

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 1, 2015**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on December 1, 2015 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

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

Members Absent: *None*

Also Present: *Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn and Board Clerk, Larissa Johnson*

Visitors: *5*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nomination and Election of Board of Education Officers

A. BOE Chair

*Susan Dean **NOMINATED** Joel D'Angelo for Board of Education Chair, the nomination was **SECONDED** by Sue Twachtman. Election of Joel D'Angelo as Board of Education Chair 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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	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"/>
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

B. BOE Vice Chair

*Sue Twachtman **NOMINATED** Joanne Nesti for Board of Education Vice Chair, the nomination was **SECONDED** by Susan Dean. Election of Joanne Nesti as Board of Education Vice Chair 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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	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"/>
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

C. BOE Treasurer

*Susan Dean **NOMINATED** Suzanne Sack for Board of Education Treasurer, the nomination was **SECONDED** by Joanne Nesti. Election of Suzanne Sack as Board of Education Treasurer 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"/>

D. BOE Secretary

*Jeannie Young **NOMINATED** Kathy Brown for Board of Education Secretary, the nomination was **SECONDED** by Susan Dean. Election of Kathy Brown as Board of Education Treasurer 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"/>

Board Committee Leadership and Membership

The Board reviewed the Board Committees' roles and vacancy of leadership positions for all of the Board subcommittees and liaison positions.

Audience of Citizens

None

Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes for the November 3, 2015 Board of Education Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes for the November 17, 2015 Board of Education Meeting – Education Session

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes 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 Cawley	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"/>

Report from Student Representatives

Luke Bauer and Lily Carmichael made their report to the Board on events taking place at the high school.

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Joanne Nesti **SECONDED** a motion to move New Business Items 11.A and 11.B to follow the Report from Student Representatives. 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

A. HKHS Music Department Spring Overnight Trip to Boston, MA in May 2017

Marcy Webster, the HKHS Fine Arts Department Head, presented the Music Department Spring Overnight Trip to Boston in May 2017.

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Kathy Brown **SECONDED** a motion to approve the HKHS Music Department Spring Overnight Trip to Boston, MA in May 2017. 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"/>

B. HKHS Inventory Disposal Request

Donna Hayward, Principal of HKHS presented the Inventory Disposal Request for HKHS.

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the HKHS Inventory Disposal Request 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"/>

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities Subcommittee

Dan Chase reported that the Facilities Subcommittee did not meet.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Joel D'Angelo updated the Board.

C. Policy Subcommittee

No Report.

D. Communications Subcommittee

Susan Dean updated the Board.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Sue Twachtman reported that the subcommittee has not met.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

Susan Dean updated the Board.

B. LEARN

No report.

C. Parks & Recreation

No report.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

No report.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

Jeannie Young had nothing to report.

Old Business

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

The Board discussed what actions were being taken within the community to remind the residents of Haddam and Killingworth of the referendum vote and whether any signage is going to be posted. They also discussed the logistics and possibility of sending out a reminder postcard for voting on the referendum on December 8, 2015.

*Dan Chase **MOVED** and Eric Couture **SECONDED** a motion to send out a reminder postcard to the members of the towns of Haddam and Killingworth of the Referendum vote on December 8, 2015, within the next two days, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.*

*Susan Dean **AMENDED** the motion to add, “if the language is approved by counsel.” Dan Chase **ACCEPTED** the amendment.*

*Kathy Brown **AMENDED** the motion to replace “members of the towns of Haddam and Killingworth” with, “residents of the towns of Haddam and Killingworth.”*

The Board went into recess at 8:39 PM for purposes of gathering additional information on the possibility of sending out a reminder postcard.

The Board came back from recess at 8:47 PM.

Dan Chase **AMENDED** the motion to add, "to direct the administration" to the phrase "to send out a reminder postcard" and remove the phrase "if language is approved by counsel."

Dan Chase asked the Board Clerk to read the motion for the Board.

Restatement by the Board Clerk of the motion made by Dan Chase: "a motion to direct the administration to send out a reminder postcard to the residents of the towns of Haddam and Killingworth of the referendum vote on December 8, 2015, within the next two days, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00."

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called the vote.

The motion passed 10-1-0 by the following votes:

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joanne Nesti	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" 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"/>

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$25.00 from The Cooking Company. Submitted by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Haddam-Killingworth Middle School
- B. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Whelen Engineering Company, Inc. Submitted by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- C. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Morgan Stanely, c/o CyberGrants, Inc. by Mark Hale. Submitted by Principal Donna Hayward, Haddam-Killingworth High School.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Dan Chase **SECONDED** a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with gratitude. 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"/>

From the Superintendent

- A. Legislative Update**
Sue Twachtman updated the Board regarding LEARN's initiative to find more effective ways of lobbying at the state level.
- B. Personnel Report**
Board Chair Joel D'Angelo presented the Personnel Report.
- C. Enrollment Report**
Board Chair Joel D'Angelo 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 to submit their requests for which committees they would like to serve on by next week. He also mentioned that the December Education Session meeting may be cancelled.

Joanne Nesti suggested that the Board consider having a meeting to discuss their approach to the budget philosophically. The Board discussed the budget process and discussed how they might go about starting that implementing a plan to have those discussions.

Adjournment

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Kathy Brown, Secretary