

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION MEETING**  
**May 19, 2015**

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 19, 2015 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.*

***Members Present:** Susan Dean, Kathy Brown, Amy Jacques-Purdy, and Sue Twachtman*

***Members Absent:** Brian Gamache, Karen Perry, Jeannie Young, Joel D'Angelo, Dan Chase, 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*

***Visitors:** Approximately 115*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

*Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

**Recognition Ceremonies**

**A. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth High School's Top Ten Students of the Class of 2015**

*Superintendent Howard Thiery first recognized Laura Spinetti of Higganum, a member of the junior class graduating with the Class of 2015, ranking 6<sup>th</sup> in the junior class.*

*Superintendent Thiery then presented the Top Ten Students of the Class of 2015:*

- No. 10: Matthew Blewett of Killingworth*
- No. 9: Halie Serbent of Killingworth*
- No. 8: Cathrina Kothman of Killingworth*
- No. 7: Mackenzie Hinds of Higganum*
- No. 6: Olivia Chasse of Killingworth*
- No. 5: John (Zach) Westerbeke of Higganum*
- No. 4: Olivia Parmelee of Haddam*
- No. 3: Emily Pattavina of Higganum*
- No. 2: Danielle Roman of Higganum, Salutatorian*
- No. 1: Rachel Winner of Higganum, Valedictorian*

**B. Recognition of The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Awardees**

*Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the CABE Student Leadership Award winners:*

- 1. Natalie Blodgett*
- 2. Kyle Sullivan*

**C. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School's CT Association of Schools (CAS) Scholars**

*Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dr. Jennifer Olsen presented the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School's CT Association of Schools Scholars:*

- 1. Marie Emerson*
- 2. Matthew Wills*

**D. Recognition of District Retirees**

*Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the District Retirees:*

- 1. Lois Schoenberg of Haddam Elementary School*
- 2. Mary Anne Lisk of Killingworth Elementary School*
- 3. Linda Deimel of Burr Elementary School*
- 4. Marie Hoydock of Killingworth Elementary School*

**E. Recognition of District Staff Members of the Year**

- 1. Susan Rynkowski for Haddam-Killingworth High School, presented by Principal Donna Hayward*
- 2. Cindy Fetteroll for Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, presented by Dr. Jennifer Olsen*
- 3. Cindy Sadlowski for Burr Elementary School, presented by Principal Eric Larson*
- 4. Gary Forbes for Haddam Elementary School, presented by Principal Bryan Kerachsky*
- 5. Jamie DeRosa for Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed*

*Lynne Flint, Athletic Director of Haddam-Killingworth High School was named District Staff Member of the Year, presented by Principal Donna Hayward*

**F. Recognition of District Teachers of the Year**

- 1. Janet Kohm for Haddam-Killingworth High School, presented by Principal Donna Hayward*
- 2. Jessica Petrus for Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, presented by Dr. Jennifer Olsen*
- 3. Lindsey Meyer for Haddam Elementary School, presented by Principal Bryan Kerachsky*
- 4. Jennifer Esposito for Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed*

*Jessica DeAngelo for Burr Elementary School was Regional School District No. 17 Teacher of the Year, presented by Principal Eric Larson*

**Adjournment**

*Superintendent Thiery concluded the ceremony at 8:15 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Larissa B. Johnson*

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Board Clerk

Approval: *Becky Valenti* Date: *June 2 2015*  
Becky Valenti, Secretary