

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 6, 2014

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 6, 2014 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

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

Members Absent: Jeannie Young

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

Visitors: 5

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

None

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to move New Business Item 9.B to follow the Audience of Citizens. 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"/>
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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"/>		

New Business

B. New Horticulture Course at HKHS

Board Chair Sue Twachtman introduced the proposed Horticulture class. She said that the course will include topics such as plant structure and function, plant propagation, soil analysis, hydroponics, pest management, greenhouse management and sustainable farming. She said that this course will complement the community's strong agricultural background. The District will also be partnering with Parmalee Farms and selling at the local farmers' market. Sheila Ward, Math/Science Curriculum Coordinator and Heather Tooker, Science Department Head at HKHS presented the course. Sheila Ward explained that the course is an upgrade of the horticulture course that was offered in the past. It will be taught by Allie Zukowski, who is approved as a UCONN Horticulture and Environmental Science teacher. Students who take the course will be eligible for college credit from UCONN. The course will be taught using the greenhouse which is attached to the science classroom. The cost of the course will be \$3200 for 25 students, covering the cost of the

textbooks. Soil and seeds have been donated by local Haddam farmers. The Board discussed the location of the greenhouse, cost of maintaining the greenhouse and future soil and seed costs as well as the procedure of applying for college credit.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the new UCONN Horticulture course 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"/>
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Brian Gamache	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to move New Business Item 9.A to follow New Business Item 9.B. 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"/>
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Brian Gamache	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

A. Annual Health Food Certification

Director of Food Services Sharon Shettleworth explained that the Healthy Food Certification provides the district with a reimbursement of ten cents per meal for compliance with the certification. However, the District has found that this benefit negatively impacts the District's ability to fundraise as the restrictions need to apply to bake sales, school store sales, sports game refreshments, and school plays—it reaches beyond the lunch room. The loss in revenue from those sales would outweigh the reimbursement from the Certification.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Kathy Brown **SECONDED** a motion to decline the Healthy Food Certification. 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"/>
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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"/>		

Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes for the March 24, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting – Community Input Session
- B. Approval of Minutes for the March 24, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes for the March 26, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes for the April 1, 2014 Board of Education Meeting
- E. Approval of Minutes for the April 3, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting
- F. Approval of Minutes for the April 7, 2014 Board of Education Annual Hearing
- G. Approval of Minutes for the April 7, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting
- H. Approval of Minutes for the April 22, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting
- I. Approval of Minutes for the April 22, 2014 Board of Education – Education Session Meeting

Joel D’Angelo said that the minutes from April 3, 2014 Special Meeting did not seem to capture the purpose of the meeting. The Board reviewed the minutes and discussed some possible revisions. The Board concluded that the minutes really didn’t reflect the character of the meeting. Superintendent Thiery said that he would bring back the minutes for revision.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes as presented with the exception of the Minutes for the April 3, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting. 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"/>
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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"/>		

Report from Student Representatives

Student Representative Luke Ford gave his report to the Board. Luke discussed the College Fair which included institutions from military, to universities, to technical schools. He said that the overall response from the students was positive. He also discussed the Senior Spring Into Service Projects. Students held a bake sale and donated the proceeds to a local hospital. They also went to KES and worked with elementary school students to construct a module for an egg drop. Some students also renovated the lobby in front of the auditorium. He also reported that the Chorus and Band Concert will be a Jazz Cabaret on June 3rd. Finally, he reported that the Junior and Senior Proms are upcoming and that students are very excited.

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

Brian Gamache updated the Board. He presented several action items for approval. The first was an update on the Lightning Protection System. He explained that a specification design was needed because there was a discrepancy between the bids to install the system of over \$30,000. The cost to have a specification design will be \$4600.00 to be paid from the Middle School Construction Budget.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$4,600, for a lightning protection system specification design. 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"/>
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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 second item he presented was a painting project at Killingworth Elementary School. The Director of Facilities had thus far received one proposal of the three requested for the completion of painting in the '63 wing of KES. The quote received was for \$24,100 to paint eight classrooms, rest rooms and the hallway. The painting project will be paid from the Capital Fund.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$24,100, for painting of the '63 wing of Killingworth Elementary School. 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"/>
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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 third item he presented is improvements to the White House as recommended by the Haddam Building Inspector. The White House is located on the HKHS campus and is occupied by HK Parks & Rec and HK Youth and Family Services. The Building Inspector made several recommendations: 1) Bringing the railing system around the flat roof to code, 2) Repairing the flat roof membrane which is leaking into the basement, 3) Improve the railing and ramp for hand trucks to eliminate access obstacles, 4) Upgrade the railing in the interior stairway and cathedral balcony to bring them to code. The Board briefly discussed that the tenants of the White House had requested improvements to the building based on concerns that the building was not to code, however the District has found through consulting with the Building Inspector that the building is actually conforming to code based on its age and the level of occupancy and the manner of its usage. However, the Building Inspector did find some areas for improvement. The Board expressed its appreciation for the Building Inspector taking the time to review the building. The Board also briefly reviewed the bid and motion process for Capital expenditures. For amounts over \$5,000, the District must obtain three quotes. For amounts over \$25,000, a Request for Proposal is required.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$8,000, to make repairs to railings, roof, and ramp at the White House as discussed. 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"/>
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Brian Gamache	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>				

The next meeting will be June 3, 2014.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Joel D'Angelo updated the Board. At their May 6 meeting, the subcommittee reviewed Summaries and Details by Object, Monthly Checks over \$500, and reviewed Budget Transfers to clean up budget lines for the end of the Fiscal Year. He said that the subcommittee should have a joint meeting with the Facilities & Transportation Subcommittee to discuss the Capital Fund and figure out how to make the fund better work for the District by meeting with the auditor and Webster Bank representative. The next meeting subcommittee meeting will be June 3, 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. She reported that there was no meeting this past month. She reported that the May Board Update came out and she discussed what was included in the Update. She also reported that the Communications Subcommittee worked on reminding people to vote on the Board of Education Budget. She said they are also looking forward to returning to their work on the Board Handbook. The next meeting will be May 20, 2014.

