

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION
June 16, 2015**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 16, 2015 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Student Commons. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM.

Members Present: *Susan Dean, Dan Chase, Kathy Brown, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Becky Valenti, Jeannie Young, (arrived at 8:12), Karen Perry (arrived at 8:17), Michele Amendola (arrived at 8:37 PM), and Sue Twachtman*

Members Absent: *Joel D'Angelo and Brian Gamache*

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

Visitors: 3

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

None

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to move "Old Business Item 4.A: High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade (CREC Project)" to follow "Item 7: From the Superintendent." Motion passed 6-0-0 by the following votes:*

Michele Amendola	Absent	Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	Absent
Dan Chase	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	Jeannie Young	Absent
Susan Dean	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"/>
Brian Gamache	Absent		

Board Liaison Reports

A. Curriculum Council Update

Susan Dean updated the Board. She reported that Dr. Hageman gave a K-12 math curriculum Update and an overview of the redesigned SAT test, followed by an update of activities going on at each of the schools given by principals.

B. Curriculum Subcommittee

Dan Chase had no report.

Old Business

B. Policy Review (2nd Read)

1. P5141.28 – Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Prevention
2. P5141.7 – Concussion
3. P6142.63 – Aquatic Activity Safety
4. P5132 – Dress Code
5. Co-Curricular Eligibility

The Board discussed the proposed changes discussed at the June 2, 2015 Board meeting regarding the Dress Code and Co-Curricular Eligibility policies as well as the other policies presented.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve Policy 5141.28 – Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Prevention, Policy 5141.7 – Concussion, Policy 6142.63 – Aquatic Activity Safety, Policy 5132 – Dress Code, and Policy 6145.21 – Co-Curricular Eligibility as presented. Motion passed 6-0-0 by the following votes:*

Michele Amendola	Absent	Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	Absent
Dan Chase	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	Jeannie Young	Absent
Susan Dean	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"/>
Brian Gamache	Absent		

C. Superintendent's Contract

To be discussed as a personnel matter in Executive Session.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of a donation of \$111.00 from Youth & Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth, Inc. to be deposited directly into our Student Activity Account to offset costs associated with Community Week. Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- B. Acceptance of fitness equipment value at \$40,000.00 from Higganum Physical Therapy sold to Haddam-Killingworth High School for \$5,000.00. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- C. Acceptance of a donation of 3 sets of dumbbells from HKHS Alum Bill Baklik, valued at \$630.00. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- D. Acceptance of a donation of a York Leg Press from HKHS Alum Brian Woodford, valued at \$2,500.00. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- E. Acceptance of a donation of \$250.00 from the KES PTO to be deposited into the KES Student Activity Account. Submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School.
- F. Acceptance of a donation of \$214.10 from General Mills Box Tops for Education to be deposited into the Student Activity Account for the purchase of library books. Submitted by Eric Larson, Principal of Burr District Elementary School.
- G. Donation of \$117.14 from the A+ Bonus Bucks Program at Stop & Shop to be deposited into the Student Activity Fund. Submitted by Bryan Kerachsky, Principal of Haddam Elementary School.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to accept Items 5A.-5.G. - Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	Absent	Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	Absent
Dan Chase	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	Jeannie Young	Absent
Susan Dean	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"/>
Brian Gamache	Absent		

New Business

A. HKHS Asset Disposal

Per Board Policy, requests for disposal of assets must be brought before the Board. The Board reviewed a request submitted by HKHS for disposal of a large quantity of educational VHS tapes and a variety of exercise equipment that is no longer functional. The Board briefly discussed this request.

Becky Valenti **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to dispose of the assets as requested by HKHS including VHS tapes and non-functional exercise equipment as presented. Motion passed 6-0-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	Absent	Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	Absent
Dan Chase	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	Jeannie Young	Absent
Susan Dean	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"/>
Brian Gamache	Absent		

B. Special Education Review

The Board discussed the possibility of contracting with District Management Council or another firm to perform a review of the district's Special Education services and a possible timeline for contracting those services. The model proposed by District Management Council would use efficiencies found the help cover the cost of the reviewed, which is approximately \$50,000 per year for a three-year contract. The Board talked about revisiting the DMC Special Education review proposal during the next budget season.

From the Superintendent

A. Legislative Update

Superintendent Thiery presented several new pieces of legislation that were passed to the Board and gave brief summaries of those new bills. He discussed HB 7061 – An Act Concerning The State Budget For the Biennium Ending June 30, 2017, SB 1059 – An Act Concerning High School Graduation Requirements, HB 7019 – An Act Concerning The Minimum Budget Requirement, and SB 1095 – An Act Concerning Students Assessments. The Board briefly discussed these bills.

Old Business – Continued

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade (CREC Project)

The Board discussed what projects it should consider for the High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade, including installation of a new roof, replacement of the boilers and other heating equipment, exterior and interior lighting upgrades as well as the possibility of installing solar panels on the HKHS roof, updating the high school auditorium as well as entrance/façade, and upgrading the field installing turf and making some other possible upgrades. The Board discussed at some length submitting some of these additional requests to CREC for estimates on cost before moving forward to begin the bonding and bidding process.

Board Discussion/News/Suggestions

Amy Jacques-Purdy suggested that the Board consider having drug-sniffing dogs at the high school as a deterrent for students bringing drugs to school. She suggested that this be a possible topic for future conversation.

Adjournment

*Karen Perry **MOVED** and Dan Chase **SECONDED** a motion go into Executive Session for the purposes of contract negotiation. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

Michele Amendola	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>	Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
Kathy Brown	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>	Karen Perry	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
Dan Chase	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>	Becky Valenti	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent			Jeannie Young	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
Susan Dean	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>	Sue Twachtman	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
Brian Gamache	Absent						

The Board went into the Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

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

Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to evergreen the Superintendent's contract for a three-term. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	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"/>	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Gamache	Absent		

Board Chair Sue Twachtman called for the meeting adjourn at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: Becky Valenti Date: July 21²⁰ 2015
Becky Valenti, Secretary