

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**October 3, 2017**

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on October 3, 2017 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.*

**Members Present:** *Kathy Brown, Maura Wallin, Peter Sonski, Suzanne Sack, Jeannie Young, Dan Chase, Susan Dean, Eric Couture, Joanne Nesti & Joel D'Angelo*

**Members Absent:** *Sue Twachtman*

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

**Visitors:** *Approximately 3*

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

*Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 September 5, 2017 Board of Education Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes for the September 19, 2017 Board of Education – Special Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes for the September 19, 2017 Board of Education – Education Session Meeting

*Eric Couture **MOVED** and Dan Chase **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes as presented.*

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

|              |   |                             |                            |               |   |                             |                            |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kathy Brown  | 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"/> |
| Dan Chase    | 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"/> |
| Maura Wallin | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> | Suzanne Sack  | 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"/> | Sue Twachtman | Absent                                  |                             |                            |
| Susan Dean   | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> | Jeannie Young | 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"/> |

**Report from Student Representatives:**

No Report.

Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to move up in the Agenda 9A and 9B set forth under New Business regarding Field Trips.

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

|              |   |                             |                            |               |   |                             |                            |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kathy Brown  | 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"/> |
| Dan Chase    | 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"/> |
| Maura Wallin | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> | Suzanne Sack  | 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"/> | Sue Twachtman | Absent                                  |                             |                            |
| Susan Dean   | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> | Jeannie Young | 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"/> |

**HKTV STN Field Trip to Nashville, TN, March 14-18, 2018:**

Chuck Lewis addressed the Board. He spoke on the trip to Nashville, Tennessee scheduled for March 14-18, 2018 and stated that the purpose of this trip is for Video Production Training and Competition. He went over the curriculum based objectives for the students: Digital Audio Recording, Post Production Editing, Graphics, and Writing Video Scripts. He then discussed the trip activities: Career Medical Communications, Writing, Producing and Editing a Film, Making a Music Video as well as a Silent Film and Commercial. He said there will be numerous fundraisers for this trip and the fees are approximately \$550-600 –per student, with 35 being eligible to attend accompanied by 4 chaperones.

Dan Chase **MOVED** and Peter Sonski **SECONDED** a motion to agree to allow the HKTV STN Field Trip to Nashville, TN on March 14-18, 2018 as presented.

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

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|--------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kathy Brown  | 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"/> |
| Dan Chase    | 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"/> |
| Maura Wallin | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> | Suzanne Sack  | 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"/> | Sue Twachtman | Absent                                  |                             |                            |
| Susan Dean   | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> | Jeannie Young | 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"/> |

**HKMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington, DC, May 1-3, 2019:**

Assistant Principal of HKMS, Ryan Mackenzie, addressed the Board. He spoke on the HKMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip that is scheduled to Washington, D.C. from May 1-3, 2019. He spoke on the details of the trip which included activities/objectives such as visiting the White House to take a photo, guided sightseeing of DC, visiting the National Air & Space Museum, the Smithsonian Museums, the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Permanent Exhibit, Arlington National Cemetery, US Marine Corps Memorial and Steven F. Udvar Hazy Museum. He also briefly went over the short survey afterwards to be completed, feedback from parents, and a History Unit writing piece. Lastly, he stated that fundraisers will be held to help pay for this trip starting in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He said there are roughly 185 students with 1 chaperone per 10 kids attending this trip, costing approximately \$545 per student.

Eric Couture **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to approve the HKHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington, DC on May 1-3, 2019 as presented.

