

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION MEETING
April 23, 2019

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 23, 2019 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Sue Williams and Gerry Matthews*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Head of PE & Health, Meagan Sears, RSD17 School Phycologist, Dayleen Nelson, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: 8

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:

Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Howey Field of Haddam addressed the Board.

Board Liaison Reports:

A. Curriculum Council

Kathleen Zandi updated the Board.

B. Curriculum Subcommittee Update and Items for Approval

- A) HKHS Mastery Portfolio**
- B) HKHS Advanced Placement Calculus BC**
- C) HKHS Health Course**
- D) K-8 Health Curriculum**
- E) HKIS Applied Academics Courses**

Kathleen Zandi updated the Board.

Dr. Holly Hageman updated the Board

Principal Donna Hayward updated the Board.

Meagan Sears updated the Board.

*Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion to approve the HKHS Mastery Portfolio Course as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by the following Show of Hands:

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

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

*Eric Couture **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve the HKHS Advanced Placement Calculus BC as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by the following Show of Hands:

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

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

*Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve the HKHS Health Course as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by the following Show of Hands:

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

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

*Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Eileen Maura **SECONDED** a motion to approve the K-5 Second Step Program as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by the following Show of Hands:

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

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

*Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve the HKIS Applied Academics Courses as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by the following Show of Hands:

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

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

Old Business:

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

a) Report from Public Building Committee

Board Chair, Nesti, updated the Board.

*Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve the invoice for payment from Shea Electric in the amount of \$143,697.47 as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by the following Show of Hands:

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

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

*Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve the invoice for payment from MJ Daly in the amount of \$26,427.17 as presented.*

Motion passed 8-0-1 by the following Show of Hands:

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

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

Board Chair, Nesti, also updated the Board on an invoice which didn't require Board approval since it is under the threshold amount from Mercury Electric in the amount of \$8,727.64.

B. Strategic Capital Planning Committee Report

Suzanne Sack updated the Board.

C. High School Blue Ribbon Signage

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

The Board had discussion and approved the HKHS Blue Ribbon Signage from One Look Sign Company in the amount of \$4,704.15 to be made and installed as soon as possible.

New Business:

A. BOE June Meeting Schedule

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

The Board had discussion about a change in the June 18th Board of Education – Education Session meeting. They agreed upon an alternate date of Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at Central Office at 7:00 p.m. Also, the SCPC meeting is rescheduled to June 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at Central Office instead of June 18th.

B. Personnel Matters*

Suzanne Sack updated the Board.

*Joel D’Angelo **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to move up Item 6, Public Comment on the Agenda.*

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 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	Absent
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:

Marie Fields of Haddam addressed the Board.

*Eric Couture **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding some Personnel Matters, and to invite Dr. Holly Hageman and Principal Donna Hayward into the meeting.*

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 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	Absent
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"/>

The Board Entered into Executive Session at 8:51 PM.

Executive Session:

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board on Assistant Principal position.

Superintendent Thiery discussed and updated the Board on the New Technology Integration position. The position will remain Library Media Specialist.

Superintendent Thiery discussed with the Board a working relationship with Youth and Family Services.

No motions or action taken.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk*

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Eileen Blewett, Secretary