

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - EDUCATION SESSION
April 21, 2020

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 21, 2020 in the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Members Present: *Brenda Buzzi, Joel D'Angelo, Kathleen Zandi (Joined at 5:47 PM), Eileen Blewett, Dr. Nelson Rivera, Joanne Nesti, Jennifer Favalora, Shawna Goldfarb, Peter Sonski, and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *None.*

Also Present: *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, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, Student Services Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dolores Bates, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School, Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary School, Brienne Whidden, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, Curriculum Coordinators, Heather Rigatti and Jennifer Beermuender, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Public Comment: *Nicole Harlow from Higganum addressed the Board.*

Report from Chairman about new BOE Meeting Format and Process Under the Governor's Order: *Board Chair, Sack, updated the Board.*

Board Liaison Reports:

A. Curriculum Subcommittee

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board.

Principal Donna Hayward updated the Board.

Old Business:

A. Status/Update, Discussion, and Next Steps on School Building Closure and Distance Learning

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board.

Board Member, Brenda Buzzi, left the meeting at approximately 6:01 p.m.

Principal Donna Hayward updated the Board.

Dr. Kris Lindsay updated the Board.

Board Member, Brenda Buzzi, rejoined the meeting at approximately 6:22 p.m.

Board Member, Joel D'Angelo left the meeting.

B. Report from Director of Operations:

a. Update on the Field House Project

John Mercier updated the Board.

b. Update on BES and KES Oil Tank Projects

John Mercier updated the Board.

New Business:

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

a. Invoices for Payment to MJ Daly and Mercury Electric

John Mercier updated the Board.

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Shawna Goldfarb **SECONDED** a motion to approve both invoices as presented. Mercury Electric in the amount of \$13,699.74 and \$60,000 to MJ Daly representing a portion of their retained funds.*

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

Kathleen Zandi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Shawna Goldfarb	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Sonski	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Favalora	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joel D'Angelo	Absent		
Eileen Blewett	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Buzzi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

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 of \$32.92 from Lathrop Vending, Inc. to be deposited into the Student Activity Fund. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- B.** Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$1,200 from Kathy Godrick to be used for Camperships for students in need at the end of this school year and to be deposited into the Student Activity Account – Bill C Scholarship Fund. Submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School.
- C.** Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$150.00 from Carol A. Cieslukowski to be used for Camperships for students in need at the end of this school year and to be deposited into the Student Activity Account – Bill C. Submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School.

*Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Joanne Nesti **SECONDED** a motion to accept Consent Items A-C as presented with gratitude.*

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

Kathleen Zandi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Shawna Goldfarb	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Sonski	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Favalora	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joel D'Angelo	Absent		
Eileen Blewett	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Buzzi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

Budget Transfers:

Ann Adriani updated the Board.

*Eileen Blewett **MOVED** and Peter Sonski **SECONDED** a motion to accept the Budget Transfers as presented.*

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

Kathleen Zandi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Shawna Goldfarb	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Sonski	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Favalora	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joel D'Angelo	Absent		
Eileen Blewett	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Buzzi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at approximately 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk*

*Approval: _____ Date: _____
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary*