

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**March 3, 2020**

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 3, 2020 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.*

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

**Members Absent:** *None*

**Also Present:** *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Operations for RSD 17, John Mercier, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Adam Apicella, Lynne Flint, Dolores Bates, Student Representatives, Lauren Miller and Matthew Jennings, Michele Loso, Seward and Monde, President of HK Education Association, Robin Duffield, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

**Visitors:** *3*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:**

*Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

**Public Comment:** *Maura Wallin of Haddam addressed the Board.*

*The Board gave **CONSENT WITH NO OBJECTIONS** to move Item 9A, Annual Audit Report, Michele Loso, Seward and Monde, up on the Agenda set forth under New Business*

*Board Chair, Sack, held off on moving Item 9A up on the Agenda and proceeded with the regular scheduled Agenda.*

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Approval of Minutes for the following Board Meetings:*

- A. Approval of Minutes from the Board of Education – Special Meeting held on January 14, 2020
- B. Approval of Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on February 4, 2020
- C. Approval of Minutes from the Board of Education – Special Meeting held on February 24, 2020

*Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Shawna Goldfarb **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes as presented.*

*Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following Show of Hands:*

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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>

**Report from Student Representatives:**

*Lauren Miller and Matthew Jennings updated the Board.*

*Principal Donna Hayward, Adam Apicella, Lynne Flint, Dolores Bates, Representatives, Lauren Miller and Matthew Jennings, left the meeting at approximately 7:14 p.m.*

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** a motion to **AMEND** the Agenda to move Item 9A, Annual Audit Report, Michele Loso, Seward and Monde up on the Agenda set forth under New Business.*

*Unanimous Consensus of the Board is to approve the Amendment.*

**New Business:**

**A. Annual Audit Report, Michele Loso, Seward and Monde**

*Michele Loso updated the Board.*

*Michele Loso left the meeting at approximately 7:21 p.m.*

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to move Item 9B, BES Carpet Project, up on the Agenda set forth under New Business.*

*Unanimous Consensus of the Board is to approve the above Motion.*

**New Business:**

**B. BES Carpet Project**

*Vice Chair, Peter Sonski, updated the Board.*

*John Mercier updated the Board.*

*Shawna Goldfarb **MOVED** and Peter Sonski **SECONDED** a motion to expend but not exceed \$45,000 for the installation and material of BES Carpeting.*

*Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following 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 Committee Reports and Future Meetings**

**A. Facilities Subcommittee**

*Board Vice-Chair, Sonski, updated the Board.*

**B. Finance Subcommittee**

*Eileen Blewett updated the Board.*

**C. Policy Subcommittee**

*Joanne Nesti updated the Board.*

**D. Communications Subcommittee**

*Jen Favalora updated the Board.*

**E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee**

*Board Chair, Sack, updated the Board.*

**Board Liaison Reports**

**A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council**

*No Report.*

**B. LEARN**

*Board Chair, Sack, updated the Board.*

**C. Park & Recreation**

*No Report.*

**D. Haddam Board of Selectmen**

*Brenda Buzzi updated the Board.*

**E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen**

*Kathleen Zandi updated the Board.*

**Old Business:** *No Reports.*

**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 \$565.00 by an anonymous donor (school parent) to be used as scholarship funds for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Trip and to be deposited into the Student Activity Fund. Submitted by Dolores Bates, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$39.55 from Lathrop Vending, Inc. to be deposited into the Student Activity Fund. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- C. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$47.65 from an Anonymous Donor (Community Member) to be deposited into the Student Activity Fund. Submitted by Dolores Bates, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- D. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$80.78 from an Anonymous Donor (Community Member) to be deposited into the Student Activity Fund. Submitted by Dolores Bates, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.

*Kathleen Zandi **MOVED** and Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion to approve Consent Items A-D as presented with great appreciation.*

*Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following Show of Hands:*

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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

Eileen Blewett YES  NO  A   
Joanne Nesti YES  NO  A

Brenda Buzzi YES  NO  A   
Suzanne Sack YES  NO  A

**From the Superintendent:**

**A. Legislative Update**

*Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board.*

**B. Personnel Report**

*Dr. Holly Hageman advised that the Personnel Report has been provided in the BOE Packet. She stated if anyone had any questions on the report, please feel free to contact her.*

**C. Enrollment Report**

*Dr. Holly Hageman advised that the Enrollment Report has been provided in the BOE Packet. She stated if anyone had any questions on the report, please feel free to contact her.*

**From the Director of Fiscal Operations:**

**A. Budget Transfers**

*No Report.*

**Board Discussion/News/Suggestions:** *Superintendent Dr. Hageman spoke about how she is carefully monitoring the Coronavirus situation. The District Custodians are doing extra cleaning, school nurses are monitoring absences, Principals are giving daily reminders to students about proper handwashing. She spoke briefly about the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. and how they are keeping a close eye out on it in case a cancellation needs to take place if the Coronavirus affects that area of D.C.*

*Board Member, Kathleen Zandi, asked about the Board Candidate Selection process for the Town of Haddam. Board Member, Brenda Buzzi, went over the Candidate Selection Process, how there is a Town meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> and two Candidates will be chosen: one from the Democratic party and one candidate from the Republican party (or one from an Independent party) and then it will go to a Town Vote.*

**Public Comment:** *Jeff Sturges of Haddam addressed the Board.*

**Adjournment:**

*Board Chair, Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:52 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jamie Sciascia*

*Board Clerk*

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