

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**August 6, 2013**

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on August 6, 2013 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry, called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.*

**Members Present:** *Amy Jacques-Purdy, Susan Dean, Chet Harris, Jeannie Young, Becky Valenti, Sue Twachtman, Jamie Lehane and Karen Perry*

**Members Absent:** *Joel D'Angelo, Jonathan Wintsch and Steven Banaletti*

**Also Present:** *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery and Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn, and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson*

**Visitors:** *4*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

*Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

**Audience of Citizens**

*None*

**Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of Minutes for the June 26, 2013 Board of Education Special Meeting**
- B. Approval of Minutes for the July 2, 2013 Board of Education Meeting**

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction of the date of the approved minutes from the July 2, 2013 minutes. Motion passed 7-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <u>√</u> NO ___ A ___	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <u>√</u> NO ___ A ___	Sue Twachtman	YES <u>√</u> NO ___ A ___
Chet Harris	Absent	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <u>√</u> NO ___ A ___	Susan Dean	YES <u>√</u> NO ___ A ___
Jeannie Young	YES <u>√</u> NO ___ A ___	Karen Perry	YES <u>√</u> NO ___ A ___
Joel D'Angelo	Absent		

## New Business

### Legal Services Interviews: Executive Session

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of contract negotiation. Motion passed 7-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	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"/>
Chet Harris	Absent	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	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"/>
Jeannie Young	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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent		

- A. Shipman & Goodwin – Rebecca Santiago & Tom Mooney**
- B. Kainen, Escalera and McHale – Frederick Dorsey**

*The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:44 PM.*

### Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

#### **A. Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee**

*Jamie Lehane updated the Board. He reported that the subcommittee reviewed the Capital Projects in progress, and that some of them may not be completed for a few more weeks. He said that the Security Project is almost completed and that it will be done around Labor Day. He also stated that the banker's window at HES will be delayed due to the movement of furniture between offices, and that the wiring will not be completed this summer. He added that carpeting for Burr is completed, that the playgrounds have been inspected and a broken swing at KES has been repaired. He said that the committee discussed creating a maintenance and repair schedule, which would be like a living document tracking the cycle of maintenance and upkeep, that could be adjusted as project priorities change. He reported that the committee discussed the Solar Energy/Performance project and that the Irrigation Re-bid has come in. He said that Mike Distefano talked to the lower-bid contractor about coming down from their bid of \$349,999, and that this bid did not include using the smaller holding tank. The next meeting will be September 3, 2013 at 6:30 PM.*

#### **B. Building Subcommittee (HKMS)**

*Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that the subcommittee did not meet. Next meeting date is to be determined.*

#### **C. Finance Subcommittee**

*Martha Vaughn updated the Board. The subcommittee met prior to the Board of Education meeting this evening. She reported that the subcommittee reviewed the Financial Report for 2013-2014, and salaries for teachers and paraprofessionals. The subcommittee also reviewed a draft version of the RFP for health insurance brokerage. The next meeting will be September 3, 2013 at 6:30 PM.*

#### **D. Policy Subcommittee**

*Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that the committee drafted policies regarding physical activity. The next meeting will be August 21, 2013 at 9:30 AM.*

**E. Communications Subcommittee**

*Karen Perry reported that the committee did not meet. The next meeting will be August 20, 2013.*

**F. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee**

*Karen Perry updated the Board. The subcommittee met on July 30, 2013 and discussed the standing item of personnel issues, Howard Thiery's evaluation, and listened to Howard Thiery's presentation of his year-end progress report on his goals.*

**Board Liaison Reports**

**A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council**

*Susan Dean updated the Board. She mentioned the Harley Bash for Healthy Communities to be held on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at the Gelston House, where a \$25,000 Harley Davidson will be raffled off. Tickets are \$25 each and available through H-K Youth & Family Services and Killingworth Pharmacy. She also discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Dinner to be held on September 23, 2013 from 5:30-7:30 PM, RSVP with Catherine at HKYFS.*

**B. LEARN**

*Sue Twachtman reported that LEARN did not meet. She reported that LEARN is holding an event on August 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM.*

**C. Parks & Recreation**

*Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that Parks & Recreation did not meet.*

**D. Haddam Board of Selectmen**

*No report.*

**E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen**

*Susan Dean updated the Board. She reported that the discussion regarding the school district was minimal and that she gave them a copy of our year-end report.*

**Old Business**

**A. Policy 5000 Series**

*Board Member Amy Jacques-Purdy suggested that the Board review the 5000 series at the August 20, 2013 Education Subcommittee meeting.*

**B. Policy 6000 Series Technology Policies**

*Amy Jacques-Purdy re-introduced the Policy 6000 series. The Board briefly discussed the 6000 series.*

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Sue Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Policy 6000 related to technology as presented at the July 2, 2013 Board of Education meeting. Motion passed 7-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>   </u> A <u>   </u>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>   </u> A <u>   </u>	Sue Twachtman	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>   </u> A <u>   </u>
Chet Harris	Absent	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>   </u> A <u>   </u>	Susan Dean	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>   </u> A <u>   </u>
Jeannie Young	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>   </u> A <u>   </u>	Karen Perry	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>   </u> A <u>   </u>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent		

**C. 2014-2015 Calendar**

*Superintendent Thiery presented the four proposed calendar options. The Board discussed the four calendar options presented. Calendar Version C provides the opportunity for snow days to be made up during a full-week February break, whereas Version B provides for a 5 ½ day weekend in February.*

**D. 2014 Board of Education Meeting Schedule**

*Superintendent Thiery presented the draft of the 2014 Board of Education Meeting Schedule.*

**Consent Agenda**

*None*

**From the Superintendent**

**A. Legislative Update**

*Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He stated that there was nothing new coming out of the legislature at the moment, however he discussed that the state is current devising the transitional bridge for testing as the state moves away from the CAPT and CMT for this spring.*

**B. Personnel Report**

*Superintendent Thiery presented the Personnel Report.*

**From the Director of Fiscal Operations**

*Director of Fiscal Operations had no agenda items to present to the Board.*

**From the Board Chair**

*Board Chair Karen Perry passed around the agenda for the CABE conference scheduled for November 16, 2013 and encouraged Board members to attend.*

**Board Discussion – Areas of Opportunities for District Improvement**

*None*

**Adjournment**

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of negotiation. Motion passed 7-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>	Sue Twachtman	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>
Chet Harris	Absent	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>	Susan Dean	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>
Jeannie Young	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>	Karen Perry	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent		

*The Board went into Executive Session at 9:25 PM.*

*The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:38 PM and Board Chair Karen Perry adjourned the meeting.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



Larissa B. Johnson  
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 9/3/2013  
Susan Dean, Secretary