

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 1, 2017

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on August 1, 2017 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Members Present: *Kathy Brown, Maura Wallin, Dan Chase, Susan Dean, Eric Couture, Joanne Nesti & Joel D'Angelo*

Members Absent: *Peter Sonski, Sue Twachtman, Suzanne Sack & Jeannie Young*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Curriculum, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn, Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano, Principal of Haddam Elementary School, Brienne Whidden, Chairman of the Public Building Committee, Tom Hogarty, Public Building Committee Member, Bob Braren, Public Building Committee Member, Bill Leahy, Representative from Capital Region Education Council, (CREC) Doug Rogers, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 12*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 July 11, 2017 Board of Education Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes for the July 11, 2017 Board of Education – Special Meeting

*Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes as presented.*

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

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	Absent		
Maura Wallin	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>	Suzanne Sack	Absent		
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	Absent		
				Joel D'Angelo	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings:

A. Facilities Subcommittee

Dan Chase updated the Board. He spoke on the pool repairs, specifically, how it needs to be repainted. He addressed the drainage and sandblasting process to strip the old paint off. Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano stated that the pool was inspected and a Benjamin Moore representative did come in to discuss options. Dan stated that the swim team is scheduled to meet August 25th and; therefore, not only does the pool need to be repaired by that timeframe but they will need a water delivery at an additional expense of \$1,645.00. He advised that \$18,000.00 was already approved by the Board so an additional \$13,000.00 would be needed to take care of the pool repairs. This would include the truckload of water delivery. A motion was brought to the Board for the approval of these additional expenses.

Secondly, Dan addressed the enhancement expenditures. He stated that an additional \$26,000 is needed to complete all enhancements projects for items like signage, playground repairs, painting, outside school ground maintenance and things of the like. Therefore, a motion was brought to the Board for the additional monies needed.

Lastly, Dan said that all Tier 1A items are 50% completed which is excellent news.

Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Dan Chase **SECONDED** a motion to approve but not exceed an additional \$13,000 for the pool repairs funded by the Capital Account.

Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0 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	Absent		
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	Absent		
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	Absent		
				Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

Dan Chase **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to fund \$25,886.34 from the Capital Account which will take care of all enhancements projects.

Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0 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	Absent		
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	Absent		
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	Absent		
				Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

B. Finance Subcommittee

Joanne Nesti updated the Board. She stated they are still looking at requisitions and expressed her appreciation to Martha for closing out the PO's.

C. Policy Subcommittee

Kathy Brown updated the Board. She said she is looking to schedule a meeting with Shipman and Goodwin. Also, she spoke on how Suzanne submitted another draft of the Capital and Planning Policy.

D. Communications Subcommittee

Susan Dean updated the Board. She stated the Committee's summer update is now on the RSD17 website, both Town Halls and Libraries. She will have an update in mid-September.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Joel D'Angelo updated the Board. He spoke on still being in negotiations with Support Services and the next P&E meeting is scheduled for August 5th at 5:00 p.m.

F. Strategic Capital Planning Subcommittee

No Report.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

No Report.

B. LEARN

No Report.

C. Park & Recreation

No Report.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

No Report.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

Eric Couture updated the Board. He stated that the Committee hasn't met but did advise that on September 2, 2017 in the Town of Killingworth there will be a lot of activities to engage in such as a parade and performance. Susan Dean spoke that they will be having a wonderful picnic at Parmalee Farms in Killingworth on that date as well.

Old Business:

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

a) Report from the Public Building Committee

Joanne Nesti updated the Board. Joanne introduced the Public Building Committee folks in attendance. She handed it over to Tom Hogarty for an update.

Tom Hogarty, Chairman, Public Building Committee updated the Board. He stated how the Public Building Committee meeting is scheduled to meet on August 2nd. He briefly spoke on the Change Orders that were unforeseen, and how the roofing project is two weeks ahead of schedule. He introduced Silver Petrucelli, Silktown and Fuss & O'Neill.

b) Project Change Orders and Payments

Doug Rogers, from CREC updated the Board. He spoke on the invoices that need payment from Silktown, Silver Petrucelli and Fuss & O'Neill. The Board stated to Doug that the only invoices that need Board approval is anything over \$25,000. Therefore, a motion was made to the Board from Silktown for payment on the \$697,734.66 invoice.

