

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**September 6, 2016**

Item 3.A

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on September 6, 2016 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.*

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

*Members Absent: None*

*Also Present: Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Fiscal Operations Martha Vaughn, Board Clerk Larissa Johnson and Board Clerk Trainee Kati Mohr*

*Visitors: 8*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

*Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.*

**Public Comment**

*None*

**Board Recognition of State Trooper Jim Connelly**

*Superintendent of Schools Howard Thiery made a special statement in regards to the retirement of State Trooper Jim Connelly. Trooper Connelly has been with the state for 22 years and our district for 17. Trooper Connelly has been a part of the annual trip to Washington D.C. and also co-taught our Forensic Science class. Trooper Connelly then gave a brief speech thanking the Board and stating how much he will miss our district.*

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of Minutes for the August 2, 2016 Board of Education Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes for the August 16, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Neal Perron **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes, Items 4.A-4.B as presented. Motion passed 10-0-1 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	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 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"/>

## **Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings**

### **A. Facilities Subcommittee**

*Dan Chase reported there was a subcommittee meeting held on September 6, 2016. The subcommittee discussed field use.*

### **B. Finance Subcommittee**

*Suzanne Sack reported that the subcommittee met and went over regular reports and is looking forward to the new year.*

### **C. Policy Subcommittee**

*Kathy Brown reported that the subcommittee did not meet.*

### **D. Communications Subcommittee**

*Susan Dean reported that the subcommittee did not meet.*

### **E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee**

*Sue Twachtman reported the subcommittee met on August 10, 2016 and will meet again on September 22, 2016.*

### **F. Strategic Capital Planning Subcommittee**

*Suzanne Sack reported that the subcommittee did not meet.*

## **Board Liaison Reports**

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

*Susan Dean reported that the council does not meet in the summer.*

### **B. LEARN**

*No report.*

### **C. Parks & Recreation**

*Sue Twachtman did not have a report.*

### **D. Haddam Board of Selectmen**

*Neal Perron reported that Liz welcomes everyone back to school.*

### **E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen**

*Eric Couture did not have a report.*

## **Old Business**

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

#### **a) Public Hearing and Special Meeting Date**

*Community Information Session is being held September 7, 2016 at Haddam Killingworth Middle School  
Community Information Session is being held September 8, 2016 at Haddam Killingworth High School  
The referendum will not be able to take place on October 18 or at the time of the general election due to special guidelines pertaining to a Presidential election. A public hearing will take place on September*

15, 2016 as planned, however another public hearing and special meeting to adopt the bonding resolutions will be held at a future date.

**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 \$150.00 from Carol Cieslukowski. Submitted by Principal Dennis Reed, Killingworth Elementary School.
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$143.00 from Aetna Foundation. Submitted by Principal Dennis Reed, Killingworth Elementary School.
- C. Acceptance of a donation of \$14.70 from an anonymous donor to the district. Submitted by Martha Vaughn, Director of Fiscal Operations.

Susan Dean **MOVED** with appreciation and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 8.A-C, with gratitude, as presented. Motion passed 11-0-0 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	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"/>

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Suzanne Sack **SECONDED** a motion to move item 9B ahead of 9a. Motion passed 11-0-0 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	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**

**B. Board of Education Policies – First Read**

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

The above Board of Education policy changes are in regards to data privacy, hiring and background checks, and the mandated reporting of neglect and abuse. These changes come as a result of statutory changes at the State.

**A. Summer Opening of Schools Update**

**a) General Update-Enrollment and Hiring**

Superintendent of School Howard Thiery reported to the board. The district had a great opening, which started with a new teacher orientation, followed by a professional development day and ending with Convocation. Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> was the first day of school.

*Superintendent Thiery was happy to report that he was able to visit each school on opening day and thanked everyone for their hard work over the summer.*

**b) Curriculum and Professional Development**

*Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman presented to the Board, she gave a brief overview of what occurred over the summer. This included level 1 world language teachers at the middle and high school level completing unit assessment plans for all level 1 Spanish and French units. There was also an instruction on intervention for students with dyslexia and other reading disabilities in which 25 teachers participated.*

**c) Facilities**

*Director of Facilities Michael Distefano presented to the Board, he gave an overview of summer projects completed throughout the district which included crack repairs to the parking lot at Killingworth Elementary, exterior painting to Haddam Elementary and locker replacement at the High School.*

**d) Technology**

*Director of IT Scott Butson presented to the Board on projects completed over the summer which included the synchronization of active directory users' accounts with PowerSchool and Office 365, and establishing further connection from PowerSchool to other resources. He also reported on what the IT department did to strengthen the infrastructure to allow for future growth as well as reporting on the yearly setup that takes place over the summer.*

**e) Business**

*Director of Fiscal Operations Martha Vaughn presented to the Board on work completed over the summer, this included the End of School Year Report, implementing the AESOP system and the new copier lease.*

**f) HKHS**

*Principal Donna Hayward presented to the Board on the summer of 2016, this included the hiring 7 new faculty and staff members, working on the continuous improvement plan, welcoming new Cougars and physical adjustments and improvements to the school.*

**g) HKMS**

*Principal Jennifer Olsen presented to the Board on the summer of 2016, this included the hiring of 7 new faculty and staff members, working on the continuous improvement plan, and program improvement for school climate, SRBI and innovation*

**h) Pupil Services**

*Director of Pupil Services Tracy Geary gave a summary of the summer of 2016. This included the extended school year program of which 128 students ages 3-21 participated in. Individual student's evaluations, working on the continuous improvement plan, and the developmental learning program at BES.*

**i) KES**

*Principal Dennis Reed presented to the Board in regards to the summer of 2016. The PTO donated a 3D printer. New teachers were hired for first and second grade. For the continuous improvement plan scheduling was taken on to make it more efficient. Kindergarteners came in for a tour of the school, and a bus ride. Eight new families moved to Killingworth and there was an overall increase in the kindergartener population.*

**j) HES**

*Principal Bryan Kerachsky presented to the Board on the summer of 2016, six new families moved in Haddam. A community picnic was held in which 265 people attended and the kindergarteners had a walk-through day.*

**k) BES**

*Principal Eric Larson presented to the Board, he thanked Tracy, Mike and Scott for all their help over the summer and reported that four new families moved in. Burr engaged students and community members by hosting a Back to School Beautification in which 25-30 families participated. They are also teaching students about gardening and donating the food to the local food bank.*

**From the Superintendent**

**A. Legislative Update**

*None*

**B. Personnel Report**

*Superintendent reported hiring was 99.5% complete*

**C. Enrollment Report**

*Superintendent reported an increase Killingworth Elementary School's Kindergarten class.*

**2. From the Director of Fiscal Operations**

**A. Budget Transfers**

*None*

**Board Discussion/News/Suggestions**

*None*

**Public Comment**

*None*

**Adjournment**

*Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:39 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kati Mohr*

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Board Clerk

Approval: *Kathy Brown* Date: 10/4/16  
Kathy Brown, Secretary