

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 3, 2019**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on September 3, 2019 at Central Office in the Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Sue Williams*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dolores Bates, STA Manager, Cathy Luisi, Berchem and Moses, PC, Attorney Brian Lema, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: 3

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:

Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: *None.*

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for the following Board Meetings:

- A. Approval of Minutes for the July 18, 2019 Board of Education – Special Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes for the July 31, 2019 Board of Education – Special Meeting

*Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve Minutes A-B as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 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	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"/>

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

- A. **Facilities Subcommittee**
No Report.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Suzanne Sack updated the Board. The Committee met and spoke about insurance evaluation, Bonding, monthly expenditures over 5,000, Transportation contract.

C. Policy Subcommittee

Eric Couture updated the Board. He spoke about meeting on September 24th, reviewing the cleaned copy of Shipman's policies and what it would look like for District. He asked for two other Board Members for policy review to come to the meeting. He spoke briefly on Social Media Policy.

D. Communications Subcommittee

Gerry Matthews updated the Board. The Committee met and the consensus is to advance the Board of Education Communication, with cell phones, internet etc. Brenda will take a look at the BOE Facebook that are able to communicate current information about the Board. Also, spoke about the publications and all the wonderful things that are happening at RSD17.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She spoke about Exit Interviews and the process to ensure that everyone who is resigning from the District gets a letter from the Superintendent. The Committee starting a conversation about surveys done in all schools.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

No Report.

B. LEARN

No Report.

C. Park & Recreation

Peter Sonski updated the Board. The Committee spoke about Summer Programs, and concerns that Park and Rec has that a number of programs offered are 1-4 hosted either Burr or KES, they continue to offer it to 4th graders but now they are at the Intermediate School and now need transportation and timing is an issue. Asked Superintendent Dr. Hageman to follow up on this. Dr. Hageman asked whether Park and Rec would offer any programs at HKIS at a later date. Peter said it would be harder to offer at a third location.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

No Report.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

No Report.

Old Business:

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

a. Report from the Director of Operations and Project Manager

b. Report from Public Building Committee

John Mercier updated the Board. He spoke about the Boiler room projects, small punch list of items to complete, transfer ownership on September 16th and all financial documents we have already. The lighting project has some motion sensors that will need to be worked on, Auditorium Project foot lighting has been ordered, Lobby floor was stained over the weekend and looks great. Roof Project is complete waiting on reimbursement and Photovoltaic Project is complete.

B. HES Sale*

Eric Couture MOVED and Gerry Matthews SECONDED a motion to move down in the Agenda under the second Public Comment, Item 6B, HES Sale set forth under Old Business.

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 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"/>
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C. Central Office Operations Reorganization

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board. She spoke on how they are researching to bring in a consultant for CO operations, and HR. Begun some initial investigation what that service would cost and provide and would come back to Board at next meeting with more information.

D. Superintendent Search

Joel D'Angelo updated the Board. He spoke about engaging CES and how they created an online survey which 371 Community members responded. 199 were parents, 124 identified as non-parents with some overlap on the numbers. There were 3 Focus group sessions held and 38 was the total number of participants. Joel just received from CES the information that was compiled and will give a presentation at the next Board meeting about this.

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 his discretion.

- A. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from United Way. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$15.23 from Lathrop Vending. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- C. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Haddam Junior Women's Club. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- D. Acceptance of a donation of a gift of books (Approx \$200 Value) donated by Brainerd Memorial Library to be used to specifically enhance the teaching of the 18th Century to youth in the Community. Submitted by Dolores Bates, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.

Kathleen Zandi MOVED and Brenda Buzzi SECONDED a motion to approve Item A-D listed on the Consent Agenda with great appreciation.

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 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"/>
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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 Absent

Kathleen Zandi

YES NO A

Joanne Nesti

YES NO A

Principal Dolores Bates left the meeting at approximately 7.35 p.m.

Opening of Schools:

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board. She said it was a very positive and energetic start to the school year, she was present in all of the schools on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. She sat in on assemblies at the Middle School and Intermediate School Levels and saw energy, school sprit which matched what we believe in. She was at KES on the first day and saw parents dropping off their children and they were guided into school by teachers in a very caring way. She also spoke briefly about buses being late the first few days of school.

From the Superintendent:

A. Legislative Update

Superintendent Dr. Holly Hageman updated the Board. She spoke about receiving the Annual Legislation update and will bring to the Board with any polices that she would like to bring to their attention.

B. Personnel Report

Superintendent Dr. Hageman advised that the Personnel Report has been provided in the BOE Packet. If you have any questions on the report, please feel free to contact her directly.

C. Enrollment Report

Superintendent Dr. Hageman advised that the Enrollment Report has been provided in the BOE Packet. If you have any questions on the report, please feel free to contact her directly.

From the Director of Fiscal Operations:

A. Budget Transfers

No Report.

Board Discussion/News/Suggestions: None.

Public Comment: None.

Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a Real Estate Transaction, for the sale of HES and inviting Attorney Brian Lema into the meeting.

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

Suzanne Sack	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"/>
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Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

Executive Session:

The Board had discussion of the Purchase and Sales Contract of HES.

The Board ended Executive Session and Resumed Public Session at 8:45 p.m.

Eric Couture **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Purchase and Sales Agreement of HES to the Town of Haddam.

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

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Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Purchase and Sales Agreement with the Haddam Land Trust.

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

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Eric Couture **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Haddam as presented.

Motion passed 9-1-0 by the following votes:

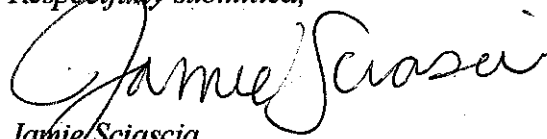
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The Board ended Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

Approval:



Eileen Blewett, Secretary

Date:

11/12/19