

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 4, 2016

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on October 4, 2016 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: *Kathy Brown, Dan Chase, Maura Wallin, Eric Couture, Susan Dean, Joanne Nesti, Neal Perron, Sue Twachtman, and Joel D'Angelo*

Members Absent: *Suzanne Sack, Jeannie Young*

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: *6*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

None

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Neal Perron **SECONDED** a motion to move New Business Item D up to follow the Audience of Citizens. 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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Neal Perron	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	Absent
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	Absent
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

New Business

D. Eagle Scout Project at BES

Dan Chase updated the Board on the project to be completed by Ryan MacLeod at Burr Elementary School. Ryan would like to do some beautification, which includes adding park benches. He plans to fundraise as well as use donations to pay for the cost of the project.

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to approve Ryan MacLeod's Burr Elementary School Project 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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Neal Perron	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	Absent
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	Absent
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Neal Perron **SECONDED** a motion to move New Business Item A and B up to follow New Business D Eagle Scout Project. 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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Neal Perron	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	Absent
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	Absent
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

A. HKTU STN Field Trip to Anaheim, CA, March 28-31, 2017

Chuck Lewis, HKHS Teacher presented the proposed field trip for HKTU students to the STN Conference in Anaheim California from March 28-31, 2017. Dominique DeLuca, a student who attended the trip last year, explain how much she enjoyed the STN conference last year and is thankful that she is able to attend again in 2017. She also read thank you cards from past students who have attended the conference. Twenty students will be attending and the cost is approximately \$600 per student. Students have fundraising opportunities and scholarship opportunities are available.

Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the HKTU STN Field Trip to Anaheim, CA from March 28-31, 2017. 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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Neal Perron	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	Absent
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	Absent
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

B. HKMS 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC, April 25-27, 2018

Ryan Mackenzie, HKMS Assistant Principal, presented the proposed field trip for the 8th grade to Washington, DC from April 25-27, 2018. He said that kids change and grow on the trip, by seeing something bigger than themselves and that it really brings the 8th grade curriculum together. The estimated cost is approximately \$515 per student and that the PTO helps, there are fundraising opportunities to help offset costs, and there are scholarships available for demonstrated financial need.

Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to approve the 8th grade field trip to Washington, DC from April 25-27, 2018. 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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Neal Perron	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	Absent
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	Absent
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes for the September 6, 2016 Board of Education Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes for the September 7, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes for the September 8, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes for the September 15, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting
- E. Approval of Minutes for the September 20, 2016 Board of Education Meeting – Education Session

*Eric Couture **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes as presented.*

The Board then discussed a revision to be made to the minutes for September 20, 2016.

*Eric Couture **AMENDED** the motion to approve the minute's 3A-3D and to bring 3E to the next Board of Education meeting. Maura Wallin **SECONDED** the amendment.*

The motions 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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Neal Perron	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	Absent		
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	Absent		
				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 their reports to the Board. Luke reported on the upcoming 8th Grade preview night being held on October 17, 2017. The preview night is open to parents of 7th and 8th graders and is designed to inform and encourage parents to look ahead to their child's experience at the high school. He also reported on the upcoming homecoming dance being held on October 9, 2016 and the homecoming football game the following evening on October 10, 2016. Kate reported that the first Student Advisory Council meeting is being held on October 6, 2016. She also reported on sports stating that all teams were off to a good start and that the swim and volleyball teams are both undefeated.

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities Subcommittee

Dan Chase updated the Board. He reported that the subcommittee reviewed capital funding, tier one items that need finalizing and will bring a list next meeting.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Joanne Nesti updated the Board. She reported that the subcommittee reviewed the 15/16 and 16/17 financial report. They also discussed the middle school bond information for the 23-24, 25-26 school years.

C. Policy Subcommittee

Kathy Brown updated the Board. She reported that the subcommittee continued to discuss the 6000 series.

D. Communications Subcommittee

Susan Dean updated the Board. She thanked those for their input that were not able to attend.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Sue Twachtman updated the Board. She reported that the subcommittee discussed the Superintendent's contract and they are working on dates to being negotiations with administrators.

F. Strategic Capital Planning Subcommittee

Joel D'Angelo updated the Board. He reported that the subcommittee is in planning mode in regards to capital items.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

Susan Dean updated the Board. She reported that the Family dinner Night held at the middle school was a nice event that was well attended. She also reported the good time she had at the Senior Expo at the high school today. She also announced that the Pumpkin Run will be held on October 23, 2016.

B. LEARN

Maura Wallin updated the Board. She reported that at the meeting held last month that LEARN is looking for spaces to rent for events and the next meeting is this month.

C. Parks & Recreation

No report.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

No report.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

Eric Couture updated the Board. He reported they discussed the high school project and long term strategies with schools.

Old Business

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery updated the Board. He reported that the latest flyer highlighting the solar went to the printer and will be sent out to everyone within district in one to two weeks. He also reminded the Board of the public hearing and resolution vote occurring on October 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$1250.00 from the HKMS PTO to Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Submitted by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$1250.00 from the HKMS PTO to Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Submitted by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with gratitude. 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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Neal Perron	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	Absent
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	Absent
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New Business - Continued

C. Board of Education 2017 Calendar

The Board discussed changes to the 2017 calendar

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Board of Education 2017 Calendar pending final review.*

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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Neal Perron	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	Absent
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Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeannie Young	Absent
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From the Superintendent

- A. **Legislative Update**
Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.
- B. **Personnel Report**
Superintendent Thiery presented the Personnel Report.
- C. **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 Neal Perron **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 <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"/>	Neal Perron	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
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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	Absent
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Board Discussion/News/Suggestions

None

Adjournment

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kati Mohr
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 11/1/16
Kathy Brown, Secretary