

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - EDUCATION SESSION
October 16, 2018**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on October 16, 2018 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: *Sue Twachtman, Brenda Buzzi (Arrived at approximately 7:04 PM), Kathleen Zandi, Eileen Blewett, Maura Wallin, Peter Sonski, Suzanne Sack, Eric Couture and Joanne Nesti*

Members Absent: *Gerry Matthews & Joel D'Angelo*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Haddam-Killingworth High School Film Teacher, Chuck Lewis, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam Elementary School, Brienne Whidden, Principal of Burr Elementary School, Eric Larson, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Interim Assistant Principal, Dolores Bates, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 2*

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.*

Old Business

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

- a) Report from Public Building Committee
Eric Couture updated the Board.
Board Chair, Nesti, updated the Board.
Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

*Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion to approve payment of all four invoices as presented.*

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	Absent
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 Twachtman	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. Strategic Capital Planning Committee Report

Board Vice Chair, Suzanne Sack, updated the Board.

*Suzanne Sack **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to move up on the Agenda Item 4C, Seattle Washington Trip set forth under New Business.*

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by the following show of hands:

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

New Business:

C. Seattle Washington Trip – 3/9/19 – 3/13/19

Mr. Chuck Lewis updated the Board.

Haddam-Killingworth High School Student, Devin Gallant, updated the Board.

*Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Peter Sonski **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Seattle Washington Trip as presented.*

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

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

B. Introduction of Ms. Dolores Bates as HKMS Interim Assistant Principal

Superintendent Thiery gave a warm welcome and brief introduction of Ms. Dolores Bates.

Ms. Dolores Bates spoke to the Board regarding her new role as HKMS Interim Assistant Principal.

C. Continuous Improvement Plan – Presentations

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

Principal Brienne Whidden updated the Board.

Principal Dennis Reed updated the Board.

Principal Larson updated the Board.

Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen updated the Board.

Principal Donna Hayward updated the Board.

Board Member, Maura Wallin, left the meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Public Comment: *None.*

Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, confirmed the Board of Education – Special Meeting (Board Workshop) on Strategic Planning scheduled for Tuesday, October 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Central Office.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at approximately 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Eileen Blewett, Secretary