

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**May 3, 2016**

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 3, 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 Cawley, Eric Couture, Joanne Nesti, Suzanne Sack, Jeannie Young, Susan Dean, Dan Chase (departed at 9:10 PM), Sue Twachtman (departed at 9:02 PM), and Joel D'Angelo*

**Members Absent:** *Neal Perron*

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

**Visitors:** *5*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

*Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.*

**Audience of Citizens**

*None*

*Maura Cawley **MOVED** and Suzanne Sack **SECONDED** a motion to move New Business Item 9.A – “Eagle Scout Project – HES Shade Pavilion” up in the agenda to follow the Audience of Citizens. Motion passed 10-0-0 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	Absent
Maura Cawley	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. Eagle Scout Project – HES Shade Pavilion**

*Ben Nicholas, an Eagle Scout candidate presented his proposed project to install a shade pavilion at HES. The pavilion will be approximately 8'x12' with four posts in concrete with a bench secured to the pavilion with an I-beam, with a pitched roof of wood and asphalt shingles.*

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Maura Cawley **SECONDED** a motion to accept the donation of the shade pavilion at Haddam Elementary School to be built by Ben Nicholas, future Eagle Scout, with great appreciation. Motion passed 10-0-0 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	Absent
Maura Cawley	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"/>

## Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes for the April 5, 2016 Board of Education Annual Hearing
- B. Approval of Minutes for the April 5, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes for the April 5, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes for the April 19, 2016 Board of Education – Education Session Meeting

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes from April 5, 2016 and April 19, 2016 as presented. Motion passed 10-0-0 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	Absent
Maura Cawley	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"/>

## Report from Student Representatives

*Luke Bauer reported that the Junior Prom will be May 14, 2016 at Wesleyan University, that there will be a chorus and band concert on May 19, 2016, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and students who attended the “Balance the Ride” conference in Old Lyme presented ideas for helping to manage student and teacher stress at a faculty meeting held on April 26, 2016. Lily Carmichael reported that the HK Players will performing, “High School Musical” on Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7. Senior Citizens are also invited to attend a run-through performance of the show on Thursday, May 5, at 6:00 PM. She also reported that AP Exams are taking place this week and next week. Scores from the exams will be available in July.*

## Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

### A. Facilities Subcommittee

*Dan Chase updated the Board. He reported that the subcommittee met tonight and discussed the high school energy upgrade project and the proposed Eagle Scout project at HES.*

### B. Finance Subcommittee

*Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She reported that the subcommittee is now meeting on the first Thursdays of the month at 10:30 AM. They met last week and discussed the projected balance sheet and that the year will not end in a deficit. Most of the encumbered items include insurance, salaries, etc. They also discussed reviewing vendor checks over \$4,000 rather than \$5,000 to have a better idea of expenditures.*

### C. Policy Subcommittee

*Kathy Brown had no report.*

### D. Communications Subcommittee

*Susan Dean updated the Board. She said that the subcommittee has discussed having a bulk mailing of Board news to the community two-to-three times per year, as well as having a community email list, and extending media coverage to include the Killingworth Krier and Killingworth Today.*

### E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

*Sue Twachtman updated the Board. She reported that the Negotiations Committee will begin working on negotiations with the custodial group on May 10, 2016.*

## Board Liaison Reports

### A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

*Susan Dean updated the Board. She reported that Drug Take Back Day, held on May 1 was very successful. She also reported that the council is going to be working on updating and maintaining its website. She also reported that the HK Hall of Fame is Thursday night.*

### B. LEARN

*Maura Cawley updated the Board. She said that there was a meeting on April 14, where the Superintendent from East Lyme presented. They also talked about regionalization of special education and received information on what's happening in the state legislative session.*

### C. Parks & Recreation

*Sue Twachtman did not have a report.*

### D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

*No report.*

### E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

*Eric Couture updated the Board. He reported that that they met last Monday and discussed Capital. They asked questions about the use of the Old Middle School building. They also talked about the possible bill coming out of the legislature regarding Board of Finance control over school budgets.*

## Old Business

### A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

*Dan Chase gave a status update on the high school athletic fields. He explained that several specialists will be taking samples of the water and soil to monitor the field's progress with the new aerator and treatment program. He also updated the Board regarding the request for the rough order of magnitude (ROM) from the architect regarding the possible new high school entrance. His fee for creating an ROM came in at \$12,000, more than the \$10,000 the Board had authorized. The Board discussed at some length whether to authorize the expenditure of an additional \$2,000 for this service, or to put the ROM out for a request for proposal and what impact these options would have on a possible timeline for a high school renovation project referendum.*

*The Board **ADJOURNED** for a recess at 8:39 PM.*

*The Board **RETURNED** from recess at 9:02 PM.*

*Jeannie Young **MOVED** and Joanne Nesti **SECONDED** a motion to approve an additional expenditure of \$2,000 from the Capital Fund to pursue the rough order of magnitude with current architect.*

*Eric Couture **AMENDED** the motion to add a caveat that the ROM must be received by the Board by June 1, 2016. Jeannie Young **ACCEPTED** the amendment.*

Motion passed 9-1-0 by the following votes:

Kathy Brown	YES	___	NO	✓	A	___
Dan Chase	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___
Maura Cawley	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	___

## New Business

### B. Capital Plan Development Committee: Formation and Work

*The Board discussed that it will be assembling a Capital Plan Committee to consist of the Board Chair and the chairs of the Facilities and Finance committees. The committee will be looking at capital needs and planning for future maintenance projects and renovations. There will be two other spaces open for Board members who may be interested in participating.*

## Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$58.72 from Target 2016 Take Charge of Education program. Submitted by Principal Donna Hayward, Haddam-Killingworth High School.

*Suzanne Sack **MOVED** and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 8-0-0 by the following votes:*

Kathy Brown	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___
Dan Chase	Absent					
Maura Cawley	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	Absent					
Jeannie Young	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___
Joel D'Angelo	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___

## From the Superintendent

### A. Legislative Update

*Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He reported that he will have more information after May 10, 2016. Discussion regarding the state legislature has been largely around the state budget.*

### 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

*None*

**Board Discussion/News/Suggestions**

*Suzanne Sack announced that today is Teacher Appreciation Day and thanked all of the members of the Board who are teachers as well as teachers in the district and said that good teachers can change lives and give opportunities to students that they may not have recognized without the support of a teacher.*


**Adjournment**

*Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:13 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



Larissa B. Johnson  
Board Clerk

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