

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 3, 2018

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 3, 2018 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 8:56 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Eric Couture*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Curriculum, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Ryan Mackenzie, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 1*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:

Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 8:56 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 February 27, 2018 Board of Education – Education Session Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes for the March 1, 2018 Board of Education - Special Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes for the March 6, 2018 Board of Education Meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes for the March 6, 2018 Board of Education - Special Meeting (Superintendent's Budget Presentation)
- E. Approval of the Minutes for the March 15, 2018 Board of Education - Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)
- F. Approval of the Minutes for the March 20, 2018 Board of Education - Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)
- G. Approval of the Minutes for the March 20, 2018 Board of Education - Special Meeting (Community Input)

*Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve Minutes A-G as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following show of hands:

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

Joel D'Angelo YES NO A
 Eileen Blewett YES NO A
 Brenda Buzzi YES NO A
 Gerry Matthews YES NO A
 Kathleen Zandi YES NO A
 Joanne Nesti YES NO A

Report from Student Representatives:

No Report.

*Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion to move up Items 9A & 9B set forth under New Business on the Agenda.*

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following show of hands:

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

Joel D'Angelo YES NO A
 Eileen Blewett YES NO A
 Brenda Buzzi YES NO A
 Gerry Matthews YES NO A
 Kathleen Zandi YES NO A
 Joanne Nesti YES NO A

New Business

A. Set High School Graduation Date – June 2018:

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He spoke about setting the HKHS Graduation Date and how we are mandated to attend 180 out of 182 days of school. The Board went into discussions regarding same. A motion was later brought to the table for a vote for June 22nd.

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to set the Haddam-Killingworth High School Graduation Date of Friday, June 22, 2018.*

Motion passed 9-1-0 by the following votes:

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

Joel D'Angelo YES NO A
 Eileen Blewett YES NO A
 Brenda Buzzi YES NO A
 Gerry Matthews YES NO A
 Kathleen Zandi YES NO A
 Joanne Nesti YES NO A

B. HKMS Request to hold a used Sport Uniform Sale during the 2018 Community Week

Assistant Principal of HKMS, Ryan Mackenzie, updated the Board. He spoke about how he was in attendance to seek Board approval to hold a used Sports Uniform Sale. He gave a brief overview of the fabulous event and stated that all the old uniforms would be selling for \$1, anyone can purchase them and all proceeds would be used for the Community Week event.

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Sport Uniform Sale as presented.*

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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	Absent			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 Committee Reports and Future Meetings:

A. Facilities Subcommittee

No Report.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Joanne Nesti updated the Board. She spoke about year-to-date General Funds, ED01 Financial system and stated there were no Budget Transfers for this month.

C. Policy Subcommittee

No Report.

D. Communications Subcommittee

Gerry Matthews updated the Board. He passed out to the Board a document called "Social Media Guidelines" for a first read.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She spoke about how they are in the process of finalizing Nursing negotiations and the Superintendent's evaluation is up next.

F. Strategic Capital Planning Subcommittee

Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She stated that the Committee took a short break and haven't met but will be planning a meeting regarding school restructuring.

Board Liaison Reports:

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

No Report.

B. LEARN

Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She spoke about the new, New London School for Special Education that they are renovating.

C. Park & Recreation

No Report. Peter Sonski mentioned that Robyn, at Park & Rec, is keeping in touch with Director of Facilities, Mike Distefano, about any school renovations.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

Brenda Buzzi updated the Board. She spoke briefly about how the Committee discussed the Budget.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

No Report.

Old Business:

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

a) Report from Public Building Committee

Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, updated the Board. She spoke about the Lightening Project walk through on April 11th.

B. Strategic Facilities Planning Committee:

Report given above under Board Committee Reports, Item F.

Consent Agenda:

The donations on the Consent Agenda are made to the school system as a whole, and the Superintendent may direct any monies to specific schools or programs at his discretion.

- A. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$57.36 from a community member who remained anonymous through their corporate giving program to be deposited into the Student Activity Fund. Submitted by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$72.56 from Lathrop Vending, Inc. Submitted by Principal Donna L. Hayward, Haddam-Killingworth High School.

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Gerry Matthews **SECONDED** a motion to accept Items A-B listed on the Consent Agenda with great appreciation.*

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following show of hands:

Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joel D'Angelo	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	Absent			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"/>

New Business:

C. District Security Committee:

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He spoke about the District Security Committee, comprised of parents, state troopers, students, staff and teachers all coming together to go through the District's security that they in place.

From the Superintendent:

A. Legislative Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He spoke on the ECS Formula and Curriculum requirements.

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.

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.

Board Discussion/News/Suggestions: *Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, updated the Board.*

Public Comments: *None.*

The Board went into a Non-Meeting regarding negotiations at approximately 9:23 p.m.

The Board came out of the Non-Meeting at approximately 9:40 p.m.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,



*Janie Sciascia
Board Clerk*

Approval:


Eileen Blewett, Secretary

Date:

5/1/18