

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - EDUCATION SESSION
February 25, 2020

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on February 25, 2020 in the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Joel D'Angelo*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Director of Athletics, Lynne Flint, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dolores Bates, Director of Operations for RSD17, John Mercier, Curriculum Coordinator, Heather Rigatti, HKHS Band Teacher, Tim D'Amato, HKHS Chorus Teacher, Marcy Webster, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 25*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Public Comment: *None.*

Cougar Pride:

A. HKHS Girls Cross-Country Class SS Champions

Superintendent Dr. Holly Hageman and Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, gave recognition to the Haddam-Killingworth High School Girls Cross Country Team for winning the Class SS State Championship on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019. The following HKHS Girls were recognized: Meara Bodak, Julia Callis, Lauren D'Amico, Ava DiMatteo, Isabel Berardino, Ali Twachtman and Brianna Minervino.

Board Chair, Sack, congratulated them and handed the Cross-Country Girls a Certificate for their wonderful achievement.

B. HKMS Patriot's Pen Statewide Honor

Superintendent Dr. Holly Hageman and Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, gave recognition to Jonah Keithan-Resnick who won the HKMS Patriot's Pen Statewide Honor in writing his "What Makes America Great" essay. He is the first State winner from RSD17 and will compete in the national competition in Washington, DC. 8th Grade History Teacher, Kate O'Mara and 8th Grade History Teacher, Greg Cumpstone, also were honored as Noah's teachers.

Board Chair, Sack, congratulated Noah and handed him a Certificate for his wonderful achievement.

*Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to move up on the Agenda Item 6A, HKHS Music Department Trip to Boston, MA – April 22-25, 2021 set forth under New Business.*

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the 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"/>
Gerry Matthews	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"/>

New Business

A. HKHS Music Department Trip to Boston, MA – April 22-25, 2021

Marcy Webster addressed the Board.

Tim D'Amato addressed the Board.

*Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion approve the HKHS Music Department Trip to Boston, MA – April 22-25, 2021 as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following 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"/>
Gerry Matthews	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"/>

Marcy Webster and Tim D'Amato left the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Board Liaison Reports:

A. Curriculum Subcommittee: K-8 Math Program Recommendation

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board.

Kathleen Zandi updated the Board.

Heather Rigatti updated the Board.

The K-8 Program will come to the Board at the next Education Session for approval.

Heather Rigatti left the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Old Business:

A. High School Fieldhouse Project: Approval for the Scope of the Project

Board Vice-Chair, Sonski, updated the Board.

John Mercier updated the Board.

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion approve Categories 1, 2 & 3 as well as the Gymnasium Lighting portion of Category 4 not to exceed \$1.2 Million.*

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following votes:

Kathleen Zandi YES NO ___ A ___
 Peter Sonski YES NO ___ A ___
 Gerry Matthews YES NO ___ A ___
 Joel D'Angelo Absent
 Brenda Buzzi YES NO ___ A ___

Shawna Goldfarb YES NO ___ A ___
 Jennifer Favalora YES NO ___ A ___
 Dr. Nelson Rivera YES NO ___ A ___
 Eileen Blewett YES NO ___ A ___
 Joanne Nesti YES NO ___ A ___
 Suzanne Sack YES NO ___ A ___

Principal Donna Hayward and Lynne Flint left the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Old Business:

B. Superintendent's Mid-Year Review*

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Gerry Matthews **SECONDED** a motion to move down on the Agenda under Public Comment Item 5B, Superintendent's Mid-Year Review set forth under Old Business.*

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

Kathleen Zandi YES NO ___ A ___
 Peter Sonski YES NO ___ A ___
 Gerry Matthews YES NO ___ A ___
 Joel D'Angelo Absent
 Brenda Buzzi YES NO ___ A ___

Shawna Goldfarb YES NO ___ A ___
 Jennifer Favalora YES NO ___ A ___
 Dr. Nelson Rivera YES NO ___ A ___
 Eileen Blewett YES NO ___ A ___
 Joanne Nesti YES NO ___ A ___
 Suzanne Sack YES NO ___ A ___

Board Discussion/News/Suggestions

A. 2020-21 Budget Timelines

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board.

Board Member, Gerry Matthews, gave his official resignation to the Board and read his letter into the record.

Board Member, Brenda Buzzi, spoke of how wonderful it is to see the new Curriculum Coordinators doing a fantastic job and being so passionate about their job, and thanked Superintendent Dr. Hageman for her amazing Leadership in the District.

Board Chair, Sack, reminded the Board of the next Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for March 25, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment: *None.*

Old Business:

B. Superintendent's Mid-Year Review*

Board Chair, Sack, updated the Board.

*Jennifer Favalora **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding Superintendent's Mid-Year Review.*

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

Kathleen Zandi YES NO A
Peter Sonski YES NO A
Gerry Matthews YES NO A
Joel D'Angelo Absent
Brenda Buzzi YES NO A

Shawna Goldfarb YES NO A
Jennifer Favalora YES NO A
Dr. Nelson Rivera YES NO A
Eileen Blewett YES NO A
Joanne Nesti YES NO A
Suzanne Sack YES NO A

Executive Session started at approximately: 8:55 p.m.

Executive Session:

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Mid-Year Review.

Executive Session ended at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary