

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 1, 2016**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on November 1, 2016 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, Eric Couture, Susan Dean, Joanne Nesti, Suzanne Sack, Sue Twachtman, Jeannie Young, Joel D'Angelo

Members Absent: Dan Chase, Neal Perron

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn and Board Clerk, Kati Mohr

Visitors: 1

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.

Audience of Citizens

None

Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes for the September 20, 2016 Board of Education Meeting-Education Session
- B. Approval of Minutes for the October 4, 2016 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes for the October 18, 2016 Board of Education Meeting- Education Session

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 7-0-2 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	Absent	Neal Perron	Absent
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	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"/>
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeannie Young	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

Report from Student Representatives

Luke Bauer and Kate Porter presented to the Board. Luke reported that on November 4, 2016 the student council will hold a blood drive; most donors are juniors and seniors at HKHS. In addition, the Principal's Cup is being held on November 22, 2016 at Valley Regional High School--this is the annual Thanksgiving game between Valley and HK. He also reported that the high school would have a pep-rally on November 23, 2016 and Mr. HK will be on December 2, 2016. Kate Porter reported that the A-Team had their first meeting last month. The topics that students found most important were the discussion of the budget, updating art work throughout the school, and reducing stress. This year's Drama Club is performing Our Town on November 4, and 5, 2016. Homecoming is November 10, 2016 and there is a Chorus concert December 1, 2016, and a Band concert December 17 2016.

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities Subcommittee

Eric Couture updated the Board. The subcommittee just had their meeting prior to this meeting where they discussed their Capital List. They expect to have the upcoming year list to Board members within the week and hope to present to the Board at the first meeting in December.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Suzanne Sack updated the Board. The subcommittee discussed last year's budget, and took a look at the monthly reports. They are also working on the over and under on the budget.

C. Policy Subcommittee

Kathy Brown reported that the subcommittee meeting was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

D. Communications Subcommittee

Susan Dean reported that the subcommittee meeting was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Sue Twachtman updated the Board. The subcommittee has been working on the Superintendent's evaluation. They are also in negotiations with the Administration's union group. Their next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2016.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

No report

B. LEARN

No report.

C. Parks & Recreation

Sue Twachtman updated the Board. The question posed at the meeting was in regards to the referendum passing and the affect this will have on activities held at the high school during the summer.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

No report.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

No report.

Old Business

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. The Superintendent stated that the postings for the referendum have been posted in the papers. The next step is to work on the post card to mail home to all community members to have in houses at the end of November.

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 \$200.00 from C³PG Connelly-3-Publishing Group, Inc. Submitted by Principal Jennifer Olsen, Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$500 from Killingworth Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, Submitted by Principal Dennis Reed Killingworth Elementary School.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with appreciation. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	Absent	Neal Perron	Absent
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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>

New Business

A. HKHS Fixed Asset Disposal

Superintendent Thiery introduced the Fixed Asset Disposal request from HKHS.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to approve the HKHS Fixed Asset Disposal request as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	Absent	Neal Perron	Absent
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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>

B. Budget Timeline for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The Board reviewed the proposed budget timeline for development of the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget.

C. Board of Education Policies-Second Read

- a) P-3520.13
- b) P-4111
- c) R-4112.5
- d) P-4112.51
- e) P-5141.4

The Board discussed and reviewed the polices.

Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Sue Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion to approve policies 9A, 9C, 9D and 9E as presented. Motion passed 8-0-1 by the following votes:

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	Absent	Neal Perron	Absent
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Suzanne Sack	YES ___ NO ___ A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Jeannie Young	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___

D. Superintendent Contract and Evaluation (this item may include an executive session)

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Joanne Nesti **SECONDED** a motion to move New Business Item D between agenda items 13 and 14. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	Absent	Neal Perron	Absent
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Jeannie Young	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___

From the Superintendent

A. Personnel Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Personnel Report.

B. Enrollment Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Enrollment Report.

From the Director of Fiscal Operations

A. Budget Transfers

Martha Vaughn presented proposed budget transfers to the Board.

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to approve the budget transfers as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	Absent	Neal Perron	Absent
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Jeannie Young	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___

Board Discussion/News/Suggestions

None

Public Comment

None

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the Superintendent Contract and Evaluation and a student matter. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
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Dan Chase Absent
 Maura Wallin YES NO A
 Eric Couture YES NO A
 Susan Dean YES NO A

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:29 PM.

The Board returned to public session at 9:16 PM.

*Kathy Brown **MOVED** and Sue Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion to increase the Superintendent's salary by 2% for the term of 7/1/16-6/30/17 as part of the annual review and evaluation process. Motion passed 9-0-0 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
 Neal Perron Absent
 Suzanne Sack YES NO A
 Sue Twachtman YES NO A
 Jeannie Young YES NO A
 Joel D'Angelo YES NO A

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kati Mohr
 Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 3/7/17
 Kathy Brown, Secretary