

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION - EDUCATION SESSION**  
**September 18, 2018**

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on September 18, 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, Joel D'Angelo, Brenda Buzzi, Kathleen Zandi, Eileen Blewett, Maura Wallin, Peter Sonski, Suzanne Sack, Eric Couture and Joanne Nesti*

**Members Absent:** *Gerry Matthews*

**Also Present:** *Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, 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:**

*Arthur Collins from Higganum addressed the Board. He spoke about the HES closing; how he is concerned with the building being left empty and further inquired if there was potential interest from town and/or any buyer yet.*

*Chip Frey of Haddam addressed the Board. He spoke about he has been in construction, serving on various volunteer building committees. He stated how he was asked to serve on the Public Building Committee due to his work experience and connection with town residents. He spoke about the Auditorium Project; specifically, the idea of a permanent banner representing the HKHS school colors to be put up in the Auditorium. He stated that he has been trying to address this topic since March but feels that his idea wasn't being taken seriously. He spoke about the PBC meeting that took place and how some members felt that there needed to be permanent Gold/Yellow marker to be included and some members felt that there shouldn't. Mr. Frey also stated that there were more Board Members that wanted something more permanent added; however, he felt he wasn't being heard so he came to address it with the Board.*

*Since there wasn't an Agenda item for discussion, the Board of Education made a motion to add this topic to the Agenda for later discussion.*

*Eileen Blewett **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to add to the Agenda for further discussion the possibility of including a permanent yellow/gold marker in the Auditorium which was discussed under Public Comment by Chip Frey.*

*Motion passed 6-2-2 by the following votes:*

Suzanne Sack    YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ A       Joel D'Angelo    YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  A \_\_\_\_\_

Peter Sonski YES  NO  A   
 Maura Wallin YES  NO  A   
 Eric Couture YES  NO  A   
 Sue Twachtman 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 Liaison Reports:**

**A. Curriculum Council**

*No Report.*

**B. Curriculum Subcommittee**

*No Report.*

**C. Public Building Committee**

*Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, updated the Board. She spoke about the invoice of \$236,949.4 to Mercury Electric for various fixtures, and partial payment. Board Chair, Nesti, stated that the Lighting Project is more than half complete. In addition, a second invoice was presented to the Board in the amount of \$192,257.00 to BCI Interiors for the Auditorium Seats which are all installed and the job is completed.*

*Eric Couture **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the two invoices as presented.*

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

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

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

*Eileen Blewett **MOVED** and Suzanne Sack **SECONDED** a motion that the Finance Committee Chair has the authority to refreeze any change orders presented to the Public Building Committee as deemed appropriate.*

*Motion passed 7-2-1 by the following votes:*

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

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

**D. Strategic Capital Planning Committee**

*Suzanne Sack updated the Board. Suzanne spoke about HES, that Peter Sonski organized the real estate aspect of it. H Pearce will be helping to market it; there is a proposal on the table for \$7,500 for the development of RFP, associated processes for HES and the disposition of HES. Suzanne also spoke about the letter was sent to the Town to see if they had any interest in the property.*

Suzanne Sack **MOVED** and Peter Sonski **SECONDED** a motion to approve but not exceed \$7,500 for the development of RFP, associated processes for Haddam Elementary School and disposition of Haddam Elementary School.

Motion passed 9-0-1 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	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"/>

**New Business:**

**A. HKHS Class of 2018 Report**

Principal Donna Hayward updated the Board on the Class of 2018 Graduate Report. She briefly went over A Comparison of Classes 2014-2018 Post-Secondary Plans, Class 2018 Observations/Trends, Class of 2018 Post-Secondary Application Highlights (Applications Submitted and Accepted), Class of 2017 versus Class of 2018 Applications by Competitive Level of College, Class of 2017 and 2018 Percent Applications Accepted by Competitive Level of College, Class of 2018 Reported Factors Influencing College Choice, College Majors, College Students were Accepted To, The Colleges Students Are Attending and Barron's College Selectivity Ratings.

**B. Capital Fund Request**

Eric Couture updated the Board. He spoke about how the Haddam-Killingworth High School scoreboards in the baseball and softball fields are no longer functional as well as they are not in compliance with Title 9. The original request for monies was approximately \$13,000 which did not include the installation; therefore, an additional \$21,413 was needed to complete the project.

Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to approve an additional appropriation of \$21,413 from the Capital expenditures towards the acquisition and installation of the baseball and softball scoreboards at Haddam-Killingworth High School.

Motion passed 8-1-1 by the following votes:

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

**Auditorium Yellow/Gold Discussion:**

Board Members spoke about the possibility of having the installation of a permanent Yellow/Gold banner or marker in the Auditorium.

Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to leave the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium as is.

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

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

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

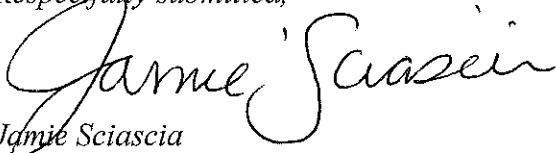
**Public Comments:** *None.*

*Board Member, Maura Wallin, raised a concern regarding the Haddam-Killingworth pool temperature. She noticed a change in the pool temperature which should be kept at 72 degrees. Principal Donna Hayward said that the boilers have not been in place yet to heat the pool but they will be installed by next Thursday.*

**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: 11/6/18