

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**July 10, 2018**

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on July 10, 2018 at Central Office in the Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.*

**Members Present:** *Eric Couture, Peter Sonski, Eileen Blewett, Brenda Buzzi, Kathy Zandi Gerry Matthews, and Joanne Nesti*

**Members Absent:** *Suzanne Sack, Joel D'Angelo, Maura Wallin and Sue Twachtman*

**Also Present:** *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn, Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano, Chairman of the Public Building Committee, Tom Hogarty, CREC Constructions Services, Doug Rogers, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

**Visitors:** *None.*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:**

*Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 May 22, 2018 Board of Education – Education Session Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes for the June 4, 2018 Board of Education – Special Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes for the June 4, 2018 Board of Education – Special Meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes for the June 5, 2018 Board of Education – Special Meeting
- E. Approval of Minutes for the June 12, 2018 Board of Education Meeting (Recognition Ceremonies)
- F. Approval of the Minutes for the June 18, 2018 Board of Education – Special Meeting

*Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion to approve Minutes A-F as presented.*

*Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0 by the following show of hands:*

Suzanne Sack	Absent	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	Absent	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 Twachtman	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"/>



## Old Business:

### A. High School Building Project

#### a) Report from Public Building Committee

*Tom Hogarty updated the Board. He spoke about how Doug will be providing the Board with an update on every project that is underway and answer any questions.*

*Doug Rogers updated the Board. He spoke about the Auditorium Project; the seats are out, painting is underway, curtains are down, and the timing of the project is on track as planned. He also gave a brief update on the Lightening Project and the process that needed to take place first in order to move forward as far as listing what was needed to buy, the engineer approving them for purchase, etc. Doug then gave an update on the Boiler Project and stated that one of the old boilers had been delivered to the riggers, in the process of developing abatement plan of Stage 2, removal of remainder of ceiling and 2<sup>nd</sup> boiler. He briefly spoke about the PV, RFP Process and racking system. He said that the shop drawings had taken more time than anticipated and, unfortunately, Shea Electric is not looking at completing this project until January with final inspections around that time. Doug also stated that Shea Electric will be working second shift as well as working with the Administration not to impact the students and school day to day operations. He further stated that Shea Electric hired Silktown to put the anchors in and will start around August timeframe.*

*Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He spoke about how the design that was originally submitted to the Board was a fairly common one, a ballast system and the State said that they will no longer reimburse the District for that type of design. Therefore, they then went with a permanently mounted racking system for the District to receive the reimbursement.*

*Superintendent Thiery said this is a superior system, and a more efficient one, which will give 30% percent more power per panel. He also stated that the racks are custom made and this is why he project is now delayed since the racks won't arrive until September.*

### B. Report from the Strategic Capital Planning Committee

*Board Chair, Nesti, updated the Board. She spoke about how there will be an update provided at the next SCP meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and also spoke about how an email will be circulated to parents, and HK Community addressing the restructuring of HES. Board Member, Gerry Matthews, will be posting this information to some of the Facebook sites to keep the Community Members abreast of what is going on.*

## New Business

### A. Trash Bid

*Michael Distefano updated the Board. Mike spoke about the Trash Hauling Bid Comparison, one bid received from All Waste and the breakdown of the price and increase for 2018.*

*Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He spoke about how the Trash Bid is up for renewal at the end of July 2018. It is a 3-year contract, went out to bid twice and always gets bid by the same company.*

*Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to award the Trash Hauling Bids to All Waste for the Haddam Schools and Killingworth Schools as presented.*

*Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0 by the following votes:*



Suzanne Sack	Absent
Peter Sonski	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Maura Wallin	Absent
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Sue Twachtman	Absent

Joel D'Angelo	Absent
Eileen Blewett	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"/>
Gerry Matthews	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. DOT Land Acquisition**

*Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He spoke about how the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation was seeking to inquire some of the HES land which needed Board approval. A motion with specifics on monies and square feet are set forth below. Superintendent Thiery will speak to Attorney Floyd Dugas on the insurance exposure aspect of inquiring the land.*

*Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve the acquisition of 597+,- square feet of land by the State of Connecticut on the HES property adjacent to the Dublin Hill Bridge (Bridge 04682) and grant a construction easement of 2,315 square feet to the CT Department of Transportation for the combined sum of \$500.00 as offered by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation in the letter to RSD 17 dated June 8, 2018.*

*Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0 by the following votes:*

Suzanne Sack	Absent
Peter Sonski	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Maura Wallin	Absent
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Sue Twachtman	Absent

Joel D'Angelo	Absent
Eileen Blewett	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"/>
Gerry Matthews	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"/>

**C. Security Committee Update\***

*Board Chair, Nesti, TABLED the discussion to Executive Session.*

**D. Technology Director Update\***

*Board Chair, Nesti, TABLED the discussion to Executive Session.*

**E. Technology Lease 2018-2019**

*Martha Vaughn updated the Board. She spoke about how the Technology Lease went out to seven different companies for funding, 4 responded back and they chose the one with the lowest total payment. Municipal Leasing has worked with the District in the past.*

*Eric Couture **MOVED** and Gerry Matthews **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Technology Lease with Municipal Leasing up to \$50,000 as presented.*

*Motion failed 3-4-0 by the following votes:*

Suzanne Sack	Absent
Peter Sonski	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Maura Wallin	Absent
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Sue Twachtman	Absent

Joel D'Angelo	Absent
Eileen Blewett	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Brenda Buzzi	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Gerry Matthews	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zandi	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>



Joanne Nesti YES √ NO     A    

Eileen Blewett **MOVED** and Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Technology Lease with Municipal Leasing as presented.

Motion passed 5-1-1 by the following votes:

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

**From the Superintendent:**

**A. Legislative Update**

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He spoke about how he will be getting a Legislative Update from Shipman and Goodwin at the end of the month and the Legislation didn't override the Governor's veto of a bill dealing with school discipline.

**B. Personnel Report**

Superintendent Thiery advised that the Personnel Report has been provided in the BOE Packet. He stated if anyone had any questions on the report, please feel free to contact him directly. He also spoke briefly on new hires.

**C. Enrollment Report**

Superintendent Thiery advised that the Enrollment Report has been provided in the BOE Packet. He stated if anyone had any questions on the report, please feel free to contact him directly.

**From the Director of Fiscal Operations:**

**A. Budget Transfers**

No Report.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Executive Session:**

Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss District Security, a personnel matter and a legal matter.

Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0 by the following votes:

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

**The Board went into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.**

*Superintendent Thiery gave the Board an update on the status of a legal matter concerning the Haddam Killingworth Support Services Association Contractual Grievance.*

*Superintendent Thiery updated the Board on the outline of work and progress for the Security Committee. Outline of the intended work was given to the Board.*

*Superintendent Thiery updated the Board on the status of the hiring of the Technology Director. Superintendent Thiery was impressed with the large pool of applicants.*

**The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:28 p.m.**

*No motions were taken.*

**Adjournment:**

*Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:29 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Jamie Sciascia  
Board Clerk*

Approval:   
Eileen Blewett, Secretary

Date: 8/7/18