

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 1, 2016**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on February 2, 2016 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

***Members Present:** Dan Chase, Sue Twachtman, Kathy Brown, Maura Cawley, Eric Couture, Joanne Nesti, Suzanne Sack, Jeannie Young, Neal Perron, Susan Dean, (arrived at 7:33 PM) and Joel D'Angelo*

***Members Absent:** None*

***Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn, Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano, Student Representatives Luke Bauer and Lily Carmichael, and Board Clerk, Larissa Johnson*

***Visitors:** 9*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

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

Audience of Citizens

None

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes for the February 2, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Jeannie Young **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes 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	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	Absent	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 tomorrow the juniors will take the SAT, which is the first year that they will be taking the SAT with its redesigned format. He also reported that the highlight of the HKHS Winter Sports season was the girls gymnastics team coming in second in the state for their division and that Spring Sports Night is on March 15 where student athletes and their parents can get more information about the upcoming season. Lily Carmichael reported that the HK Players will put on a production "High School Musical" for their spring show, with performance dates of May 6-7 at 7:00 PM.

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities Subcommittee

Dan Chase updated the Board. He reported that the subcommittee has not met due to weather cancellations, but they are continuing their work on their recommendations for the high school referendum project.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She reported that the subcommittee has met two times to discuss the audit results as well as monthly vendor checks cut over \$5,000. She also explained that this year is a critical time for the current budget as the business office ensures that the budget comes in as expected.

C. Policy Subcommittee

Kathy Brown reported that the Policy Subcommittee met on February 24, 2016 and discussed CABE's proposed policies, including a Field Trip policy that the committee will be taking a closer look at and then they continued their work on the 6000 series.

D. Communications Subcommittee

Susan Dean updated the Board. She reported that meeting was cancelled last week due to weather. They are looking at sending out information regarding the budget as well as referendum-related communications for the fall.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Sue Twachtman reported that the subcommittee has not met.

F. Curriculum Subcommittee

Dan Chase reported that the subcommittee met and discussed several items that will be presented later on the agenda for approval by the Board.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

Susan Dean updated the Board. She reported that the council has a new person running it and that there will be a Pancake Breakfast in April.

B. LEARN

Maura Cawley did not have a report.

C. Parks & Recreation

Sue Twachtman updated the Board and reported that she attended the meeting held on February 24, 2016. They presented a program review and discussed being in touch with Mike Distefano regarding the availability of the HKHS Field House over the summer during renovations.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

Neal Perron reported that the First Selectwoman is working on the town budget.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

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

G. Curriculum Council

Kathy Brown reported that the council met and discussed several items that will be presented later on the agenda for approval by the Board.

Old Business

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

Joel D'Angelo updated the Board and explained that the Facilities Subcommittee is continuing its work, but that the last meeting was cancelled due to weather. The Board discussed communication strategies to encourage public input on the project, including possibly holding an additional public input session. All Board meetings and subcommittee meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for public input at each regularly scheduled full meeting of the Board (business meetings and Education Session meetings). Dan Chase said that the Facilities Subcommittee will look more closely at offering an additional opportunity for public input at its next subcommittee meeting.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the National Family Partnership. Submitted by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$480.00 from Morgan Stanley, c/o CyberGrants, Inc. Submitted by Principal Donna Hayward, Haddam-Killingworth High School.

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Suzanne Sack **SECONDED** a motion to approve the consent agenda 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"/>
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New Business

A. Annual State Testing Presentation

Dr. Holly Hageman presented an update on Annual State Testing for Spring 2016. Information regarding the Smarter Balanced Assessments and Redesigned SAT are available on the district website at <http://www.rsd17.org/parents4.shtml>.

Dan Chase then introduced the next portion of the agenda and explained that the Curriculum Subcommittee met and heard a compelling presentation on these proposals and felt that these items should be brought forth for consideration by the full Board.

B. 7th Grade Science Textbook Proposal

Dr. Hageman introduced the textbook proposal for 7th grade science. The proposed textbook is a consumable textbook, Human Body Systems (Pearson © 2011).

C. HKHS College Prep Physics/Physical Science Textbook Proposal

Dr. Hageman introduced the textbook proposal for the HKHS College Prep Physics/Physical Science courses. The proposed book is Conceptual Physics 12e (Hewitt, © 2015).

D. Next Generation Science Standards/STEM: Project Lead the Way

a) 8th Grade Elective Course Proposal

Dr. Hageman presented the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Robotics course as an eighth grade elective at HKMS.

b) K-2 Curriculum Proposal

Dr. Hageman presented the proposal to integrate Project Lead the Way elementary science units into the elementary curriculum in grades K-2 as the district looks towards adopting the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

E. World Language Program Update and Textbook Proposals

Dr. Hageman presented information on the World Language Program Update and textbook proposals for Spanish I and French I.

*Dan Chase **MOVED** and Sue Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion to adopt the textbook Human Body Systems (Pearson © 2011) as recommended by the administration. 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"/>
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

*Dan Chase **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to adopt the textbook Conceptual Physics 12e (Hewitt, © 2015) as recommended by the administration. 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"/>
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*Dan Chase **MOVED** and Sue Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion to adopt the STEM program improvements for the Project Lead the Way 8th grade Robotics course and Project Lead the Way program for K-2. Motion passed 11-0-0 by the following votes:*

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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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*Dan Chase **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to adopt the textbooks Discovering French Today (Harcourt Holt McDougal, © 2013) for French I and Mundo Real (Cambridge University Press, © 2016) for Spanish I. Motion passed 11-0-0 by the following votes:*

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From the Superintendent

A. Legislative Update

Superintendent Thiery reported that he is waiting on a report from CAFE and CAPSS regarding information on education-related bills being considered during this legislative session.

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

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo reminded the Board that Budget Workshops begin on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

Adjournment

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 4/5/16
Kathy Brown, Secretary