The Board took a recess at 8:38 PM.

The Board returned from recess at 8:44 PM.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Karen Perry updated the Board. She reported that the subcommittee discussed the hiring process for the HKHS Principal and had its first negotiations session with the Support Union and Nurses Union. The next meeting will be May 19, 2014.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

Susan Dean updated the Board. She was unable to attend the meeting on April 10. She distributed a copy of the 40 Developmental Assets. She said that the topic of focus for April was Caring Neighborhoods and Communities. In May, the focus will be Guild to Sports Parenting.

B. LEARN

Kathy Brown had no report.

C. Parks & Recreation

Brian Gamache had no report.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

Becky Valenti updated the Board. She brought the Power Point of the Budget Presentation to be able to discuss and answer questions regarding the budget from the Board of Selectmen.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

No Report

Old Business

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of a donation from an anonymous donor, totaling \$124.80 to be applied to HKHS Athletic programs.
- B. Acceptance of a donation of a Booth for ticket and apparel sales from The Touchdown Club, to be constructed by the high school woodshop. The booth would be designed to be moved to different locations as needed and it would become the property of RSD17 once installed. Submitted by Lynne Flint, Athletic Director of HK High School.
- C. Acceptance of a donation from Haddam Junior Woman’s Club in the amount of \$100.00 to go to Student Activities for Burr Elementary School, submitted by Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary School.
- D. Acceptance of a donation from Youth and Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth in the amount of \$250.00. These funds are to be used of Community Week expenses, submitted by Miriam Wagner, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.

The Board briefly discussed the donation of a Ticket Booth from the Touchdown Club to clarify the nature of the donation.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **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"/>
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New Business - Continued

C. Insurance Transition Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board on the Insurance Transition from Anthem to CIGNA. Superintendent Thiery stated that he has held several meetings, including two meetings for employees, Leadership meeting with CIGNA and Willis. He explained that any staff member can access information regarding the insurance online. He said that the transition is going well. Some doctors in East Hampton who were not currently in-network are adding CIGNA.

Superintendent Thiery also said that Willis suggested that the District add prescriptions to the medical stop-loss insurance. He explained that Willis reviewed our files and found that adding this additional stop-loss coverage for prescriptions would be beneficial. The cost would be \$12,000, but that it would save us by contributing substantially to the District reaching the stop-loss limit. He also said that this expenditure would not have to be added to the budget as it would be covered by the savings it will

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to purchase additional prescription independent stop-loss insurance. 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"/>
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From the Superintendent

A. Legislative Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He presented three proposed bills. The first, H.B. No. 5113 'An Act Concerning Youth Athletics and Concussions,' The bill sets out several requirements for education on and the handling of concussions. He said that the District already meets most of these requirements, however one requirement would have to be implemented as a new practice, which would be that the Board of Education must compile and report all instances of concussions suffered by children in school. The second was H.B. No. 5559 'An Act Concerning a Uniform School Calendar,' which Superintendent Thiery reported would be delayed until the school year 2016-2017 or 2017-2018. The third was S.B. No. 46 'An Act Concerning Pesticides on School Grounds.' This bill, which has been tabled, would expand the ban on the use of pesticides in schools to include students in grades 9-12. Superintendent Thiery explained that this would be problematic with the maintenance of athletic fields and could create liabilities for injuries if fields are not properly maintained.

The Board also discussed the Education Cost Sharing funding. Senator Art Linares has submitted a bill to correct the ECS grant as it is estimated that Haddam's share for the ECS grant is under-estimated by approximately \$600,000 due to the changes in tax revenues from the loss of the Yankee Nuclear. The bill did not make it out of committee.

B. Personnel Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Personnel Report.

C. Enrollment Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Enrollment Report.

From the Director of Fiscal Operations

Director of Fiscal Operations Martha Vaughn presented Budget Transfers to the Board. She explained that the budget transfers were to clear the budget lines for the end of the fiscal year.

*Karen Perry **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to approve the budget transfers 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"/>
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Brian Gamache	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>				

From the Board Chair

Board Chair Sue Twachtman presented several upcoming events at Haddam-Killingworth High School that might be of interest for the Board to attend:

*National Honor Society Inductions – May 27, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the HKHS Auditorium
Upperclass Award Ceremony – May 28, 2014 at 7:35 AM
Senior Scholarship Ceremony – June 9, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the HKHS Auditorium*

Board Discussion – Areas of Opportunities for District Improvement

Dan Chase brought up two items for consideration including the creation of a Curriculum Subcommittee and an investigation into possible additional uses of the Old Middle School facilities. Superintendent Thiery mentioned that the Oak Hill School has approached the District regarding renting some space to open a satellite location below Middletown. Karen Perry also thanked the Killingworth Fire Department and the administration for their excellent handling and communication of the fire alarm incident at Killingworth Elementary School, and also thanked Superintendent Thiery and the KES faculty.

Adjournment

*Karen Perry **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to go into to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. 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"/>
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Brian Gamache	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>				

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:29 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:50 PM and Board Chair Sue Twachtman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

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