

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION
October 20, 2015

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on October 20, 2015 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Members Present: *Kathy Brown, Susan Dean, Joanne Nesti, Dan Chase, Joel D'Angelo, Jeannie Young Karen Perry, Amy Jacques-Purdy (arrived at 7:08 PM), and Sue Twachtman*

Members Absent: *Michele Amendola and Becky Valenti*

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

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Visitors: *12*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

Neal Perron of Haddam Neck addressed the Board. He said that he watched the video from HKTV at the previous Board meeting and is a very proud member of the class of 1994. He talked about his experience participating at HKTV and as a director in the program. He said that the programs here are very well accepted and that the Board should continue doing what it's doing.

Eric Couture of Killingworth addressed the Board. He said that he is running for the Board and said that the Board should keep up the good work and thanked the Board for what they do.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Curriculum Council Update

Susan Dean reported that Curriculum Council did not meet.

B. Curriculum Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that the Curriculum Subcommittee will meet on October 28, 2015.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Continuous Improvement Plan - Presentation

Superintendent Thiery introduced the Continuous Improvement Plan. He presented the district mission and gave an overview of the continuous improvement goals and process. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Holly Hageman presented an overview on the Student Achievement Goals. Goals for student achievement include all student K-8 meeting grade level expectations in reading, writing and math, all HKHS students having a post-graduate experience prior to graduation, increasing the number of HKHS students earning college-credit through high school courses, and increasing the numbers of students applying and getting accepted to "Most Competitive" and Highly "Competitive" colleges. She then discussed the strategies that will be implemented to work towards achieving these goals. Superintendent Thiery then presented the goals and strategies for community relations and partnerships.

Tracy Geary, Director of Pupil Services and Tonya Gorgone, Special Education Coordinator, presented the Pupil Services Continuous Improvement Plan. The Pupil Services goal is to "Create, implement and maintain the highest quality student support services utilizing best practice," and several strategies were presented along with indicators of growth and development.

Principal Donna Hayward presented the Continuous Improvement Plan for Haddam-Killingworth High School. She presented the goals, action steps, and progress monitoring points for the areas of literacy, math, and internal and external communication.

Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen presented the Continuous Improvement Plan for Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. She presented the goals, instruction methods, planning and collaboration strategies, and measures and monitoring points for the areas of literacy, writing, and math and discussed self-directed learning opportunities and internal and external community goals.

Principal Bryan Kerachsky, Principal Dennis Reed, and Principal Eric Larson presented the Continuous Improvement Plan for the elementary schools. Principal Kerachsky presented the reading goals, and provided an inspirational quote from Nancy Atwell, who won the Global Teacher prize regarding the importance of reading and literacy. Principal Reed presented the goals, action plans and progress monitoring steps in writing and numeracy. Principal Eric Larson presented a goal for self-directed learning, that all RSD 17 elementary students will have opportunities for self-directed learning and to innovate and create and discussed how that will be achieved by creating a maker space in each school and by creating opportunities in the classroom for student-directed learning and iteration. He also presented the goals for building connections within the school community both internally and externally.

Adjournment

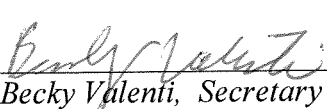
Board Chair Twachtman called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson

Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: Nov 3 2019
Becky Valenti, Secretary