

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

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

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

Members Absent: *None*

Also Present: *Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, RSD17 Director of Operations, John Mercier, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Adam Apicella, STA Manager, Cathy Luisi, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 3*

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:

Shawna Goldfarb of Haddam addressed the Board. She had a question on whether or not the presentation for HKHS Class of 2019 Graduate Report would be held in Executive Session or in front of Community.

*Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Gerry Matthews **SECONDED** a motion to move up on the Agenda under New Business, 4A, Recognition of Resident State Trooper Enrico Milardo and 4B, HKHS Class of 2019 Report.*

Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0 by the following Show of Hands:

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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	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"/>
Sue Williams	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>

New Business:

A. Recognition of Resident State Trooper Enrico Milardo

Board Chair, Nesti, spoke on behalf of the Board about Resident State Trooper Enrico Milardo. She stated how Rico retiring at the end of September after 22 years, he is such a wonderful friend and partner to the RSD 17 and he has had such a wonderful relationship with the Community. She thanked him for his dedication and for his services and presented him with a plaque on behalf of Regional School District #17.

Dr. Holly Hageman spoke about Resident State Trooper Enrico Milardo. She stated that in addition to all the awards he received from the CT State Police, he was a really involved member of the Community, HKY&FS, and Healthy Community Healthy Coalition. Principal Hayward left a few remarks for Dr. Hageman to read about how he is a critical member of high school team, and he is their go to resource bringing his humor and camaraderie to the side lines as well. She also said that Rico took time out of his day to talk to the students about their choices whether they would positive or negativity affect their life path. Lastly, Principal Hayward stated how they were happy for his retirement but it would be such a tremendous loss for the Community. Dr. Hageman stated how Rico has always been very calming, reassuring and reliable in the most important ways which has been great.

Resident State Trooper Enrico Milardo spoke about how he appreciated the positive relationships he has made, he knows that those relationships will continue and it is very important to have now a days. He also said he will miss everyone and stated how he is looking forward to the next chapter of his life.

B. HKHS Class of 2019 Report

Principal Donna Hayward updated the Board. She spoke about The Class of 2019 at a Glance, which included Community Service Hours completed, number of articulated courses completed by the group and the total number of Scholarship awards. She went over the total number of College Applications in 2019 versus in 2018, the 2019 Accepted by a Competitive Level of College, Class of 2019 Post Secondary Plans, the Influence on College Choice for things like location, financial aid, etc. Principal Hayward addressed the Class of 2019 Intended College Majors, the Percentage of Students with Post-Secondary Experience.

Old Business:

A. HES Sale

a) Asset Disposal List

John Mercier updated the Board. He spoke about moving everything from HES to Burr, the First Selectmen came from both towns, including the volunteer fire department and HK Rec, town organizations to see if they wanted anything. He further spoke about reaching out to moving companies to see if they can move out what's left. He went over the details of those companies and pricing. The Board had further conversations about possibly holding a fundraiser for left over items. John also stated that the folding chairs, piano will remain in the HES building.

Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion accept the Asset Disposal List as presented.

Motion passed 9-1-1 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	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Gerry Matthews	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Sue Williams	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>

b) Update on Sale Agreement

Board Chair, Nesti, updated the Board. She spoke about the closing date scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd at Attorney Richard Carella's Middletown office at 10 a.m. The final walk thorough of the building is scheduled for September 22nd. The town has signed the sales agreement, maps have been provided and returned today.

B. Central Office Operations Reorganization

Dr. Holly Hageman updated the Board. She spoke about how she is in the process of securing an interim finance director and it is a very slow process. She also stated that she would like an outside group to do an analysis of the CO operations to find out what is working efficiently and what isn't, what operations we need, etc. They are scheduled to start later in the week. Superintendent Dr. Hageman handed out a one-page overview of the Summary of the Project with associated costs.

The Board had further discussions on costs and using an outside firm to review operations and reorganization at Central Office.

Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** the Proposal Fee amount of \$22,000 to Blum Shapiro as presented.

Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0 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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	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"/>
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				Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

C. Superintendent Search*

Joel D'Angelo updated the Board. He spoke on the survey that went out to the Community; 371 responders for the search of the new superintendent. Parents, non-parents, staff, students and town officials completed it. He briefly spoke on the focus groups that were held. He went over criteria, professional work experience and comments from the survey.

D. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

a) Finance Committee Update on Project Financing

Board Chair, Nesti, updated the Board. She spoke about the Boiler Project and the punch list of items from the Commissioning agent. Boilers are functioning and the contractor is now waiting to make sure that all systems are functioning properly when colder weather arrives.

Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She spoke about how the financing is paid for the project with short term debt; \$7.2 million in bonds will be used to pay off part of the \$8.5 Million short-term debt incurred during the project, with balance to come from additional state reimbursements. The bonds would be for a ten year term. Bidding is scheduled for early October. Suzanne briefly went over credit rating which is at Aa.

Board Member, Sue Williams left the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at approximately 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

Approval: 
Eileen Blewett, Secretary

Date: 11/12/19