

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**EDUCATION SESSION MEETING**  
**JUNE 16, 2020**

*A regular meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 16, 2020 via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference (Live Stream). Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.*

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

**Members Absent:** *None.*

**Also Present:** *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Ann Adriani, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Adam Apicella, Student Services Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, 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 7:04 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 and advised that the Agenda and meeting materials have been posted and can be located on the RSD17 website for public viewing.*

**Public Comment:**

*Maura Wallin of Higganum addressed the Board. She spoke about changing the name of Christopher Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day.*

**New Business:**

**A. Year-end Fund Balance Transfers**

*Eileen Blewett updated the Board. She spoke about the Year-End Fund Balance Transfers for 19/20 and discussed with the Board the options for COVID-19 related expenditures that the District may need when the guidelines are laid out for the Opening of School for the 20-21 Academic Year. As it stands now, there is approximately \$500,000 for use and a quarterly report will be provided to the Board regarding same. Eileen also spoke on items that the District could benefit from: Purchasing a Payloader from the Town of Haddam Public Works Department at \$9,000, purchasing broader and more diverse library books for the K-12 Levels at approximately \$7,500 and carpet replacement opportunities.*

There was a 100% Consensus of the Board for Ann Adriani to identify these items and to support the Year-End Balance Transfers of approximately \$500,000 less approximately \$7,500 for the Library Books and the remaining balance be used for COVID-19 related expenses.

John Mercier will find out how much we paid the last few years on snow removal and bring it back to the Board.

**Old Business:**

**A. Status/Update, Discussion, and Next Steps on School Building Closure and Distance Learning, Year-end Activities, and Summer Learning Opportunities, and Reopening for the Fall**  
Superintendent Dr. Hageman spoke on the District’s Year-End Activities, HKHS Summer Graduation Ceremony, launching a new Summer Learning Opportunity Site and Reopening of Schools in the Fall. She is waiting on State Guidelines for the Reopening of Schools.

Kathleen Zandi **MOVED** and Joanne Nesti **SECONDED** a motion to add as the last item on the Agenda Personnel Matters\*.

Motion unanimously passed 10-0-0 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 Favolora	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	YES <u>√</u>	NO ___	A ___
Joanne Nesti	YES <u>√</u>	NO ___	A ___	Suzanne Sack	YES <u>√</u>	NO ___	A ___

**B. Report from Director of Operations:**

- a. Update on the Field House Project
- b. State Reimbursement for Energy Project

John Mercier spoke briefly on the Field House Project bids and waiting for the Public Building Committee to make a recommendation to the Board. He also gave a brief update on the State Reimbursement progress.

**C. Superintendent Year End Review Criteria and Contract Evergreen\***

Board Chair, Sack, briefly spoke on the Superintendent’s Year-End Review Criteria.

The Consensus of the Board was that the Criteria will be a good guide to give the Superintendent’s Evaluation at the end of the year.

Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to enter into Executive Session.

Motion unanimously passed 10-0-0 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 Favolora	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	YES <u>√</u>	NO ___	A ___
Joanne Nesti	YES <u>√</u>	NO ___	A ___	Suzanne Sack	YES <u>√</u>	NO ___	A ___

**The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 8:44 p.m.**

**D. Personnel Matters\*:**

*Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, updated the Board on some Personnel Matters.*

*Superintendent Dr. Hageman left the meeting at 9:12 p.m.*

*The Board discussed Superintendent Dr. Hageman's Evergreen Clause for her Contract.*

**The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:17 p.m.**

*Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion to agree to Evergreen Superintendent Dr. Hageman's Contract with contract terms to be determined at a later date.*

*Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following Voice Votes:*

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

*Board Chair, Sack, spoke briefly about the work Superintendent Dr. Hageman has done during her first year in the role.*

*Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:21 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jamie Sciascia  
Board Clerk*

*Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary*