

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
July 15, 2014

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on July 15, 2014 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Brian Gamache,*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Director of Finance Martha Vaughn, 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 7:06 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

None

Approval of Minutes

- A.** Approval of Minutes for the June 2, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting
- B.** Approval of Minutes for the June 3, 2014 Board of Education Finance Subcommittee and Facilities & Transportation Subcommittee Special Joint Meeting
- C.** Approval of Minutes for the June 3, 2014 Board of Education Meeting
- D.** Approval of Minutes for the June 24, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting
- E.** Approval of Minutes for the July 1, 2014 Board of Education Special 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		

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

Sue Twachtman updated the Board. She presented one item for Board approval:

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to the replacement of twelve windows at Haddam-Killingworth High School, twelve windows at Haddam Elementary School and four windows at Killingworth Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$28,015.00 from the Capital Fund. 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						

The next meeting will be August 5, 2014.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Joel D'Angelo updated the Board. The next meeting will be August 5, 2014.

C. Policy Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that the subcommittee did not meet. The next meeting will be August 19, 2014 at 3:00 PM.

D. Communications Subcommittee

Susan Dean updated the Board.

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 updated the Board.

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. Superintendent Contract

*Karen Perry **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of Old Business Item 6.A – Superintendent Contract. 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		

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:33 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:42 PM.

Consent Agenda

- A.** Acceptance of a donation from the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Reward Program in the amount of \$1,282.05 to be deposited into our Student Activity Account. Submitted by Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary School.
- B.** Acceptance of a donation from the HKMS PTO in the amount of \$528.00 to reimburse the HKMS Student Activity Fund for tee shirts purchased for the marching band. Submitted by Miriam Wagner, Principal of the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- C.** Acceptance of a donation from KES PTO to be deposited in the Bill C. Scholarship Fund in the KES Student Activity Account. Submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School.
- D.** Approval of a donation of two small trees donated by the fourth grade Girl Scout Troop (Troop # 60779) to be plated on the grounds of the Killingworth Elementary School. Submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School.

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to accept 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"/>
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. Personnel Update

To be discussed in Executive Session

From the Superintendent

B. Legislative Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

C. Personnel Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Personnel Report.

D. Enrollment Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Enrollment Report.

From the Director of Fiscal Operations

No discussion.

From the Board Chair

No discussion.

Board Discussion – Areas of Opportunities for District Improvement

No discussion.

Adjournment

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Karen Perry **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussion personnel matters. Motion passed 10-0-0 by the following votes:*

Michele Amendola	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	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 7:51 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

*Karen Perry **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to appoint Sheila Ward as Assistant Principal for Haddam-Killingworth High School. Motion passed 10-0-0 by the following votes:*

Michele Amendola	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	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 meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: _____ *Date:* _____
Becky Valenti, Secretary