

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION MEETING
May 17, 2016

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 17, 2016 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Members Present: *Dan Chase, Kathy Brown, Maura Cawley, Eric Couture, Joanne Nesti, Suzanne Sack, Susan Dean, and Joel D'Angelo*

Members Absent: *Sue Twachtman, Jeannie Young and Neal Perron*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman and Board Clerk, Larissa Johnson*

Visitors: *Approximately 105*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition Ceremonies

A. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth High School's Top Ten Students of the Class of 2016

Superintendent Thiery then presented the Top Ten Students of the Class of 2016:

- No. 10: Elise Irwin of Killingworth*
- No. 9: Natalie Blodgett of Killingworth*
- No. 8: Mary Coletti of Killingworth*
- No. 7: Connor McLaughlin of Killingworth*
- No. 6: Kyle Sullivan of Higganum*
- No. 5: Lilian Carmichael of Killingworth*
- No. 4: Analiese Bruder of Haddam*
- No. 3: Erica Allen of Higganum*
- No. 2: Joseph Bosco of Haddam, Salutatorian*
- No. 1: Annaliese Walsh of Killingworth, Valedictorian*

B. Recognition of The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Awardees

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the CABE Student Leadership Award winners:

- 1. Cameron Garrelts*
- 2. Caitlyn VonFeldt*

C. Recognition of District Retirees

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the District Retirees:

1. *Patrice Coletti of Killingworth Elementary School*
2. *Barbara Gosin of Haddam Elementary and Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*
3. *Paul McCormick of Haddam-Killingworth High School*
4. *Patricia Meanwell of Haddam Elementary School*
5. *Lesley Rowe of Haddam-Killingworth High School*
6. *Art Zorzy of Haddam-Killingworth High School*
7. *Cynthia Rich of Killingworth Elementary School*
8. *Jamie DeRosa of Killingworth Elementary School*

D. Recognition of District Staff Members of the Year

1. *Pamela Gersz for Burr Elementary School, presented by Principal Eric Larson*
2. *Heather Strom for Haddam Elementary School, presented by Principal Bryan Kerachsky*
3. *Deborah Conway for Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed*
4. *Melissa Bennett for Haddam-Killingworth High School, presented by Principal Donna Hayward*
5. *Jennifer Papallo for Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, presented by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen*

Robert Albert, Head of Maintenance for the district was named District Staff Member of the Year, presented by Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano.

E. Recognition of District Teachers of the Year

1. *Melissa Blasiak for Burr Elementary School, presented by Principal Eric Larson*
2. *Erin Drejer for Haddam Elementary School, presented by Principal Bryan Kerachsky*
3. *Irina Rubalsky for Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed*
4. *Lindsay Ramm for Haddam-Killingworth High School, presented by Principal Donna Hayward*

Carolyn LaRosa for Haddam-Killingworth Middle School was named Regional School District No. 17 Teacher of the Year, presented by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen.

Adjournment

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo and Superintendent Thiery concluded the ceremony at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson

Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 6/7/16
Kathy Brown, Secretary