

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 4, 2014

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on November 4, 2014 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Brian Gamache*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Director of Finance Martha Vaughn, Student Representatives Luke Ford and Lily Carmichael, and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson*

Visitors: *7*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

None

Approval of Minutes

- A.** Approval of Minutes for the October 7, 2014 Board of Education Meeting
- B.** Approval of Minutes for the October 21, 2014 Board of Education – Education Session Meeting

*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

Luke Ford and Lily Carmichael presented their report to the Board.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to move New Business Item A and Item B to follow the Report from Student Representatives. 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		

New Business

A. HKHS Music Trip to NYC, April 24th & 25th 2015.

Haddam-Killingworth High School teachers Marry Webster and Timothy D'Amato presented the HKHS Music Trip to New York City.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Haddam-Killingworth High School Music Trip to New York City from April 24-25, 2015. 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		

B. HKMS World Language Trip to NYC, April 9th & 10th, 2015.

Haddam-Killingworth Middle School teachers Liz Pascucci and Sue-Ann Malinconico presented the HKMS World Language Trip to New York City.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School World Language Trip to New York City from April 9-10, 2015. 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		

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy updated the Board. The next meeting will be December 2, 2014.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$63,000 for a Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Lightning Protection System from the Middle School Building Fund. Motion passed 9-0-1 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	YES <u>✓</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	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		

B. Finance Subcommittee

Joel D'Angelo updated the Board. The next meeting will be December 2, 2014.

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Dan Chase **SECONDED** a motion to remove "Transportation" from the Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee and rename the subcommittee the "Facilities Subcommittee." Motion passed 10-0-0 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	YES <u>✓</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	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		

C. Policy Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that the subcommittee did not meet.

D. Communications Subcommittee

Susan Dean updated the Board. The next meeting will be November 18, 2014.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Karen Perry updated the Board.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

Susan Dean updated the Board.

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 updated the Board.

Old Business

A. Teacher Negotiations

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

B. 2015-2016 Calendar Draft

Board Chair Twachtman presented the proposed 2015-2016 calendar. The Board briefly discussed the differences between the proposed calendar and other calendars from neighboring districts.

Consent Agenda

- A.** Acceptance of a donation from the HKMS PTO in the amount of \$1,250.00 to offset the cost of the Grade 7 Field Trips. Submitted by Miriam Wagner, Principal of the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- B.** Acceptance of a donation from the HKMS PTO in the amount of \$1,250.00 to offset the cost of the Grade 6 Field Trips. Submitted by Miriam Wagner, Principal of the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- C.** Acceptance of a donation from the HKMS PTO in the amount of \$1,050.20 for the purchase of (1) Microsoft Surface Pro tablet for pilot use by grade 7 teacher as approved by Scott Butson, District Technology Manager. Submitted by Miriam Wagner, Principal of the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- D.** Acceptance of a donation of 2 hydroponic tower gardens, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gagliardi. The gardens (which retail for approx. \$500 each) will be used to enhance the science curriculum of our students. Submitted by Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary School.
- E.** Acceptance of a donation of a large “Welcome to Killingworth Elementary School” banner to be displayed in the canopy entrance of the school. This generous donation was made by a Killingworth parent, Michael Melillo. Submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School.
- F.** Acceptance of a donation from Target in the amount of \$116.34 to be deposited into the KES Student Activity Account. Submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School.
- G.** Acceptance of a donation from Target in the amount of \$145.20 to be deposited into the BES Student Activity Account. Submitted by Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary School.
- H.** Acceptance of a donation from the Killingworth Foundation in the amount of a \$2,000 grant to offset travel expenses to the Student Television Network Competition in San Diego, CA March 30 – April 4, 2015. Submitted by Maryann Grimaldi, Dean of Academics of Haddam Killingworth High School.
- I.** Acceptance of a donation from Killingworth resident, Harry Taylor of a 2002 Panasonic Model CT-27G7DF Color TV to be used by our Library Media Center. Submitted by Miriam Wagner, Principal of the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- J.** Acceptance of a donation of assorted athletic balls and jump ropes from the HKMS PTO to be used by grade 7 students. Submitted by Miriam Wagner, Principal of the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- K.** Acceptance of two donations to be deposited into the HKMS Student Activity Account/First Lego League to be used for supplies and membership fees. The first is from The Cooking Company in the

amount of \$25.00. The second is from Concetto A. DiMauro in the amount of \$20.00. Submitted by Miriam Wagner, Principal of the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A through K 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		

New Business – Continued

C. 2015/16 Budget Time Line

Superintendent Thiery presented the Budget Time Line. He mentioned that the Haddam First Selectwoman requested that the Joint Meeting of the Boards of Selectman and Finance be held in Haddam rather than Killingworth. The Board discussed this and determined that the HKMS Student Commons is a space that best suits the nature of the meeting and that many other important budget-related meetings are held in Haddam. The Board also discussed that in the past, it has been difficult to hear people speaking at the Community Input session. The Board determined that the Community Input session should be moved to the High School Auditorium.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Karen Perry **SECONDED** a motion to approve the proposed 2015-2016 Budget Timeline with the provision that the Community Input session scheduled for March 18, 2015 be moved to the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. 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		

From the Superintendent

A. Legislative Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

B. Personnel Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Personnel Report.

C. Enrollment Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Enrollment Report.

From the Director of Fiscal Operations

No discussion.

From the Board Chair

Board Chair Sue Twachtman reminded the Board about the 2014 CABE/CAPSS Conference in Mystic, November 14-15, 2015.

Board Discussion – Areas of Opportunities for District Improvement

Michele Amendola suggested that the Board offer a recognition or celebration for Junior Firefighters and EMTs. She said that she would look into it further and bring information back to the Board.

Adjournment

*Karen Perry **MOVED** and Jeannie Young **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel matters. 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	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		

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:20 PM and Board Chair Sue Twachtman called for the meeting to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Becky Valenti, Secretary