

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING  
April 5, 2016**

*A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 5, 2016 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Lower Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 8:32 PM.*

**Members Present:** *Dan Chase, Sue Twachtman, Kathy Brown, Maura Cawley, Eric Couture, Joanne Nesti, Suzanne Sack, Jeannie Young, Neal Perron (arrived at 8:33), Susan Dean, and Joel D'Angelo*

**Members Absent:** *None*

**Also Present:** *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, and Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn, 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 8:32 PM.*

**Audience of Citizens**

*None*

*Maura Cawley **MOVED** and Suzanne Sack **SECONDED** a motion to move New Business Item 9.A up in the agenda. 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 type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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. Haddam Little League Batting Cage Donation**

*Ed Matthews of Haddam Little League presented his donation of a batting cage for girls' softball at Haddam-Killingworth High School. Haddam Little League is donating the materials and labor for construction of the batting cages.*

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Maura Cawley **SECONDED** a motion to accept the donation of the materials and construction of a softball batting cage at Haddam-Killingworth High School. 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 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 March 1, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes for the March 1, 2016 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes for the March 8, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes for the March 10, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting – Joint Meeting
- E. Approval of Minutes for the March 10, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting
- F. Approval of Minutes for the March 22, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting – Community Input Session
- G. Approval of Minutes for the March 22, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting
- H. Approval of Minutes for the March 24, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting
- I. Approval of Minutes for the March 29, 2016 Board of Education Special Meeting

*Maura Cawley **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes of past meetings 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 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**

*None*

**Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings**

**A. Facilities Subcommittee**

*Dan Chase updated the Board. He presented the need for a repair of a boiler at Haddam Elementary School. He explained that this fix could be as little as \$6,900, once the boiler is taken apart, but if the repairs required are more substantial, they could be up to \$15,000. The Board discussed whether the cost of the repair should be applied to the Facilities Contingency line or the Capital Fund.*

*Maura Cawley **MOVED** and Jeannie Young **SECONDED** a motion to approve the repair of the boiler at Haddam Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. 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 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"/>

**B. Finance Subcommittee**

*Suzanne Sack reported that the Finance Subcommittee is meeting on Thursday, April 7.*

**C. Policy Subcommittee**

*Kathy Brown reported that the Policy Subcommittee meeting will be rescheduled.*

**D. Communications Subcommittee**

*Susan Dean reported that the Communications Subcommittee has not met. The Board then discussed the state statutory restrictions on the district communicating information about the budget referendum to the public following the public hearing.*

**E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee**

*Sue Twachtman reported that the subcommittee has not met.*

**F. Curriculum Subcommittee**

*Dan Chase reported that the subcommittee has not met.*

**Board Liaison Reports**

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

*Susan Dean updated the Board. She reported that the council met on March 17 and discussed support methods for students in college. They also have an ice cream social coming up on April 28, a Drug Take-Back event on April 30, and several events scheduled for September.*

**B. LEARN**

*Maura Cawley did not have a report.*

**C. Parks & Recreation**

*Sue Twachtman updated the Board and reported that she shared the approval of the purchase of an aerator system to try address the slime build-up on the HKHS playing fields.*

**D. Haddam Board of Selectmen**

*Neal Perron reported that the First Selectwoman is working on the town budget. Sue Twachtman added that she, Joanne Nesti and Kathy Brown also met with Lizz Milardo and discussed budget concerns and other ideas for the future of the district and the town.*

**E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen**

*Eric Couture reported that the First Selectwoman is working on the town budget.*

**G. Curriculum Council**

*An update will be given at the next meeting.*

**Old Business**

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

*Dan Chase reported that the Facilities Subcommittee is preparing for its report on April 19. They are still waiting on some figures to come in regarding the high school entrance alternative rough order of magnitude, and information on lighting and sound in the auditoriums.*

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$67.59 from the Target Take Charge of Education Program. Submitted by Principal Bryan Kerachsky, Haddam Elementary School.
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$120.52 from the Target Take Charge of Education Program. Submitted by Principal Eric Larson, Burr District Elementary School.
- C. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$105.63 from the Target Take Charge of Education Program. Submitted by Principal Dennis Reed, Killingworth Elementary School.
- D. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the KES PTO. Submitted by Principal Dennis Reed, Killingworth Elementary School.
- E. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from an anonymous donor to support the D.A.R.E. Program at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Submitted by Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn.
- F. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$46.90 from the Target Take Charge of Education Program. Submitted by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- G. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Pratt & Whitney. Submitted by Principal Donna Hayward, Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- H. Acceptance of two donations in the amount of \$150.00 each from the Middletown Police Benefit Association and Police Union for Project Graduation 2016. Submitted by Principal Donna Hayward, Haddam-Killingworth High School.

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Suzanne Sack **SECONDED** a motion to approve the consent agenda items A-H 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 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**

**B. High School Graduation Date**

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion to set a graduation date of June 15, 2016 for Haddam-Killingworth High School. 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 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"/>
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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"/>

**From the Superintendent**

**A. Legislative Update**

*Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He reported that the state budget is still in development and is expecting further information about education items happening at the state level in the summer.*

**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**

*None*

**Audience of Citizens**

*Sherry Boucher of Haddam thanked the Board and Facilities Subcommittee for their hard work on the facilities upgrade plan.*

**Adjournment**

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a student matter. 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 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"/>

*The Board went into Executive Session at 9:06 PM.*

*The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:25 PM.*

*Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:25 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

Larissa B. Johnson  
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 5/3/16  
Kathy Brown, Secretary