John McConville from Silktown briefly spoke on how as of today the roofing project is 95% complete.

Bill Silver, from Silver Petrucelli updated the Board. He spoke on the gymnasium window that it was originally installed improperly; therefore, that area needs to be worked on in order to move forward with the roofing project. This is an additional expense that was unforeseen; therefore, a motion was brought to the Board to approve the area replacement of the opaque wall.

Ken Linsley, from Silver Petrucelli updated the Board. He spoke on Change Orders 1, 1a, 4 and 5.

Kathleen Pane, from Fuss & O'Neill updated the Board. She spoke on how a small piece of asbestos roof flashing material fell in the gymnasium directly below a roof drain that was replaced. Other limited sampling did not reveal asbestos in bulk debris tested. During the initial testing via roof cuts, PCBs was not found, only asbestos in flashing and caulking. Superintendent Thiery stated that they kept him abreast about each instance as well as Michael Distefano. He also addressed the debris and dust cleanup plan that was put together by Fuss & O'Neil before the school doors open for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and stressed the importance of it.

Eric Couture **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to approve the \$697,734.66 invoice from Silktown Roofing.

Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0 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	Absent		
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	Absent		
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	Absent		
				Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion to approve Change Orders 1, 1a, 2 & 5 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0 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	Absent		
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	Absent		
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	Absent		
				Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the area replacement of the opaque wall up to but not exceeding \$60,000 as described.

Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0 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	Absent		

Maura Wallin YES NO A
 Eric Couture YES NO A
 Susan Dean YES NO A

Suzanne Sack Absent
 Sue Twachtman Absent
 Jeannie Young Absent
 Joel D'Angelo YES NO A

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 \$0.81 from The Kula Foundation (Q2 Red Robin Donations) to be deposited into the Student Activity Donation Fund. Submitted by Principal Eric D. Larson, Burr Elementary School.
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$7.18 from the Kula Foundation Fund (Kellogg's Family Rewards Program) to be deposited into the Principal's Discretionary Fund Account. Submitted by Principal Donna L. Hayward, Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- C. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$168.96 from the Aetna Foundation to be deposited into the Student Activity Account. Submitted by Principal Dennis J. Reed, Killingworth Elementary School.
- D. D. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$10.50 from Coco-Cola vending machine sales to be deposited into the Student Activity Account – Principal Account. Submitted by Principal Dennis J. Reed, Killingworth Elementary School.

*Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to accept Items A-D listed on the Consent Agenda with great appreciation.*

Motion passed unanimously 7-0-0 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 Absent
 Suzanne Sack Absent
 Sue Twachtman Absent
 Jeannie Young Absent
 Joel D'Angelo YES NO A

New Business

A. Enrollment Report

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He welcomed Principal Brienne Whidden to the meeting and spoke on the Haddam Elementary School numbers that they are currently at 42 students with two sections. Concerns were raised by Board Chair D'Angelo if these classrooms sizes were too high. The other option that Superintendent Thiery suggested would be three classrooms of about 13 students which would be on the lower side. Principal Whidden did state that she is comfortable with having two sections of 21 students versus lower classroom sizes. Also, Superintendent Thiery addressed the two students that requested to be enrolled in Burr Elementary instead of Haddam Elementary School which he stated is approved on a year to year basis.

From the Superintendent:

A. Legislative Update:

B. *Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He continues to track and keep informed on the State's proposed budget.*

C. Personnel Report:

Superintendent Thiery provided the Personnel Report in the BOE Packet. He advised if anyone had any questions on the report, please feel free to contact him directly.

D. Enrollment Report:

Superintendent Thiery provided the Enrollment Report in the BOE Packet. He advised 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:

None.

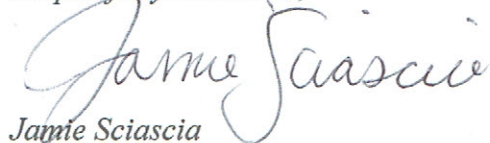
Public Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

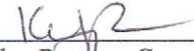
Board Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

Approval: 
Kathy Brown, Secretary

Date: 9/5/17