

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 7, 2015

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 7, 2015 in the Student Commons of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 8:025 PM.

Members Present: *Kathy Brown, Becky Valenti, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Dan Chase, Jeannie Young, Karen Perry, Susan Dean, Michele Amendola, Joel D'Angelo and Sue Twachtman*

Members Absent: *Brian Gamache*

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

Visitors: *6*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 8:25 PM.

Audience of Citizens

None

Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes for the February 3, 2015 Board of Education Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes for the February 23, 2015 Board of Education Special Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes for the February 24, 2015 Board of Education – Education Session
- D. Approval of Minutes for the March 10, 2015 Board of Education Special Meeting
- E. Approval of Minutes for the March 10, 2015 Board of Education Special Meeting – Budget Workshop
- F. Approval of Minutes for the March 12, 2015 Board of Education Special Meeting – Joint Meeting of the Board of Education and the Boards of Selectmen and Boards of Finance of the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth
- G. Approval of Minutes for the March 12, 2015 Board of Education Special Meeting – Budget Workshop
- H. Approval of Minutes for the March 17, 2015 Board of Education Special Meeting – Community Input Session
- I. Approval of Minutes for the March 17, 2015 Board of Education Special Meeting – Budget Workshop
- J. Approval of Minutes for the March 19, 2015 Board of Education Special Meeting – Budget Workshop
- K. Approval of Minutes for the March 24, 2015 Board of Education Special Meeting – Budget Workshop
- L. Approval of Minutes for the March 26, 2015 Board of Education Special Meeting – Budget Workshop

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 10-0-0 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	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Gamache	Absent						

Report from Student Representatives

None

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities Subcommittee

Dan Chase updated the Board. He reported that the subcommittee met prior to tonight's meeting and discussed summer projects, such as the removal of the modular classrooms at KES and HES. The subcommittee also discussed the boiler conversion, and minor pavement repairs at the high schools and BES. The subcommittee also discussed the CREC proposal for heating system upgrades and roofing replacement.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Joel D'Angelo updated the Board. He reported that the subcommittee met prior to tonight's meeting and discussed the General Fund year-to-date, monthly checks from March over \$5,000 and budget transfers. They also discussed putting out an RFP for auditing services.

C. Policy Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy had no report.

D. Communications Subcommittee

Susan Dean updated the Board. She reported that they are working on the Board of Education School Board Handbook but have not done a Board Update.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Karen Perry updated the Board. She reported that the subcommittee met during budget season and will need to meet again soon.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

Susan Dean had no report.

B. LEARN

Kathy Brown had no report.

C. Parks & Recreation

No report.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

Becky Valenti had no report.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

Jeannie Young had no report.

Old Business

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

Dan Chase gave a brief synopsis of the proposals for upgrades at the High School. He explained that the high school is 39 years old and needs a new roof and new boilers. He explained that CREC presented a proposal for roof replacement, boiler repairs and possible energy-saving upgrades that could offset the cost of heating and electricity as a part of the proposal. He said that the subcommittee has been looking at a lot of different scenarios. Jeannie Young mentioned that she would like to make sure that the specifications from CREC can be put out to bid by all of the major roofing companies in the area to ensure that the district gets the best product at the best pricing. The Board discussed the proposals briefly and will talk about the proposals at greater depth at a future meeting.

Consent Agenda

- A.** Donation of \$1,000.00 from the Killingworth Foundation to the Audio Visual Club to use toward their Student Television Network trip to San Diego. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- B.** Donation of \$1,000.00 from the CT Street Rod Association to the Computer/Robotics Club toward the purchase of parts for the Electric Vehicle/Robotics program. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- C.** Donation of a telescope from Mr. Earle Decker, Jr. for use by the Astronomy class. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- D.** Donation of \$100.00 from the Benevity Community Impact Fund (Meribeth Cipriano – United Health Group) to Project Graduation. Submitted by Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.
- E.** Donation of \$61.55 from Target Take Charge of Education to be deposited into our Student Activity Account. Submitted by Eric Larson, Principal of Burr District Elementary School.
- F.** Donation of \$2003.00 from the HKMS PTO to offset the cost of the Grade 8 Field Trips. Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- G.** Donation of \$250.00 from the HKMS PTO for 10 yearbook scholarships. Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- H.** Donation of \$53.16 from the Target Take Charge of Education program for the KES Student Activity Fund. Submitted by Dennis J. Reed, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with gratitude for all who donated. Motion passed 10-0-0 by the following votes:

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Brian Gamache	Absent		

New Business

A. Set High School Graduation Date – June 2015

Superintendent Thiery explained that the State of Connecticut requires that students attend school for 180 days per year. The RSD 17 School calendar schedules 182 days of school. Currently, after cancellations due to snow, the last day of school is scheduled for June 23, 2015. The Board discussed waiving two days of school and setting the last day of school and graduation date as June 19, 2015.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to set the graduation date and last day of school for June 19, 2015. Motion passed 10-0-0 by the following votes:

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From the Superintendent

A. Legislative Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He reported that he went to the Capital to testify in favor of the ECS bill. Board Chair Twachtman thanked the Superintendent for delivering testimony in Hartford and she said that the comments made that day were well-received. Susan Dean added that she was very impressed with many of the comments she heard that day.

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

Director of Fiscal Operations Martha Vaughn presented the Budget Transfers.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 10-0-0 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"/>
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From the Board Chair

No Discussion

Board Discussion – Areas of Opportunities for District Improvement

No Discussion

Adjournment

Board Chair Sue Twachtman called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: May 5th 2015
Becky Valenti, Secretary