

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION MEETING
May 20, 2014

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 20, 2014 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

***Members Present:** Dan Chase, Susan Dean, Kathy Brown, Brian Gamache, Jeannie Young, Amy Jacques-Purdy, and Sue Twachtman*

***Members Absent:** Karen Perry, Joel D'Angelo, Michele Amendola, and Becky Valenti*

***Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson*

***Visitors:** Approximately 125*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition Ceremonies

A. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth High School's Top Ten Students of the Class of 2013

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the Top Ten Students of the Class of 2014:

No. 10: Zachariah Carmichael of Killingworth

No. 9: Jessie McFee of Higganum

No. 8: Ceara Wettemann of Killingworth

No. 7: Kiley Anderson of Killingworth

No. 6: Gunnar Soneson of Higganum

No. 5: Robert Scully of Higganum

No. 4: Christiana Field of Haddam

No. 3: Lily Umba of Higganum

No. 2: Rachel Westerbeke of Higganum, Salutatorian

No. 1: Kyle McCormick of Higganum, Valedictorian

B. Recognition of The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Awardees

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the CABE Student Leadership Award winners:

1. Danielle Roman

2. Max Nadelman

C. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School's CT Association of Schools (CAS) Scholars

Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Miriam Wagner presented the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School's CT Association of Schools Scholars:

1. Roham Hussain

2. Julianne Kelly

D. Recognition of District Retirees

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the District Retirees:

1. *John Cappetta of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*
2. *Carl Cavrell of Haddam-Killingworth High School*
3. *Elizabeth Devlin of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*
4. *Virginia Greene of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*
5. *Margaret Langer of Haddam-Killingworth High School*
6. *Charles Macunas of Haddam-Killingworth High School*
7. *Deborah Miles of Haddam-Killingworth High School*
8. *Lee Miller of Killingworth Elementary School*
9. *Patricia Morrissey of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*
10. *Cindy Mortensen of Haddam Elementary School*
11. *Dennis O'Rourke of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*
12. *Mary Beth Phelps of Burr Elementary School*
13. *Karen Ann Porter of Haddam-Killingworth High School*
14. *Lori Raczka of Haddam Elementary School*
15. *Carla Reilly of Haddam-Killingworth High School*
16. *James Tencza of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*
17. *Deborah White of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*

E. Recognition of District Staff Members of the Year

1. *Darcy Agro for Burr Elementary School, presented by Principal Eric Larson*
2. *Shelly Thompson for Haddam Elementary School, presented by Interim Principal Bryan Kerachsky*
3. *Cynthia Rich for Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed*
4. *Sandy Mal for Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, presented by Principal Mim Wagner*
5. *Donna Bartolotta for Haddam-Killingworth High School, presented by Principal Charles Macunas*
6. *Linda Kauffman, Director of Nursing for District Staff Member of the Year, presented by Superintendent Thiery*

F. Recognition of District Teachers of the Year

1. *Kathleen Egan for Burr Elementary School, presented by Principal Eric Larson*
2. *Heather Rigatti for Haddam Elementary School, presented by Interim Principal Bryan Kerachsky*
3. *Mary Ventres for Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed*
4. *Kerry Smith for Haddam-Killingworth High School*
5. *Janet Nelson for Haddam-Killingworth Middle School also named District Teacher of the Year*

Adjournment

Superintendent Thiery concluded the ceremony at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson

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Board Clerk

Approval: *Becky Valenti* Date: 6-3-2014
Becky Valenti, Secretary