

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 12, 2018

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 12, 2018 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

***Members Present:** Joel D'Angelo, Brenda Buzzi, Kathi Zandi, Eileen Blewett, Sue Twachtman, Eric Couture, Suzanne Sack, and Joanne Nesti*

***Members Absent:** Gerry Matthews, Peter Sonski and Maura Wallin*

***Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Sheila Ward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Principal of Burr Elementary School, Eric Larson, Principal of Haddam Elementary School, Brienne Whidden, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano, Special Education Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, HKHS/Nursing Supervisor, Linda Kauffman, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

***Visitors:** Approximately 95*

***Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:** Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, opened the Ceremony by introducing the Board of Education Members. She thanked the administration, teachers and staff for their hard work and also thanked Superintendent Thiery for what he brings to the District. Board Chair, Nesti, also briefly spoke about the passing of Mr. James Larkin.

Recognition Ceremonies:

A. Haddam-Killingworth Wall of Fame Inductees

Charlie Macunas spoke about the HK Wall of Fame Inductees. He introduced the Committee Members: Phil Devlin, Dick and Carol Dupuis, Tommy Thompson and himself. He also spoke on the specific guidelines on how to be selected to the Wall of Fame.

The First Five Wall of Fame Inductees of 2018 are as follows:

- 1. Jeff Bagwell*
- 2. Mark Brookes*
- 3. Peter Fink*
- 4. Nancy Lang Houghton*
- 5. Ethan Long*

B. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth High School's Top Ten Students of the Class of 2018

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the Top Ten Students of the Class of 2018 as follows:

- No. 10: Alexander Inkel of Haddam*
No. 9: Joseph Barkie of Higganum

- No. 8: Erica West of Killingworth
- No. 7: Benjamin McLaughlin of Killingworth
- No. 6: Craig Allen of Higganum
- No. 5: Natalie D'Ambra of Higganum
- No. 4: Jonah Spector of Higganum
- No. 3: Julianne Kelly of Killingworth
- No. 2: Andrea Roman of Killingworth, Salutatorian
- No. 1: Kelsey D'Amico of Killingworth, Valedictorian

C. Recognition of The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Awardees:

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the CABE Student Leadership Awardees as follows:

- 1. Kelsey D'Amico of Killingworth
- 2. Michaela Flaherty of Killingworth

D. Recognition of District Retirees:

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the District Retirees as follows:

- 1. Michael Stange of Burr Elementary School

E. Recognition of District Staff Members of the Year:

- 1. Shelly Thompson, of Burr Elementary School, presented by Principal Eric Larson
- 2. Eileen Ulizio, of Haddam Elementary School, presented by Principal Brienne Whidden
- 3. Erin Hull, of Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed
- 4. Katherine Farkas, of Haddam-Killingworth High School, presented by Principal Donna Hayward
- 5. Lisa Burr, of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, presented by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen
- 6. Salvatore Fazzino, was named Regional School District No. 17 Staff Member of the Year, presented by Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano

F. Recognition of District Teachers of the Year

- 1. Judy Nacca, of Haddam Elementary School, presented by Principal Brienne Whidden
- 2. Kristin LaMay, of Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed
- 3. Holly Nicoletti, of Haddam-Killingworth High School, presented by Principal Donna Hayward
- 4. Rob Davey, of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, presented by Dr. Jennifer Olsen
- 5. Julie Wessinger, of Burr Elementary School, was named Regional School District No. 17 Teacher of the Year, presented by Superintendent Howard Thiery and Principal Eric Larson

Superintendent Howard Thiery stated how grateful he was to the Board of Education and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. He also stated how humbled, inspired, grateful and proud he was of all of the students, teachers and staff and gave a huge congratulations and said it was deeply deserved.

Board Chair, Nesti, gave her closing remarks. She thanked Superintendent Thiery for all his hard work and dedication to the District and stated how this is such a remarkable celebration and congratulated all the honorees tonight.

Adjournment:

Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



*Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk*

Approval:  Date: 7/10/18
Eileen Blewett, Secretary