

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - EDUCATION SESSION
September 19, 2017

A regular meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on September 19, 2017 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Vice Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Members Present: *Kathy Brown, Maura Wallin, Jeannie Young, Susan Dean, Peter Sonski, Suzanne Sack, Eric Couture and Joanne Nesti*

Members Absent: *Dan Chase, Sue Twachtman, Joel D'Angelo*

Also Present: *Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Shelia Ward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Ryan Mackenzie, 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, Special Education Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 4*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Vice Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Public Comment: *Arthur Collins from Higganum addressed the Board. He spoke on Budget cuts, school late bus cuts and also inquired whether or not the budget can be legally opened up to make certain changes if it already passed.*

Paul Kelly Tree – Donation:

Philip Devlin of Higganum addressed the Board. He spoke on Mr. Paul Kelly who recently passed away on May 18, 2017 at 79 years old. He stated Paul started his teaching career in 1959 and was a former teacher at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. He was known for his sense of humor and making learning science extremely fun for students. He touched so many people's lives that when he passed there was such a massive public outpour of sympathy and touching tributes written about him from all over the world.

Anita Kelly of Higganum addressed the Board. Anita spoke about her late husband, Paul Kelly, how he was loved by so many. She stated that she was here because when he passed WFSB Scott Haney, Bruce DePrest and Mark Dixon came to wake and donated a Weeping Maple Tree on his behalf. She said that she would like for the tree to be planted at the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School in remembrance of Paul.

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to accept the honor of having the donation of the Paul Kelly Weeping Maple Tree placed at their choice in the near future.*

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

Kathy Brown YES NO A
Dan Chase Absent
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 Absent

Wall of Fame:

Philip Devlin addressed the Board. He spoke on how he became the Chairman of the H-K Wall of Fame four years ago. He believes it is important for a student to walk through the same halls as someone who has already graduated and is now successful in society. For example, Jeff Bagwell went to H-K schools until he went to Xavier for high school, and then played for Major League Baseball, and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He further spoke about how Superintendent Thiery is extremely excited about this and will help Phil get the Wall of Fame publicized.

Charlie Macunas addressed the Board. He is the chairman of the Wall of Fame Committee and stated that the wall will be made to recognize a person who has had significant time within the H-K schools, and have success in certain categories such as Arts, Business, Education, Military, Humanitarian pursuits, or Athletics.

Board Liaison Reports:

A. Curriculum Council

No Report. Dr. Holly Hageman advised the Board that the next Council meeting is scheduled on November 21, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

B. Curriculum Subcommittee

No Report.

New Business:

A. Annual Student Achievement Presentation

Dr. Holly Hageman updated the Board on the RSD17 Student Achievement 2016-2017. She spoke on the Reading, Mathematics and Writing Level Standards as well as the Parent Student Results Survey at the Elementary and Middle School levels. She further spoke on the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Extracurricular Participation. She addressed the Haddam-Killingworth Student Achievement Celebrations in Numeracy and Literacy.

Principal Donna Hayward spoke briefly on the Middlesex CCP Programs and AP Classes, Percentage of Students with SAT Scores for Class of 2017, Celebration and External Community. She also addressed the Feedback from the Student/Parent Survey.

Dr. Holly Hageman updated the Board on the RSD17 2017 State Testing Report. She spoke on the Connecticut Core Standards and the Smarter Balanced tests in Grades 3-8 which replaced the Connecticut Mastery tests in English, Language Arts and Mathematics. She went over the CMT Testing at the 5th and 8th Grade Levels and CAPT Science Testing at the 10th Grade Level. She also showed the percentages of students at or above goal from years 2008-2017 in 5th, 8th, and 10th Grade Science. Dr. Hageman showed the Smarter Balanced ELA and Math Results at the RSD17 and State levels from years 2015-2017 in Grades 3-8 in Mathematics, English and Language Arts. She reviewed the Smarter Balanced Growth and the Average Percent of Targets Achieved at the 4-8 Grade Levels in years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. Lastly, she reviewed the State Standardized SAT

Results for the 11th Grade Students in ELA for 2016-2017 school years and addressed the Continuous Improvement Plans for 2017-2018.

Principal Donna Hayward updated the Board on the Class of 2017 Graduate Report. She spoke on the Post-Secondary Plans which included a Comparison Chart of Classes from 2013-2017, the Post-Secondary Applications Highlights which included a chart showing applications that were submitted and accepted from the Class of 2016 and 2017 and a breakdown of the percent of students that were accepted by a Competitive Level College. She also addressed the 2017 Percent of Applications Accepted by Competitive Level of College as well as the topics of influences to choose a College Choice. Lastly, Principal Hayward showed Barron's College Selectivity Ratings by Most Competitive, Highly Competitive, Very Competitive and Special.

Public Comments: *None.*

Adjournment:

Board Vice Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



*Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk*

Approval: 
Kathy Brown, Secretary

Date: 10/3/17