

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 3, 2014

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 3, 2014 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM.

Members Present: *Amy Jacques-Purdy, Susan Dean, Michele Amendola, Brian Gamache, Becky Valenti, Karen Perry, Jeannie Young, Kathy Brown (arrived at 8:08 PM), and Sue Twachtman*

Members Absent: *Dan Chase and Joel D'Angelo*

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

Visitors: *1*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

None

Approval of Minutes

- A.** Approval of Minutes for the April 3, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting
- B.** Approval of Minutes for the May 5, 2014 Board of Education Annual Meeting
- C.** Approval of Minutes for the May 6, 2014 Board of Education Meeting
- D.** Approval of Minutes for the May 20, 2014 Board of Education – Education Session Meeting

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes as presented with a correction of an error to the motion to approve the budget transfers under "From the Director of Fiscal Operations." Motion passed 8-0-0 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	Absent	Karen Perry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	Absent	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___		

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to move New Business Item 9A to follow the Approval of Minutes. Motion passed 8-0-0 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	Absent	Karen Perry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	Absent	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___		

New Business

A. RFP Results for Wireless Project at HKHS

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to accept the proposal from the The Walker Group to set up the new wireless system at a cost not to exceed \$24,000. Motion passed 8-0-0 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	Absent	Karen Perry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	Absent	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___		

Report from Student Representatives

Student Representative Luke Ford gave his report to the Board.

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

Brian Gamache updated the Board. He presented two action items for approval:

*Brian Gamache **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to approve additional painting at KES including the interior of the gym and the exterior overhangs of the '63 Wing at cost not to exceed \$8,480. Motion passed 8-0-0 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	Absent	Karen Perry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	Absent	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___		

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to approve concrete sidewalk repairs at KES and HKHS at a cost not to exceed \$27,290. Motion passed 8-0-0 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	Absent	Karen Perry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	Absent	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___		

The next meeting will be July 15, 2014.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Karen Perry updated the Board. The next meeting will be July 15, 2014.

C. Policy Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that the subcommittee did not meet. The next meeting is to be determined.

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

Brian Gamache had 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. Insurance Transition Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

Consent Agenda

- A.** Acceptance of a donation from Bill Cieslukowski's family, Jennifer Lisk and the Killingworth Elementary staff in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be deposited in the Bill C. Scholarship fund in the KES Student Activity account. The money will be used to provide full or partial scholarships for some KES students to attend summer camps and programs. Submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of the Killingworth Elementary School.
- B.** Acceptance of a donation from the Haddam Junior Woman's Club in the amount of \$100.00 to be used for student activities. Submitted by Miriam Wagner, Principal of the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.
- C.** Acceptance of a donation from General Mills Box Tops for Education in the amount of \$314.70 for Burr Elementary School, submitted by Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary School.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

A. Discussion and Approval of the 14/15 Assessment Invoice for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Assessment Invoice for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

B. Discussion and Approval to Transfer final allocation of Bus Sale Proceeds from Bus Sale Proceed Account to General Fund

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the allocation of the Bus Sale Proceeds to the General Fund as presented as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

C. Budget Transfers

*Karen Perry **MOVED** and Jeannie Young **SECONDED** a motion to approve the budget transfers as presented in Item 11.C. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

From the Board Chair

Board Chair Sue Twachtman brought up the topic of meetings in the summer. The Board determined that the Education Session scheduled for June 17, 2014 should be a cancelled, and Special Meeting should be scheduled for June 24, 2014 at 6:00 PM to discuss end-of-year budget items. The Board also determined that the business meeting of the Board scheduled for July 1, 2014 should be moved to July 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Board Discussion – Areas of Opportunities for District Improvement

Jeannie Young brought up two topics for discussion including adding a .5 guidance counselor at HKMS and asked about the health curriculum at the middle school level.

Adjournment

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Michele Amendola **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Becky Valenti, Secretary