

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION
August 19, 2014**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on August 19, 2014 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: Amy Jacques-Purdy, Susan Dean, Kathy Brown, Becky Valenti, Joel D’Angelo, Dan Chase, Jeannie Young, Karen Perry and Sue Twachtman

Members Absent: Michele Amendola and Brian Gamache

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Director of Facilities, Michael DiStefano, and Board Clerk, Larissa Johnson

Visitors: 0

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.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Curriculum Council Update

Sue Twachtman reported that the Curriculum Council has not met.

B. Curriculum Subcommittee

Dan Chase reported that the Curriculum Subcommittee has not met.

Old Business

A. Capital Projects

Board Chair Sue Twachtman presented several Capital Items for consideration.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the installation of basketball backstops and line markings at a cost not to exceed \$13,894. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	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		

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the purchase of three warming ovens at the three elementary schools at a cost not to exceed \$4,650. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

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

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to approve the installation of sound panels for the Haddam-Killingworth High School's Principal's Office at a cost not to exceed \$1,653. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

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

B. Personnel/Hiring Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board on the status of filling open positions prior to the beginning of the school year. He then presented a proposal that the two Curriculum Coordinator positions be eliminated and that the District create an Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction position along with an administrative support position. He explained the position and the benefits it would present for the District and the Board discussed the position at length.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to eliminate the two Curriculum Coordinator positions and create the position of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

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

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to create a clerical support staff position to support the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

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

C. HKMS 2016 Field Trip to Washington D.C. – 4/27/16 - 4/29/16

Board Chair Sue Twachtman reintroduced to the proposed field trip to Washington D.C. from April 27, 2016 to April 29, 2016 as originally presented by Neil English at the August 5 meeting of the Board.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School field trip to Washington D.C. from April 27, 2016 to April 29, 2016. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

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

D. Health Insurance

Superintendent Thiery reintroduced the issue of concerns regarding the upcoming federally mandated tax on health insurance plans. He invited Board members to attend a meeting with Wyllis, the District's health insurance broker for a future meeting in early September.

E. Teacher Negotiations

Superintendent Thiery outlined the timeline for negotiations with the teachers' union as required by the state and requested by the union. He also proposed that the Board have a Joint Special Meeting with the Boards of Finance in the two districts as they approach negotiations with the teachers' union.

F. Superintendent's Contract

To be discussed in Executive Session.

New Business

None

*Karen Perry **MOVED** and Jeannie Young **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel issues and negotiations. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:39 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:55 PM.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to increase Superintendent Howard Thiery's salary by two percent. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	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		

Adjournment

Board Chair Sue Twachtman called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Becky Valenti, Secretary