion Carries

8. Discussion and Possible Action regarding transfer into the Unexpended Education Fund Account (Non-Lapsing Account)

Mr. Rioux shared Non-Lapsing Account MOU and past history of transfers for newer Board members. The transfer of funds into the non-lapsing account will most likely not be deposited until 2021. Ms. Rivera-Abrams asked that Mr. Rioux forward the fact sheet that he shared on screen to Board members.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Ms. Joly to approve that the Board request the Town Council to transfer a contribution of \$880,945, or an amount not to exceed the \$2,000,000 maximum balance limit, into the Unexpended Education Fund Account from the 2019-20 fiscal year budget surplus.

Yes- 8

Motion Carries

9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Non-Lapsing Account Withdrawal for the following projects:

9.A. Installation of Natural Gas Systems to KHS

Mr. Alan Carpenter, engineer, shared a PowerPoint regarding a KHS Natural Gas Study. The study included maps, aerial shots, routing options, distance and cost. Engineers met with Eversource. Existing conditions would convert oil to gas. Plans include KCS. Usage analysis of oil versus gas and a savings summary were discussed. Natural gas typically cost 30% less than oil. Savings of about \$50,000-\$55,000 per year after the \$100,000 initial investment. Anticipated savings in the 2020-21 budget.

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Ms. Flexer to approve the use of the Non-Lapsing Account, up to \$100,000, for installation of the Natural Gas System Project at KHS.

Yes-8

Motion Carries

9.B. Installation of Generators at Westfield Avenue

Mr. Rioux shared the rationale behind the need for a generator at the Westfield Ave. building and shared that the building is the district's hub for the district-wide phone system and computer servers. This project will go out to bid.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Ms. Joly to approve the use of the Non-Lapsing Account, up to \$100,000, for installation of generators at Central Office.

Yes-8

Motion Carries

9.C. Repair and Maintenance to the KHS Parking Lot and Driveway

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve the use of the Non-Lapsing Account, up to \$110,000, for the repair/maintenance of the KHS parking lot and driveway.

Yes-7

No-1

Motion Carries

10. Discussion and Possible Action to approve applying for the Community Eligibility Provision at Goodyear Early Childhood Center and Killingly Central School

Mr. Rioux summarized the process for the CEP application, guidelines, calculations of estimated federal reimbursement, logistical and financial considerations.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to approve the Superintendent to apply for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) at Goodyear Early Childhood Center & KCS

Yes-8

Motion Carries

11. Executive Session to Interview Interim Superintendent Candidate(s)

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to enter into executive session to interview candidate for Interim Superintendent.

Yes-8

Motion Carries

The Board entered executive session at 8:24 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 9:26 p.m.

12. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of Interim Superintendent

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to authorize the Board Chairman to negotiate a contract with a potential Interim Superintendent, Dr. Diane Summa.

Yes-8

Motion Carries

13. Adjourn

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to adjourn.

Yes-8

Motion Carries

The June 24, 2020 Killingly Board of Education adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Keely Doyle

Recording Secretary