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

Kathy Brown YES  NO  A   
Dan Chase YES  NO  A   
Maura Wallin YES  NO  A   
Eric Couture YES  NO  A   
Susan Dean YES  NO  A

Joanne Nesti YES  NO  A   
Peter Sonski YES  NO  A   
Suzanne Sack YES  NO  A   
Sue Twachtman Absent  
Jeannie Young YES  NO  A   
Joel D'Angelo YES  NO  A

**Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings:**

**A. Facilities Subcommittee**

*Dan Chase updated the Board. He spoke on Capital Fund, needing more information on the Barn's condition and the Athletic Field Formal Report that will be available next month.*

**B. Finance Subcommittee**

*Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She spoke on the Finance meeting times that changed to Wednesdays prior to the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Also, she briefly spoke on Budget to Date and Expenditures over \$5,000.*

**C. Policy Subcommittee**

*No Report.*

**D. Communications Subcommittee**

*No Report.*

**E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee**

*No Report.*

**Board Liaison Reports:**

**A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council**

*No Report.*

**B. LEARN**

*Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She stated how they are entering into Teacher's Negotiations, and also spoke about them looking into the possibility of purchasing a facility for the Special Education Department.*

**C. Park & Recreation**

*No Report.*

**D. Haddam Board of Selectmen**

*No Report.*

**E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen**

*No Report.*

**Old Business:**

**A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade:**

**a) Report from the Public Building Committee**

Joanne Nesti updated the Board. She spoke on the Solar Project Bidders and the Owner Project Manager position going out to bid. Also, she briefly touched on the Window Washing that was in project budget for \$4,500.00. This was due to the dirt and debris of the roofing project.

**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 of miscellaneous School Supplies received from Ann Pelligrini of Edward Jones in Clinton through her firm’s school supply donation drive. Submitted by Principal Dennis J. Reed, Killingworth Elementary School.
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$31.50 from Coca-Cola Vending Machine Sales to be deposited into the Student Activity Account – Principal Account. Submitted by Principal Dennis J. Reed, Killingworth Elementary School.
- C. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$2.95 from the Kula Foundation (Red Robin Donations) to be deposited into the Student Activity Account. Submitted by Principal Dennis J. Reed, Killingworth Elementary School.

Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Peter Sonski **SECONDED** a motion to accept Items A-C listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

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|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Kathy Brown  | YES <u>√</u> | NO <u>   </u> | A <u>   </u> | Joanne Nesti  | YES <u>√</u> | NO <u>   </u> | A <u>   </u> |
| Dan Chase    | YES <u>√</u> | NO <u>   </u> | A <u>   </u> | Peter Sonski  | YES <u>√</u> | NO <u>   </u> | A <u>   </u> |
| Maura Wallin | YES <u>√</u> | NO <u>   </u> | A <u>   </u> | Suzanne Sack  | YES <u>√</u> | NO <u>   </u> | A <u>   </u> |
| Eric Couture | YES <u>√</u> | NO <u>   </u> | A <u>   </u> | Sue Twachtman | Absent       |               |              |
| Susan Dean   | YES <u>√</u> | NO <u>   </u> | A <u>   </u> | Jeannie Young | YES <u>√</u> | NO <u>   </u> | A <u>   </u> |
|              |              |               |              | Joel D’Angelo | YES <u>√</u> | NO <u>   </u> | A <u>   </u> |

**New Business:**

**C. Board of Education 2018 Meeting Schedule:**

Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Board of Education 2018 Meeting Schedule for the Calendar Year.

Board Chair, D’Angelo, **TABLED** the above motion until the next Board of Education Business Meeting to clarify the March dates set forth in the proposed Schedule.

**From the Superintendent:**

**A. Legislative Update:**

Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She spoke on the Budget not passing, Executive Order in effect from the Governor, and ESC Funding. She briefly spoke on the Joint Meeting that was held, how the impact is going to affect the Towns and Municipalities and how we are all in this together.

**B. Personnel Report:**

Board Chair, D’Angelo, 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.

**C. Enrollment Report:**

Board Chair, D’Angelo, 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.

**From the Director of Fiscal Operations:**

**A. Budget Transfers**

*No Report.*

**Board Discussion/News/Suggestions:**

*None.*

**Public Comments:** *None.*

**Adjournment:**

*Board Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:32 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Jamie Sciascia*

*Board Clerk*

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kathy Brown, Secretary*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*11/14/17*