

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JULY 7, 2020

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on July 7, 2020 via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference (Live Stream). Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Members Present: *Peter Sonski, Joel D'Angelo, Dr. Nelson Rivera, Jennifer Favalora, Shawna Goldfarb, Eileen Blewett, Joanne Nesti, Kathleen Zandi and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *Brenda Buzzi*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Operations, John Mercier, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

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Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Report from Chairman about new BOE Meeting Format and Process Under the Governor's Order:

Board Chair, Sack, updated the Board. She briefly went over the BOE Meeting Format under the Governor's Order.

Public Comment:

Jessica Abramski of Haddam addressed the Board. She spoke about how she is concerned that the use of face masks on children aren't a practical way to send them back to school in the Fall.

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** a motion to move down in the Agenda under the last item, Item A, Status/Update, Discussion, and Next Steps on Upcoming School Year and Item B, Superintendent Year End Review* both set forth under Old Business.*

Motion passed unanimously by Consent from all Board Members.

Consent Agenda:

The donations on the Consent Agenda are made to the school system as a whole, and the Superintendent may direct any monies to specific schools or programs at her discretion.

- A.** Acceptance of a donation in the amount \$1,457.63 from A+ School Rewards to be put in the Student Activity Fund. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- B.** Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$1,985.72 from the Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program to be deposited into the Student Activity Fund. Submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School.

Kathleen Zandi **MOVED** and Joanne Nesti **SECONDED** a motion to accept Items A and B listed on the Consent Agenda with great appreciation.

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by the following Voice Votes:

Kathleen Zandi	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___	Shawna Goldfarb	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___
Peter Sonski	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___	Jennifer Favalora	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___	Joel D'Angelo	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___
Eileen Blewett	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___	Brenda Buzzi	Absent					
Joanne Nesti	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___	Suzanne Sack	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___

New Business:

A. Asset Disposal Request – HKIS/HKMS

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board. She spoke about how the instructional materials are out of date and there are no longer a use for them.

Shawna Goldfarb **MOVED** and Joanne Nesti **SECONDED** a motion to accept the Asset Disposal Request as presented.

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by the following Voice Votes:

Kathleen Zandi	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___	Shawna Goldfarb	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___
Peter Sonski	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___	Jennifer Favalora	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___	Joel D'Angelo	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___
Eileen Blewett	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___	Brenda Buzzi	Absent					
Joanne Nesti	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___	Suzanne Sack	YES	<u>√</u>	NO	___	A	___

From the Superintendent:

- A. **Legislative Update:** *No Report.*
- B. **Personnel Report:** *Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board. She spoke about how she will be preparing a more detailed Personnel Report by the end of summer.*
- C. **Enrollment Report:** *Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board. She advised that the Enrollment Report presented is where the District left off in June. New enrollment numbers for Kindergarten as well as taking off the graduating Seniors will be presented in August. She briefly spoke about current Kindergarten enrollment for the Fall 2020 school year: 65 Kindergarten students enrolled at Burr Elementary School and 46 Kindergarten students enrolled at Killingworth Elementary School.*

Board Discussion/News/Suggestions: *None.*

Old Business:

A. Status/Update, Discussion, and Next Steps on Upcoming School Year

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board. She spoke about State Guidelines for the Reopening of Schools in the Fall and discussed the mitigated requirements to send children back. Also, Superintendent Dr. Hageman discussed school options that will be given to parents: in-person instruction, continue distance learning, or home schooling. A survey will be circulated to parents shortly which will include bus details. To keep update-to-date on the Re-Opening of Schools, you

can find information on the RSD17 website: <https://sites.google.com/rsd17.org/rsd-17-coronavirus-information/superintendents-school-re-opening-updates>

Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Jennifer Favalora **SECONDED** a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of a Personnel Matter.

Motion passed unanimously by Consent from all Board Members.

Executive Session started at approximately 8:45 p.m.

B. Superintendent Year End Review*

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board.

Superintendent Dr. Hageman left the meeting at approximately 9:05 p.m.

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Year End Review.

Executive Session ended at approximately 9:14 p.m.

Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk*

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary