

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION
October 15, 2019**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on October 15, 2019 in the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: *Kathleen Zandi, Gerry Matthews, Joel D'Angelo, Peter Sonski, Eileen Blewett, Maura Wallin, Suzanne Sack, and Joanne Nesti*

Members Absent: *Sue Williams, Eric Couture and Brenda Buzzi*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, RSD17 Director of Operations, John Mercier, Interim Director of Finance, Jason Lathrop, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Adam Apicella, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dolores Bates, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School, Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary, Brienne Whidden, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, Director of Food Services, Sharon Shettleworth, Director of Athletics, Lynne Flint, Head of Facilities, Rob Albert, STA Manager, Cathy Luisi, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 9*

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

Public Comment: *None.*

*Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to move up on the Agenda under New Business, 4D, Food Service/Authorized Signature.*

Motion passed unanimously 8-0-0 by the following Show of Hands:

Suzanne Sack	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Joel D'Angelo	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Peter Sonski	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Eileen Blewett	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Maura Wallin	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Brenda Buzzi	Absent
Eric Couture	Absent	Gerry Matthews	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Sue Williams	Absent	Kathleen Zandi	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
		Joanne Nesti	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>

New Business:

D. Food Service/Authorized Signature

Sharon Shettleworth updated the Board. She briefly spoke about how the State needs new Authorized Signatures for Food Service since positions have changed. Looking to add Superintendent Dr. Hageman and John Mercier.

Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Authorized Signature Change Form as presented.

Motion passed unanimously 8-0-0 by the following votes:

Suzanne Sack	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"/>
Peter Sonski	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"/>
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Buzzi	Absent		
Eric Couture	Absent			Gerry Matthews	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Sue Williams	Absent			Kathleen Zandi	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"/>

Old Business:

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

a) Update on State Reimbursement and Project Bonding

Jason Lathrop updated the Board. He spoke about finalizing capital at 1.23%, Bonding and Short Term Notes payoff. Jason also spoke about change orders.

B. Finance Committee Update/ Transportation Analysis

Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She spoke about securing a transportation agreement effective July 1st and stated Peter Sonski has been working on it. She spoke about reviewing statutory obligations of the Board, comparing provisions and services of other agreements, consulting with advisors, evaluating STA renewal options and gathering all and any data to provide to the Board.

Peter Sonski updated the Board. He spoke on the Driver pools, vehicle sizes and capacity, vehicles transportation for special needs services, route planning, vehicle security, fueling, maintenance and repair services, repair facilities, complaint resolution process, district ligation for transportation, out of district translation, special education, vocational programs, cooperative opp with neighbor district, enhance. He further stated how there are 6 major bus companies within our region, and STA has been with us for 10 years and a good partner. He stated how July 1st a new agreement will be executed and encouraged people to get involved, listening sessions from the public, requests, community input.

A board discussion followed how to approach the Community on the transportations topic, possibly a survey and also speaking to Mark Lungren.

Superintendent. Dr. Hageman stated that she spoke with STA General Managaer and they would like to keep the transportation contract and fulfill their commitment to the District, address concerns and questions, approve their service and will be interested in any counter offer, if one exists.

Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to amend the Agenda and add the discussion of a BOE School Calendar item.

Motion passed unanimously 8-0-0 by the following Show of Hands:

Suzanne Sack YES NO A
 Peter Sonski YES NO A
 Maura Wallin YES NO A
 Eric Couture Absent
 Sue Williams Absent

Joel D'Angelo YES NO A
 Eileen Blewett YES NO A
 Brenda Buzzi Absent
 Gerry Matthews YES NO A
 Kathleen Zandi YES NO A
 Joanne Nesti YES NO A

Superintendent Dr. Holly Hageman updated the Board. She spoke about State Statutes and setting the last day of the school year now as a tentative date of Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Also, Superintendent Dr. Hageman brought to the Board's attention that on the 19-20 School Calendar, Monday, December 23, 2019 is a half day and feels that it is odd that staff and operations are up and running. Therefore, she asked that the Board consider changing this to a day off and amending the revisions on the calendar.

*Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Gerry Matthews **SECONDED** a motion to approve the BOE Calendar for 2020 as presented with changing the December 23, 2019 to no school for staff and students, and extending the last date of school until June 9, 2020.*

Motion passed unanimously 8-0-0 by the following votes:

Suzanne Sack YES NO A
 Peter Sonski YES NO A
 Maura Wallin YES NO A
 Eric Couture Absent
 Sue Williams Absent

Joel D'Angelo YES NO A
 Eileen Blewett YES NO A
 Brenda Buzzi Absent
 Gerry Matthews YES NO A
 Kathleen Zandi YES NO A
 Joanne Nesti YES NO A

C. BOE Calendar 2020 (Second Read)

Superintendent Hageman updated the Board. She spoke on how she emailed the new version of the calendar to the Board, the Annual Hearing date will now be April 14, 2020 and spoke on several options for Board meetings during the months of February, July and August 2020.

The Board had further discussion about Board dates for Budget. Consensus was to approve the Calendar and cancel out dates, if need be.

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Gerry Matthews **SECONDED** a motion to approve the BOE Calendar for 2020 as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 8-0-0 by the following votes:

Suzanne Sack YES NO A
 Peter Sonski YES NO A
 Maura Wallin YES NO A
 Eric Couture Absent
 Sue Williams Absent

Joel D'Angelo YES NO A
 Eileen Blewett YES NO A
 Brenda Buzzi Absent
 Gerry Matthews YES NO A
 Kathleen Zandi YES NO A
 Joanne Nesti YES NO A

New Business:

A. 2019-2020 Continuous Improvement Plans—Presentations

Principal Dennis Reed updated the Board.
Principal Brienne Whidden updated the Board.
Principal Eric Larson updated the Board.
Principal Dolores Bates updated the Board.
Principal Donna Hayward updated the Board.

B. Facilities Committee Update—HKHS Field House Floor

John Mercier updated the Board.
Principal Hayward updated the Board.
Lynne Flint updated the Board.
Rob Albert updated the Board.

C. Personnel Matter: Curriculum Leadership

Superintendent Hageman updated the Board.

Joel D'Angelo MOVED and Maura Wallin SECONDED a motion to approve the creation of two Curriculum Coordinator positions to replace the Assistant Superintendent position, and that the Personnel and Evaluation Sub-committee work with the Superintendent on a cost analysis that would keep the new positions cost-neutral or better.

Motion passed unanimously 8-0-0 by the following votes:

Suzanne Sack	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"/>
Peter Sonski	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"/>
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Buzzi	Absent		
Eric Couture	Absent			Gerry Matthews	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Sue Williams	Absent			Kathleen Zandi	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"/>

Public Comment: *Neal Perron of Haddam Neck addressed the Board. He wanted to thank the Board for the Leadership and their hard work before the new Board takes place in November.*

Adjournment:

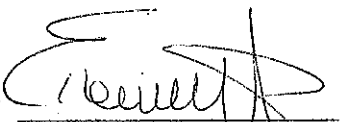
Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at approximately 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

Approval:


Eileen Blewett, Secretary

Date:

11/12/19