

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION MEETING
June 19, 2018**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 19, 2018 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Brenda Buzzi*

Also Present: *Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, HKHS Director of Food Services, Sharon Shettleworth, Chairman of the Public Building Committee, Tom Hogarty, CREC Constructions Services, Doug Rogers, Public Building Committee Member, Chip Frey, 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.*

*Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to move up Item 4C, Healthy Food Certification on the Agenda.*

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

Suzanne Sack	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>	Joel D'Angelo	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
Peter Sonski	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>	Eileen Blewett	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
Maura Wallin	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>	Brenda Buzzi	Absent		
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>

C. Healthy Food Certification:

a) **Healthy Food Certification Program**

Sharon Shettleworth updated the Board. She spoke about how every year the Board has to vote on whether the District will participate in the Healthy Food Certification Program. This is for students purchasing food other than reimbursable lunches and an additional \$0.10 for every lunch she sells gets reimbursed.

b) Exemptions Outside of School Day

Sharon Shettleworth updated the Board. She spoke about the food exemptions that are for out of the normal school day like football games, recitals, school plays, etc. She stated that you can sell anything you want, as well as beverages other than milk and water.

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to participate in the Healthy Food Certification Program.*

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	Absent		
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	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"/>

*Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Gerry Matthews **SECONDED** a motion to accept all food exemptions outside of the school day.*

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	Absent		
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	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"/>

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to approve beverages other than milk and water outside of the school day.*

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	Absent		
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	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"/>

Old Business:

- A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade**
 - a. Report from Public Building Committee**
 - b. Award of Photovoltaic Project Contract**

Tom Hogarty updated the Board.

He spoke about awarding the contractor for the Solar Project. Also, stated that Doug Rogers will hand out a presentation that involves the base bid and some add alternates which needs

Board approval. He also spoke briefly about a recent Change Order to move the Lighting part of the Auditorium Project over to the general Lighting Project.

Doug Rogers updated the Board. He handed out a spreadsheet to the Board which was a detailed breakout of the base bid and add/alternates 1 & 2 and 1, 2 & 3 from Shae Electric. Doug briefly went over it, explaining the difference between the two and the savings it would eventually bring to the District. He said that the Public Building Committee recommended the base bid with add alternates 1, 2 & 3. He further spoke on how this Solar Project is a "green" project which benefits the Community. He also explained the kilowatt reductions, installation of the solar panels, and the possibility of asking the State for a revision to the Grant. Board Members addressed concerns because there will be such little savings to the District even after 25 years. After Board discussion, a motion was brought to the table.

c. Auditorium Stage Lighting

Doug Rogers updated the Board. He spoke on the stage lights in the Auditorium, the demo of the Auditorium before the lights, and the theatrical lighting. He also went over the Change Order from Mercury Electric that needed Board approval in the amount of \$214,483.76.

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Gerry Matthews **SECONDED** a motion to approve the contract presented with Add Alternates 1 & 2 to Shae Electric in the amount of \$2,236,000.00.*

Motion passed 7-3-0 by the following votes:

Suzanne Sack	YES ___ NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A ___	Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Peter Sonski	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Eileen Blewett	YES ___ NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A ___
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Brenda Buzzi	Absent
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Gerry Matthews	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Sue Twachtman	YES ___ NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A ___	Kathleen Zandi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
		Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___

*Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to authorize the Change Order to Mercury Electric in the amount of \$214,483.76.*

Motion passed 8-2-0 by the following votes:

Suzanne Sack	YES ___ NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A ___	Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Peter Sonski	YES ___ NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A ___	Eileen Blewett	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Brenda Buzzi	Absent
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Gerry Matthews	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Kathleen Zandi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
		Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___

B. Strategic Capital Planning Committee Report:

Suzanne Sack updated the Board.

New Business:

A. Discussion and Approval of the 18/19 Assessment Invoice for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth

Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Assessment invoice for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth

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	Absent		
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	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. Superintendent's Contract*

Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding contract negotiations.

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	Absent		
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	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"/>

Board Member, Maura Wallin, left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

Suzanne updated the Board on the status evaluation of the Superintendent. She discussed the contract provisions and salary recommendations. The Personnel Committee asked for Board input on those mentioned topics. The committee will now take into consideration the information provided and provide a final draft of the evaluation.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

No vote was taken.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

Approval: 
Eileen Blewett, Secretary

Date: 8/7/18